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FROST VALLEY YMCA PLANS MAPLE SUGARING HIKE

A free Maple Sugaring Hike will be held on Sunday, March 14 beginning at 1 p.m. at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville.

This free event will explore the wonders of maple syrup production (from tree to tasty treat).

Frost Valley's Natural Resources and Environmental Science Coordinator Reid Bauer will be leading a hike down to the Frost Valley Maple Sugar House. This event will include information on the biology and history of maple sugaring, as well as the actual process used to turn sugar maple sap into sweet syrup. The tour will also include (of course) free tastings of the finished product. (Contd. Pg. 8)

SENATOR BONACIC MEETS WITH MUSIC EDUCATORS

On March 1, 2010 music educators and representatives from the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) and the New York State Council of Administrators of Music Education (NYSCAME) visited Senator Bonacic in Albany. Here Senator Bonacic is pictured with them after discussing their legislative issues.



From left to right: Justin Glodich from Eldred Central Schools, Nicole Regan from Central Valley Elementary School, Senator Bonacic, Lori Orestano-James NYSCAME State Secretary, Gary Siegel NYSSMA Government Relations Committee Member, and Bonnie Glazier from Monroe-Woodbury High School.

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NOW IN THE LIGHT, WE CAN REFLECT ON THE BEAUTY OF THE BLIZZARD OF '10



Bob Drown of Neversink, managed to 'weather the storm' with camera in hand, and took this magnificent picture bringing a different perspective of last week's blizzard.

UC EXECUTIVE HEIN ASKS GOVERNOR TO REQUEST A FEDERAL DISASTER DECLARATION

Citing severe economic strain to many towns, as well as the County, from the severe winter storms that hit the area last week, County Executive Mike Hein today asked the Governor's Office to request a Federal Disaster Declaration.

In his letter to the Governor, the County Executive noted that while the greater Kingston area escaped last week's severe storm events with little damage, areas in western and southern Ulster County experienced upwards of five feet of snow, with numerous road and business closures, damages to public and private property, and an interruption of electric service that lasted over a week.

If granted, a Federal Disaster Declaration provides 87.5% reimbursement (75% federal and 12.5% state) for expenses such as: overtime, equipment usage, materials and damage to public infrastructure.

"Last week's storms placed intense pressures on already strained town and county budgets," said County Executive Hein. "There were significant costs, economic impacts and damages associated with these events and we are doing everything possible to help offset those losses. I hope that State and Federal officials heed our request for assistance."

SENATOR BONACIC MEETS WITH SC 4-H DELEGATES



On March 2, 2010 delegates from Sullivan County 4-H visited Senator Bonacic in Albany. Senator Bonacic is pictured with them after presenting the delegates with a Resolution in support of 4-H. From left to right: Senator Bonacic, Kaitlyn Smith, Tri-Valley student, Brent McKeon, and Community Educator Marylin Russell.

TRI-VALLEY LIONS' CHOCOLATE RABBITS JUST ARRIVED!

Please get yours at Cannie D's, Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville Hardware or from a Lion selling them. Thank you!

CHANGE OF MEETING TIMES FOR 'CARING FOR CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT GROUP IN GRAHAMSVILLE

Caring for Caregivers' Support Group will now be meeting at 3:30 pm on the second Thursday of the month at the Grahamsville Reformed Church on Route 55 outside of Grahamsville (opposite Tri-Valley Central School).

The Caring for Caregivers group is intended to provide both support and new resources to assist the informal family caregiver helping an aging, ill, or disabled adult loved one or friend. Meetings are free and refreshments are provided.

The AARP curriculum ~ "Caring For Those You Care About" will be used as a resource during upcoming meetings at the Grahamsville location.

Caregivers can call 292-5250 for further questions and do not need to make reservations if they want to attend.

SENATOR BONACIC MEETS WITH HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVES

On March 3, 2010 representatives from various regional hospitals met with Senator Bonacic in Albany. Senator Bonacic is pictured with them after discussing their issues related to the Governor's budget proposal.



From left to right: David W. Lundquist - President & CEO of Health Alliance of the Hudson Valley, Senator Bonacic, Angela Skretta - Vice-President of Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association, Steve Kelley, President & CE of Ellenville Regional Hospital Association, and Keith Safian - President & CEO of Phelps Memorial Hospital.

ALBANY'S AXE THRASHES LOCAL TOURISM ECONOMY

Minnewaska State Park, the Kingston Senate House Historic Site and Walkway Over The Hudson will fall victim to Albany's axe as part of Governor Paterson's proposed closing and reduction of services of up to one hundred thirty-one (131) parks, camps and places of interest. "The economic impact will be crushing to the outdoor recreation industry that drives tourism in our county," said Comptroller Elliott Auerbach. (Contd. Pg. 4)

OPEN CALL FOR ARTIST SUBMISSIONS

The exhibition, *Utopia and Wallpaper: the Real and the Ideal in the Pursuit of Social Democracy*, guest curated by Joel Carreiro and Brett DePalma, will open at the CAS Arts Center in Livingston Manor, NY from October 16 - November 21, 2010. (Contd. Pg. 8)

YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN
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As always, thank you for your support.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame; and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to naught.
Job 8:22

TO OUR FRIENDS IN NEVERSINK:

A MEMORIAL

JOSEPH RAFFA

...born March 15, 1910 died March 10, 2005

Remembering his life as a devoted husband, father and respected business man and community servant. May his memory endure for another century.

From daughter,
Joan Langton & family
and Son,
Harry Raffa & family.

Joseph "Joe" Raffa served as the Town of Neversink Supervisor from 1953 to 1975 and was also Chairman of the Board of Supervisors in Sullivan County from 1970 to 1975. He also served as Justice of the Town of Neversink from 1951 to 1953.

ENGAGEMENT

Congratulations to Rebecca Sykes who was engaged to Joseph Tinari while on a four-wheeler in Glamis CA Imperial Sand Dunes on February 14th. Now, that is romantic!

THANK YOU NOTES:

The Sundown community wants to thank all of the people who helped to cook and bring food, wood, water, and the warmth of caring where it was needed. A special thank you to Pastor Bob Kersten and Mark Mc Carthy for all that you did.

Thank you to the "Snow Fairy" for keeping all the mailboxes plowed and to all of our wonderful neighbors who checked to make sure that everyone was safe. Thank you to our neighbors from Grahamsville, too, who cooked all of that good food! And thank you to the road crews and the Central Hudson crew.

Thank you all!
The Sundown Community

A note of thanks to Dottie Eckerson and Barbara Barkley. You are the kind of people who make other people happy and safe with all the things you do. We appreciate you and want to thank you for the delicious pot roast meal and fruit you sent us during our electric outage.

Thank You!
Don & Bette Ann Young
and Winnie Barner

I sincerely appreciate the hard working Town of Denning highway crew's effort keeping our roads passable each winter. This past big snow was an endurance test for everyone in our locality. Our road crew endured snowplowing for long hours against a relentless downfall of snow. Despite lack of electricity at home, lack of sleep and mechanical problems they kept our roads passable.

Good job gentlemen and thank you all very much.
Carol Lasco, Claryville

DAYS OF YORE....
Today's History

March 8, 1950 - The Sullivan County 4H organization, of which Mr. Robert Many is a director, has completed negotiations to buy the Hasbrouck prop-

erty near Claryville for use as a permanent camp. This property, which adjoins the Ives Burton place, was the scene of logging operations by the Leonard Lumber Co., during the war.

The tunnel connecting the Neversink Dam with Lackawack was in 7762 feet on the Grahamsville end as of Saturday morning, according to a spokesman in the B.W.S. office. Frazier-Davis Construction Co., contractors for this project, are employing approximately 180 men and are working around the clock for a 5-day week.

Sap weather seems to be on the way after a cold spell of two weeks' duration. There is so much snow in the woods, however, that it is almost impossible to get around. Local farmers are ready to tap as soon as conditions permit.

Slim Skellett and his Rocky Mountaineers will make another appearance at Memorial Hall on March 21st.

Ben J. Slutsky has made application in Supreme Court for an injunction to enjoin NYC from conducting proposed rain-making experiments in this county, it was announced last week.

March 9, 1960 - The new heating system is being installed in the Methodist Church. Eugene Fuller, Vincent Zanetti and John Donelli are giving their time on Saturdays to do the installing.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Conklin of Peekamoose are the parents of a baby girl born on March 2nd at the Hamilton Avenue Hospital.

Birthday wishes go out this week to Mrs. Donald Hill, Robert VanKeuren, Charles Rose, Christine and Mike Dean on the 17th; Mrs. R.C. Countryman, the 18th and John Knight the 19th.

It is reported from people living in the vicinity that a herd of perhaps fifty deer graze at Lows Corners and that they are being molested and chased by a pack of five dogs. It would be well for owners who valued their dogs to take measures to restrain them.

Mr. and Mrs. Wessell Cross have sold their camp on Rocky Hill to Mr. Norman Barnes of New York City.

Phillip West, son of the Reverend and Mrs. H.P. West of Grahamsville, is on the Dean's List at Hamilton College, Clinton, New York. Phillip, a Tri Valley Central School graduate, ranked 4th in a class of 245 men.

"The trouble with life is that by the time you know your way around, you usually don't feel like going."
Cy N. Peace

March 11, 1970 - The Methodist Church will join with 30 other Protestant churches in the One Great Hour of Sharing appeal. The theme for this appeal is "Half of the world lives in the shadow of need. Your help today - self help tomorrow."

It seems that young Floyd VanWagner has a pen pal in France who requested one of our newspapers, and it was

nice to learn that the one chosen is to be "The Townsman."

Some members of the Tri Valley Squares drove to Binghamton, N.Y. for a night of square dancing with the Shufflin Shoes dance group on Saturday. Among those who made the trip were: June and Tom Smith, Wardell Graham, George and Bib Wagner, John and Louise Sawchuck, Shirley and John Barlow and Kitty and John McKenna.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Ross of Swan Lake are the proud parents of a baby daughter born on March 5th. Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Ross are the paternal grandparents.

The Sullivan County unit of the American Cancer Society is planning a fashion show on March 12, 1970 at 8:00 p.m. in Grossingers. Helen Morrell of Masten Lake will supply the fashions. Many area women will be modeling in the show.

March 6, 1980 - "George Washington Slept Here" is coming your way as the senior play on March 21st and 22nd at the Tri-Valley High School auditorium. The play is under the direction of Mrs. Kay Cloonan and features a cast of 17 members.

Floyd VanWagner is happy to have his wife, Gladys back home after she spent a week with Ray and Barbara Van Wagner in Warner Robbins, Ga. Their grandson, Jimmy saw his first snowfall when Georgia was hit with two inches of snow the first week in February. EM 3 Tommy VanWagner writes from Africa aboard the destroyer escort USS Capodanno, to say all is O.K.

The New York State Education Department today announced the names of those high school students who have won Regents Scholarships. Each scholarship entitles the recipient to an award of \$250 a year for up to five years of study at an approved program in New York State. The winners are: Gary Carlsen, Elizabeth Condon, Amy Fuente, Elyse Hornbeck, Thomas Krum, Michael Rogoff, John Sheeley and Wendy Smith.

SUNDOWN SNOW-SNAKE MYSTER FINALLY SOLVED!

Floyd Van Wagner claimed he saw a snowsnake or two years ago. Ever since it's been rumored that Sundown was the home of the reptilian world's most elusive member.

Evidence is just in that early explorers to Manitoba left some anecdotal evidence in the form of crude drawings on birch bark suggesting the existence of the great white snakes. While some authors have denounced these images as mere doodles, or suggested instead that they represent wisps of smoke rising from camp fires, Cree legends tell of slithering white beings with forked tongues, and oddly, there are pictures of early European explorers that accompany such tales.

So now that we know that snowsnakes do exist, we can add them to the list along with the 'snow fairy' and gnomes that make this little hamlet their abode.

HERE AND THERE

No column today. Have a good week. (pah)

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

Joe and Mary Inghrim's grandchildren are celebrating March birthdays. A belated Happy Birthday to Faith Bischert of Delaware, Ohio on March 6th. And Happy Birthday to Brittany Pennell of Grahamsville on March 11th, and to Jessica Bischert of Delaware, Ohio on March 13th.

Have a good week and God Bless. (Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

FFA ALUMNI DINNER RESCHEDULED

The FFA Alumni Dinner has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 17th, at 6 p.m. in the Tri-Valley Middle School Cafeteria.

FREE CLASSES EXPLAIN SEPTIC BASICS FOR HOMEOWNERS

The Catskill Watershed Corporation will conduct three free classes this spring on septic system operation and maintenance.

"Your Septic System: What Every Homeowner Should Know" will be offered Saturdays at 10 a.m. on the following dates: March 27 at West Hurley Fire Hall, West Hurley, Ulster County; April 17 at Hamden Town Hall, Route 10, Hamden, Delaware County; and April 24 at Gilboa Town Hall, Route 990V, Gilboa, Schoharie County.

Pre-registration is not required. A free water saving kit will be provided for each household attending the class. For more information, call the CWC at 845-586-1400.

Residential septic systems, improperly operated or maintained, can be a significant source of pollution of both groundwater and surface streams or lakes. The CWC administers a program to help homeowners pay for repair or replacement of failed systems, and has addressed more than 2,800 systems over the past eleven years. Homeowners who have benefited from this program, and those who would like to protect their residential investment, are encouraged to attend the class, since ongoing system maintenance is the homeowners' responsibility and can extend the useful life of your costly system.

The class includes a short video and a slide program covering types of systems and how they work; basic biology and soil filtration concepts of wastewater treatment; health and environment effects that can result from failed septic systems; roles and responsibilities of homeowners, regulators, engineers and contractors; basic maintenance requirements of septic system components; how to protect against inflow and infiltration; the case against septic system additives, and troubleshooting when problems develop.

CWC programs and projects are explained on the corporation's web site: www.cwconline.org. Inquiries are welcome Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the CWC's offices on upper Main Street, Margaretville, Delaware County, and over the toll-free line, 877-WAT-SHED (877-928-7433).

SC CLERK BRIGGS OUTLINES CHANGES TO STATE'S GRADUATED DRIVER'S LICENSE LAW

Sullivan County Clerk Daniel L. Briggs announced a series of changes that were slated to go into **effect Monday, February 22, 2010** regarding New York's Graduated License Law. Briggs said the changes, intended to protect younger drivers, are pertinent to junior permit holders that had scheduled their skills test to be taken on or after February 22, 2010.

Some of the forthcoming changes that will directly affect younger drivers include the following:

- All junior permit holders will be required to hold their permit for six months prior to earning a junior license, except those who are 17-years-old and already completed a "Student's Certificate." This time period does not include any time the permit holder spent either suspended or revoked;
- Junior permit holders must have at least 50 hours of supervised driving including 15 hours after sunset and may not drive a vehicle containing more than one one-immediate family passenger under the age of 21;
- Junior license holders may not drive a vehicle containing more than one non-immediate family passenger under the age of 21 unless accompanied by a supervising driver;
- Individuals issued a limited use license before February 22, 2010, will continue to hold a limited-use license and be subject to these restrictions until the ending date has been reached; and (Next Col.)

-The new law does not allow any new limited-use licenses to be issued after February 22, 2010.

SC CLERK BRIGGS STATEMENT ENCOURAGES RENEWAL OF REGISTRATIONS & LICENSES LOCALLY

Sullivan County Clerk Dan Briggs released the following statement today: "As New York State prepares to mail out thousands of vehicle registration renewal notices, I think it is important that Sullivan County residents know that if the form is mailed back to the State in the provided envelope or completed online, Sullivan County receives no economic benefit from the transaction.

Now, more than ever, we need to keep Sullivan County's dollars here in our local communities. By having your registrations and licenses renewed within Sullivan County, whether it is at the DMV in the County Government Center, at the DMV vans that visit each town hall, or by mailing it to the local DMV, our County gets 12.7% of the transaction fee. On a single \$100 transaction, that's almost \$13 that would stay within Sullivan County, rather than going to Albany or other counties.

In this difficult economy, we often talk about buying and shopping locally, and by utilizing our local County Clerk's office to process these renewals, we are keeping our tax dollars local, as well.

Please, when registering your vehicle or renewing your license, do so in Sullivan County so we, the taxpayers, can realize the economic benefit from these transactions.

The local DMV address is: Department of Motor Vehicles, Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701. The DMV van schedule for the individual towns can be obtained from the town clerk in your township. If you have questions about vehicle registration or our local DMV services, please call 845-794-3872.

ODE TO THE NEW LIGHT- L. Comando

Communion isn't always bread and wine,
Sometimes it is fish or maybe cheese
Or Pastor Bob and his band of angels
Making pot roast with peas,
Sharing his communion,
With those who could not ask
And three feet of snow from heaven,
Made this quite a task
The gift of love that lifted him
Like doves, came in twos
It was a strong and crafty pair
Of backcountry snowshoes!
As he walked upon the white landscape
with Mark upon his side,
Both men's chests were filled I am sure,
and it wasn't just self pride.
But the light of truth and love
that makes every heart beat
The spirit that fills each one of us,
from our head to our feet
When the darkness from the storm had lifted,
The cold stone rolled from every heart,
A covered dish is what we brought
As a new month had its start
Pastor Bob and more angels
Gathered for a meal,
The Sundown Church Hall
Once again became their peel.
Not unlike the Passover feast,
Commemorating the bondage of eight days
The community gathered in new light
Eating casseroles, quiches, and entrées
Sharing the beauty of God's love
As the sun shone bright again
Like the warmth of our shared fellowship
Of a child, the women and men
The spirit of God's love
Within each person's heart.
We only have to light one little candle
To make communion start.
So wine and bread,
Body and soul,
Even cheese and crackers,
Communion makes us whole.
Thank you Pastor Bob,
and all the 'angels' too,
The days are so much brighter now,
Because of you, and you and you!

Thank you to all of those people who were so courageous and helped keep our community safe through the Blizzard of '10 including the highway department and crew, Central Hudson crew, et. al.

ROBINS ARE BACK

By Peggy DeWire



"Robins are back" is a very familiar shout in Grahamsville about a familiar bird whose arrival is a sign of coming spring.

The pretty bird with a gray back, bright orange-red breast, black head and tail is the largest of the five eastern thrushes, including bluebirds. The trademark of the thrush family (Turdidae) is a brown-spotted breast which young robins and bluebirds have and then lose as adult birds.



A robin is ten inches long and is the standard other birds are compared to afield. The bird yardstick is sparrow: 6 inches, robin 10 inches and crow 20.

A robin's nest is a bowl of mud reinforced with twigs and leaves lined with soft grass. Put in a tree or projecting ledge on a house, it holds 4-5 beautiful blue eggs. Robins raise two broods a season, very trusting of being close to humans.

Several weeks later the parents bring their fledglings down on lawns where the whole family hops around feeding on insects and earthworms as well as small fruits and berries.

Our robins migrate south in winter and once in Florida once, on Sanibel Island, I saw a migrating flock.

What a pleasure to watch these familiar red-breasted birds hop along with typical alert heads-up style under palm trees and thickets of Brazilian Pepper bushes.

Robins are especially fond of this plant's clusters of red berries and along with other migrant birds have scattered the seeds everywhere, making Brazilian Pepper a pest plant there.

But as I watched the robins stuffing themselves on the red berries, an amazing thing began to happen - the birds staggered around in a drunken spree uttering crazy chirps and flapping their wings so weakly that they couldn't get airborne.

Eventually the glutton robins took to the air and perched unsteadily on a limb until they recovered their balance. What a hangover from too many Brazilian Peppers those drunken robins must have had.

As I watched the new arrivals hopping around here on our lawn, I wondered if they'd ever binged out in Florida on Brazilian Peppers.

Robins have a cheerful song and a warning wailing cry when danger (especially a cat) threatens.

Robins are native to the U.S. Besides the eastern robin, there is a smaller southern one and a paler western kin. (*Turdus migratorius*).

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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES:**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

The Town of Denning Planning Board will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725 set to begin at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of a 2 lot Sub-Division in the Hamlet District. The property of Steven and Laura O'Dell, 1880 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725, SBL 50.1-3-2.111. Any and All interested person(s) will be heard at SAID time.

BY THE ORDER OF TOWN OF DENNING PLANNING BOARD

Alden Thayer, Chairman 3/4/10, 3/11/10

NOTICE

The Town of Neversink ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT for the fiscal year 2009 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk.

The above mentioned report is available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

LISA GARIGLIANO, TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF NEVERSINK

DATED: March 3, 2010 3/11/10

Public Notice

Please take notice that the Neversink Fire District Board of Commissioners will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 7:00PM at the Neversink Fire House, Route 55, Neversink, New York.

BY ORDER OF THE NEVERSINK
FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

KIM J. MOORE, SECRETARY
March 5, 2010

3/11/10

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Chapter 680 of the Laws of 2002 enacted General Municipal Law §209-cc, requiring the annual reporting of the presence of wild animals. Pursuant to this law, each person owning, possessing or harboring a wild animal as set forth in §209-cc must report its presence to the Town Clerk on or before April 1st. A list of common names of animals to be reported is available at the Denning Town Clerk's Office, 985-2411. Failure to file as required will subject to penalties under the law.

Joy Ann Monforte
Denning Town Clerk

3/11/10

**THE TRI-VALLEY
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Will hold a Regular Board Meeting

On Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.
In the Secondary School Library Lower Level

ULSTER HEALTH SUMMIT INFORMS NEW PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR

Dr. La Mar Hasbrouck, Ulster County Public Health Director, announced his first Health Summit took place at SUNY-Ulster on Tuesday March 2nd. The half-day meeting convened with approximately one hundred public and private stakeholders, including community, faith-based, education, youth, government, business, and public health groups for a community conversation that will help shape the Department's prevention agenda.

Hasbrouck reviewed health information for the county, including details from a recent report that ranked Ulster County 33rd in health outcomes and 30th in health factors compared to other counties in New York State. Brainstorming sessions, discussions about available resources, and initial steps for developing an action plan were also on the agenda.

"We cannot galvanize a community response required to achieve County Executive Hein's goal to make Ulster County one of the healthiest counties in the state without hearing the voices of the leaders who are on the front lines," Hasbrouck said. "As the lead public health agency for the county we must reach out to partners in unprecedented ways. This meeting is an important first step."

ALBANY'S AXE THRASHES LOCAL TOURISM ECONOMY (From Pg. 1)

"I have to believe that the Governor is, as someone said, looking for change under the sofa cushion in an attempt to keep New York State afloat," said Auerbach. "What he fails to take into consideration is the huge financial blow and larger economic impact these closures will have on Ulster. Minnewaska, along with the Mohonk Preserve and Sam's Point, attracts 222,000 visitors and millions of dollars into our county. That translates into well over \$250,000 in sales tax and tens of thousand of dollars in hotel and motel occupancy tax. In addition, the park employs forty-two full time and seasonal employees which places it well above the average employer in Ulster County. As the NY League of Conservation Voters put it, 'the investment in State Parks is a good one; for every dollar the state spends on parks, it gets back \$5 dollars in economic activity.' Talk about a green economy and one needn't look any further than our parks and historic sites as their visitors spend money and create an inextricable link to the well being of restaurants, lodging and retail throughout the county," the Comptroller went on to point out.

"I don't mean to undermine the Governor's efforts to find "loose change" to fill the budget gap, but a more creative - some may say pragmatic - approach, and one which has gotten the endorsement of Kingston City Mayor James Sottile, might be to ask members of the NYS Senate and Assembly to trim back 10% of their member items this year to keep all of the State park venues fully operational," said Auerbach. "We could be really courageous by going one step further to save \$150,000,000.00 toward closing the budget gap if they took a one year hiatus from doling out pork barrel money," opined the Comptroller. In addition, we may want to take a bold step and consider corporate underwriters to adopt and fund each and every location in lieu of them being shuttered."

As a county and as a state we cannot forsake the value of our "outside economy" for the mere _ of 1% budget fix. Nor can we afford to turn our backs without understanding the far reaching financial and physical impact it will have.

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OPEN LETTER:

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RE: Blizzard of 2010

Dear Public Works Employees:

I am writing in my capacity as County Manager, and on behalf of the Sullivan County Legislature to commend you on the exemplary performance during the last of February 2010. The week started with one foot of snowfall on Tuesday night, and ended with the Blizzard of 2010 with some areas realizing more than 3.5 feet of new snowfall on Thursday and Friday. The National Weather Service early last week had indicated Storm #1 and Storm #2, but I believe that it is save to label Storm #2 as the Blizzard of 2010.

Sullivan County was placed under a declared State of Emergency during the peak of the Blizzard to allow the County, Towns, and Villages Public Works crews and emergency services crews to deal with the demands of the Blizzard unimpeded by stranded travelers. The Sullivan County Division of Public Works had about 120 employees involved in snow removal during the Blizzard.

The exemplary work performed during extraordinary circumstances is commendable. Please accept my sincere "Thank you" for your dedication and hard work that you have done and continue to do for the citizenry of Sullivan County. The general public should know that you worked about thirty-six (36) hours from Thursday morning until Friday night, ten (10) hours Saturday morning until Saturday night, and another four(4) hours Sunday morning until Sunday afternoon.

While the citizenry were dealing with the snow removal from their own properties, you must be proud of your efforts and the results that all County roads were virtually snow-free by Friday night. This was certainly no small accomplishment, within a seventy-two hour period, the County's Division of Public Works dealt with two major snow storms that realized more than 4.5 feet in total accumulation, not to mention the five feet snowdrifts that the severe wind gusts caused throughout the Blizzard.

Also, it is incumbent upon me to make you aware of numerous compliments that have been received in recognition of your efforts, and the results from this blizzard. Sullivan County's Legislators join me in thanking you for a great job well done. Frankly, the condition of Sullivan County's roads by Friday afternoon were second to none in the Hudson Valley! The County Government Offices were reopened this morning (March 1) and all County employees found cleared parking lots and walkways to County Buildings.

I have been told by some that this past week's blizzard was the worst that they experienced in the last thirty years. Whether that is accurate is irrelevant. The facts are such that you reported for work, worked numerous hours straight, unselfishly, for the citizenry of Sullivan County. I recognize that you are well-trained and seasoned for such expectations, but I also recognize that Sullivan County was prepared and responded to the blizzard like precision clockwork.

In closing, "Thank you" once again for the tremendous exemplary effort that was collectively put forth by each and every one of you.

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GILLIBRAND PUSHES LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING ON ALL DAIRY PRODUCTS

Responding to yet another recall of milk from China, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced her push for legislation that would require country of origin labeling (COOL) on all dairy products. Just last month, the Chinese government recalled 170 tons of milk powder that had been tainted with melamine. In 2008, milk tainted with melamine killed at least six infants and sickened more than 300,000 in China. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), during the past five years, U.S. dairy imports averaged around \$2.7 billion annually.

If the U.S. cedes production of food to the lowest-cost producer, it leads to consolidation and eventual outsourcing. Senator Gillibrand believes it is a national security imperative that there is food production in every part of this country. In addition to Dairy COOL, Senator Gillibrand announced legislation to ensure stable farm milk pricing by requiring cold storage facilities to report their inventories to the USDA.

"We must do more to protect consumers and provide a competitive edge to New York dairy farmers," Senator Gillibrand said. "All consumers have the right to know whether the milk, yogurt and cheese that we buy are made in Upstate New York or China. This legislation supports both families and farmers by requiring country of origin labeling on all dairy products. With increasing dairy imports and alarming news about tainted products overseas, country of origin labeling provides critical information to parents and all adults that will help them make smart choices for their families."

Every year an estimated 87 million Americans are sickened by contaminated food, 371,000 are hospitalized with food-borne illness, and 5,700 die from food-related disease, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. To protect families from imported dairy products and strengthen New York's dairy industry, Senator Gillibrand announced her plan:

Country of Origin Labeling for All Dairy Products

Food imports constitute a growing share of what is sold on grocery shelves across the country and what Americans eat. Fifteen percent of America's overall food supply is imported from overseas, including \$5.2 billion worth of food from China alone. Since 1996, the U.S. agricultural trade surplus shrank from \$27 billion to \$8 billion in 2006. Individual shipments of food from China increased from 82,000 shipments in 2002 to 199,000 in 2006.

Last year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's current COOL law went into effect requiring Country of Origin labeling for nuts, fruits, vegetables, meats, and seafood. The Dairy COOL Act would extend COOL requirements to include dairy products - milk, cheese, yogurt, ice cream, and butter.

Regularly Update Dairy Pricing Structures

The NASS (National Agricultural Statistics Service) survey, which keeps track of cheese inventory, has a large bearing on the price that farmers get paid for their milk. Currently, the price farmers get for their milk is determined by a complex formula based largely on the price of cheese and how it is traded on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Milk is valued by about 5 percent of national product being traded. Thus, not having a full picture of cheese inventory potentially has huge impact on the price of milk for all dairy farmers in America.

While Senator Gillibrand is working to find solutions to this arcane pricing system before writing the next farm bill, in the short-term, she wants to ensure that the pricing system is accurate and fully transparent.

Currently, the cold storage facilities that house cheese inventories report their stocks to NASS on a voluntary basis. For the facilities that do not report their stocks, NASS makes estimates of their inventory. (Contd. Pg. 7)

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LABELING ON ALL DAIRY PRODUCTS
(From Pg. 6) In February 2009, when NASS worked with facilities that had not been making reports to ascertain inventory, they found a 6 percent over-reporting between NASS estimates and actual stock. This had the effect of keeping dairy prices artificially low, while inventory was reported higher than actually existed.

Senator Gillibrand plans to introduce legislation which would make the NASS survey mandatory, and require the USDA to conduct periodic audits to ensure that cold storage facilities are properly reporting their inventories. Senator Gillibrand is working with USDA to create a mandatory reporting regime that increases transparency to ensure that the pricing regime, though flawed as it currently stands, is as accurate as possible.

MAPLE SUGARING HIKE (From PG. 1)

Participants will meet at 1 p.m. at the Frost Valley Administration building parking lot. Reservations are necessary for this event because participation is limited. Contact Reid Bauer at: rbauer@frostvalley.org or (845) 985-2291, ext. 397 to register or to request more information. Frost Valley will also be hosting (non-hiking) open houses at its sugar house during the following two weekends, March 20-21 and 27-28, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. each day, as part of the New York State Maple Producers Association's Maple Weekend celebrations. Visitors are welcome to come drop by any of these days and take part in 'maple madness' at Frost Valley. The sugar house is located at 1920 Frost Valley Road (Ulster County Route 47) and is located approximately a half-mile east of the Frost Valley Main Camp entrance, which is 2000 Frost Valley Road. No check-in or reservations are required for the Maple Weekend open house. Frost Valley offers a different themed hike during each month of the year. For a Take A Hike schedule, check the calendar at FrostValley.org. Keep up with daily happenings at fvsummercamp.wordpress.com or join Frost Valley on twitter at twitter.com/frostvalley. Frost Valley YMCA is eight miles from Claryville and 14 miles from Big Indian in the Catskill Mountain High Peaks. It's open every day through four seasons, welcoming school children, family, group and business retreats every week from September through June. The camp is just 2.5 hours drive from metro NY/NJ and about 1 hour from Kingston.

OPEN CALL FOR ARTIST SUBMISSIONS (From Pg. 1)

CAS is planning a theme-based, curated group exhibition entitled Utopia and Wallpaper: the Real and the Ideal in the Pursuit of Social Democracy. This exhibition takes inspiration from the fact that the Livingston Manor Central School houses several amazing 19th century panels (including New York Bay pictured below) from the famous Zuber

et Cie wallpaper company, which depict idealized visions of what America was or might become. The exhibition that CAS is planning connects these images, which were also installed at the White House (purchased by Jacqueline Kennedy), with the celebration of the Hudson River's Quadricentennial and the history that event recalls.

These panoramic wallpapers were extremely popular in France where there was intense interest in the possibilities of the "New World." However, artist Jean-Jacques Deltil's murals of America are absolutely naïve because he never traveled to the New World himself. His fantasy and inspiration for the panels came from second hand experience. The construction of the school and the installation of the wallpapers correlate directly with the beginnings of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) created by Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1930's which brought a new vision and hope of renewal to America. Although the Vues d'Amerique du Nord panels were created a century before the radical beginnings of the WPA, the optimism and the playing out of dreams of and for America that they both embody speaks resoundingly to the role that art can play as a catalyst for social change. Although Utopianism contains elements of idealism and romanticism, it is specifically these traits that are essential to envision a different future. Without them, pragmatic change is unlikely. From the French vision of idealized American Life circa 1830's all the way to the present day - the central theme of the exhibition addresses the confluence of reality, fantasy, Utopianism and the renewing power of the potential of change.

Artists submitting to this open call will be asked to respond directly to these wallpaper images and to the implications they embody for the possibility of social democracy, then and now. For more info and images go to <http://www.catskillartsociety.org>. This exhibition offers artists the same freedoms and liberties that Deltil assumed, to depict their own views of North America, thus creating a bridge to the future.

HOW TO APPLY - Please submit the following by May 1, 2010 (this is a postmark deadline):

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- AND
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On Friday, March 5, the Institute for Family Health formally welcomed patients with developmental disabilities to the new Access Program at the Kingston Family Health Center. The March 5 ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrated the successful collaboration between the Institute and Ulster-Greene ARC to provide high-quality medical care to about 900 adults with developmental disabilities living in the Mid-Hudson Valley. Many of these patients were previously served by Ulster-Greene ARC/Hudson Valley Health Specialties, that now closed. The Access Program will offer primary medical care, psychiatry, and dental care, among other services. Local legislators joined the Institute clinicians and community members at the ceremony.

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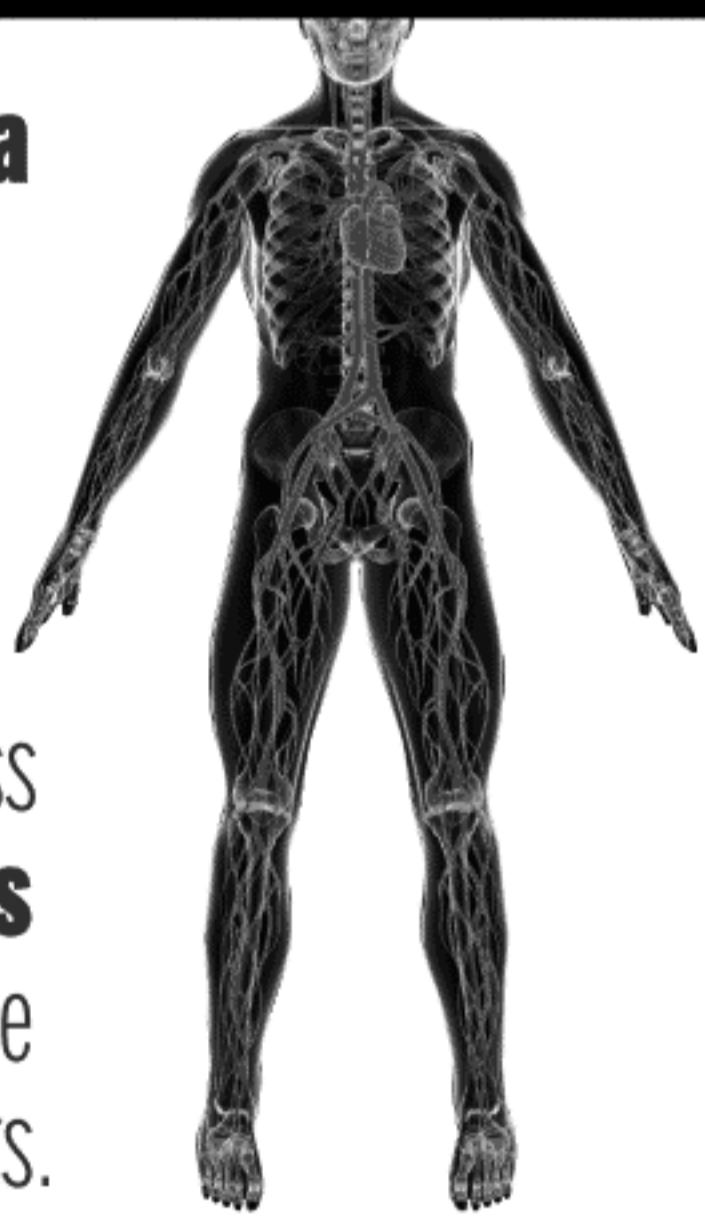
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In the new addition of the library and museum, walls have been painted, doors are being hung, floors are being tiled, and many finishing work details are being completed. Thank you to all of the people who continue to donate their time, energy, and resources to this community project.

We are already eagerly anticipating our annual Local Author Evening, to be held on June 4, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in the Grahamsville UMC Social Hall. This year's featured local author will be Marianna Boncek. Ms. Boncek will speak on her new book, Spooky Hudson Valley, which leads readers through a "ghostly tour" of New York's Hudson Valley, highlighting the history, legends and resident ghosts of the area. Ms. Boncek is also an English teacher, astrologer and sense medium, and has a keen interest in researching "lost" local history. Plan to come and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.

Save the date now! Our Silver Anniversary Annual Giant Pumpkin Party and Children's Parade will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2010. The theme for the 2010 floats is "Make a Splash at your Library!" Plan to be a part of this wonderful event.

This Just In

The following items have arrived recently at the Daniel Pierce Library and are available for your enjoyment:

Juvenile Picture Books
Utterly Otterly Day by Ard Hoyt
Here Comes the Big, Mean Dust Bunny by Jan Thomas
 (Contd. Pg. 9)

Supersister by Beth Cadena
Dewey - There's a Cat in the Library! By Vicki Myron and Bret Witter
Tilly...A Deer's Tale by Lee Manning-Vogelstein

Juvenile Fiction

Heaven to Betsy and Betsy in Spite of Herself by Maud Hart Lovelace
Betsy was a Junior and Betsy and Joe by Maud Hart Lovelace
Betsy and the Great World and Betsy's Wedding by Maud Hart Lovelace

Juvenile Non-Fiction

How to Build Your Own Country by Valerie Wyatt
Marsupials by Nick Bishop

Juvenile Easy Readers

The Tiara Club - Princess Katie and the Silver Pony by Vivian French

Juvenile DVDs

Hermie - A Common Caterpillar
Pollyanna
The Impossible Elephant
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
The Strawberry Shortcake Movie

Adult Books on CD

Alice I Have Been by Melanie Benjamin
The Swan Thieves by Elizabeth Kostova
Pirate Latitudes by Michael Crichton
The Wolf at the Door by Jack Higgins
Deeper than the Dead by Tami Hoag
The Girl Who Played with Fire by Stieg Larsson
Blood Ties by Kay Hooper
True Blue by David Baldacci
Kisser by Stuart Woods

Adult Fiction

Worst Case by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge
Man from Beijing by Henning Mankell

Last Surgeon by Michael Palmer
Venetia Kelly's Traveling Show by Frank Delaney
Winter Garden by Kristin Hannah
Secrets of Eden by Christopher A. Bohjalian
Knit the Season by Kate Jacobs
Kindred in Death by J.D. Robb
Treasure Hunt by John Lescroart
A Dark Matter by Peter Straub
Not My Daughter by Barbara Delinsky
Take One by Karen Kingsbury
The First Rule by Robert Crais

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Staying True by Jenny Sanford
Committed by Elizabeth Gilbert
Game Change by Heilemann and Halperin
Cowboy and Wills by Monica Holloway
American Rebel: The Life of Clint Eastwood by Eliot Marc
Cherries in Winter by Suzan Colon
Making Rounds with Oscar by David Dosa
The Happiness Project by Gretchen Rubin
Last Train from Hiroshima by Charles R. Pellegrino

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GRASSHOPPERS AND GRAPES!

The writings on St. Urho (pronounced Ooor lo), the Finnish saint that saved the wild grape vineyards are scant. Actual dates of his life are still in dispute. We do, however, know that tales of St. Urho claim he rid Finland of plagues of frogs or grasshoppers, but either way, he saved the wild Vineyards of Finland! This popular Finnish saint is celebrated on March 16th.

According to the ancient writings that were kept by a group of archeologically-minded tontuu (Finnish gnomes), before the last glacial ice age, grapes grew in abundance throughout Finland and either the frogs or the grasshoppers, threatened the crop. Today the more accepted thought is that it was grasshoppers.

Back in the mid 20th century, the modern day celebration of St. Urho's Day began to pick up momentum and became a popular celebration in Finnish communities throughout the United States and Canada. The source of this legend has been the product of more than one person. The original tale can be traced back to Virginia, Minnesota where Richard Mattson, a worker in Ketola's Department store conjured up the Finnish counterpart to St. Patrick in the spring of 1956. It was at this same time that Urho Kekkonen also became the well-liked president of Finland, that adds to the legend.

Gene McCavic took Mattson's tale, and with his help, they wrote the "Ode To St. Urho"

ODE TO ST. URHO

*by Gene McCavic and Richard Mattson
Virginia, Minnesota*

Ooksi kooksi coolama vee
Santia Urho is ta poy for me!
He sase out ta hoppers as pig as pirds.
Neffor peefer half I hurd tose words!

He reely tolt tose pugs of kreen
Braffest Finn I effer seen
Some celebrate for St. Pat unt hiss nakes
Putt Urho poyka kot what it takes.

He kot tall and trong from feelia sour
Unt ate kala moyakka effery hour.
Tat's why tat kuy could sase toes peetles
What krew as thick as chack bine neetles.

So let's give a cheer in hower pest vay
On Sixteenth of March, St. Urho's Tay.

Also credited with the St. Urho legend is Dr. Sulo Havumäki, a psychology professor at Bemidji State College in Bemidji, Minnesota. He is credited with changing the plague to grasshoppers, who were consuming the grape crop that would become wine in ancient Finland. (Pre-historic Finland was allegedly a much warmer place than it is today.) St. Urho's triumph was saving the vineyards and the jobs for those who picked the grapes and he became the Patron Saint of Finnish Vineyard Workers.

These legends spread quickly and reached the Tri-Valley area in 1979 when Isabelle Bernstein and Elyse Hornbeck were in New York City, getting ready to March in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The day before, March 16th, they witnessed the celebration of St. Urho in NYC and brought their story home!

St. Urho was again mentioned last year, thirty years later in the *Townsman's Days of Yore* column. Recognizing the familiar saint, Jona Hamilton expressed her delight when she read about this 'great man' who was celebrated in her hometown.

Now, we can all share and be witness to the growing admiration of the Finnish St. Urho. Don't forget to wear green for the grasshoppers (or frogs) and purple for the grapes on March 16th and keep a festive mood as you prepare for March 17th!

PARENT CONNECTION:

"If I get to 3, you're sitting! 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, - Ughhh! 3"... I've come to the conclusion that we dread "3" more than our children do. "3" means that we must follow through! If we said they're sitting at "3", we must guide them to sit. Teaching cause and effect through consistency can be very painful for a parent. It seems so much easier to just look away and pretend like everything is wonderful. After a long tiresome day, you just don't feel like struggling to get your child to listen. If you do not follow through, your child will probably continue with this behavior simply because she knows that she can. If you take the time to follow through, it will probably get better with each episode. Teaching your child the importance of being a good listener takes effort. Most children are curious and will usually test their limits to see what they can get away with... because that's what children do. If we do not teach limits, children do not learn the importance of positive and appropriate social behavior.

Even more important, probably most important, is self esteem. I see self-esteem like I see "guts". Do you have "guts"? It takes "guts" to be able to speak up for yourself when you know you're right! It takes "guts" to stand up in front of a group of people and talk about something important, something that could change lives. It takes "guts" to say "No" when someone offers you drugs. You need to have "guts" to survive, especially in this kind of world. Think of a young child that is quick to raise his hand and think of another child that has something wonderful to say, but is too embarrassed in fear that she might be ridiculed. Self esteem is necessary! Give your child self-esteem! Tell him how smart, beautiful, strong, kind, friendly and funny he is! Or tell her how proud you are of her for using her words, rather than aggression. Tell them often! Your child looks to you for everything, even when you think she's not looking! We're quick to say "No" and tell him what he can't do... remember to comment often on what he does well!

When a young child has a choice, they feel worthy to be a part of a decision. If you give two choices, either one is a good choice, so the only outcome is success. One success leads to another success and yet another! But, no one is only successful. Everyone makes mistakes! It doesn't mean your child is a failure, it only means that the choice was bad. Move forward so your child knows she can solve problems successfully... and there's a mistake that turns successful!

Enjoy every moment!

Darlene Beiling
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Is there some reason you have not printed my letter regarding Congressman Hinchey's remarks published in the Townsman on 12/10/2009? Surely it was not too long?

I would hate to think that the Editor would censor opinions that were ideologically contrary to their own.

Sincerely,
Charles M. Breiner
Claryville, New York

(The following is Mr. Breiner's letter that was received on Dec. 15, 2009.)

Editor:

On page 14, column one of the December 10, 2009 Townsman, Maurice Hinchey states that the Bush "administration knew it could capture bin Laden at Tora Bora, but failed to do so because it would have made it more difficult to justify its pre-determined plans to invade Iraq."

Congressman Hinchey has joined the lunatic fringe of conspiracy of history theorists. He offers no evidence for his claim which is as crazy as those who stated that FDR knew of the attack on Pearl Harbor and let it happen to get the US in WWII.

For Hinchey's claim to be true many people including the troops on the ground would have had to have been involved in this conspiracy and have been able to keep it a secret for all these years. Any possible advantage in letting Osama bin Laden escape would have been greatly offset by the accolades that would have been received for killing or capturing him.

We really need more rational and responsible people in Congress.

Charles M. Breiner
Claryville, NY

ED NOTES:

Mr. Breiner:

Censorship is only practiced when one of our policies has been violated, mainly that "letters should offer worthwhile comments and avoid libel or bad taste."

In order for me to print your letter, it was necessary for me to research the charge you have made against Congressman Hinchey, that he, "has joined the lunatic fringe of conspiracy of history theorists."

I have gleaned through resources and according to the Christian Science Monitor, (March 4, 2002 - <http://www.csmonitor.com/2002/0304/p01s03-wosc.html>) "The success of the US was dazzling, save for the fight for Tora Bora, which may have been this unconventional war's most crucial battle. For the US, Tora Bora wasn't about capturing caverns or destroying fortifications - it was about taking the world's most wanted terrorist "dead or alive."

"In retrospect, it becomes clear that the battle's underlying story is of how scant intelligence, poorly chosen allies, and dubious military tactics fumbled a golden opportunity to capture bin Laden as well as many senior Al Qaeda commanders."

Further research led me to the 2007 report of Bryan D. Brown, General, U.S. Army Commander that was prepared during the Bush administration. Details of Tora Bora begin on page 93.

Referring specifically to page 98, Brown states, "fewer than 100 American personnel, U.S. forces proved unable to block egress routes from Tora Bora south into Pakistan, the route the UBL most likely took."

After reading Brown's report, I am quite confident that Congressman Hinchey has not as you stated, "joined the lunatic fringe of conspiracy of history theorists," but rather a statesman who has done his homework!

While it is not a requirement for an Editor to agree or disagree with statements and policies, we do invite all of our elected officials to send us press releases and do receive press releases from Senator Bonacic, Eileen Gunther, Clifford Crouch, Susan Gillibrand, and Greg Goldstein, as well as Congressman Hinchey and several other elected officials. The *Townsman* has and will continue to publish their press releases as received, and to respect all of our elected officials with equal dignity.

Linda Comando
Editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN

I have some questions/concerns regarding your policy on submissions and letters to the editor as they were applied against the letter that you published that was written by Mr. Paul Nasierowski.

First of all, the letter was not written to the *Townsman* editor, it was written to the Town of Denning. The *Tri-Valley Townsman* was Carbon Copied only. Do you usually publish letters that you are only copied on? YOUR RULE NUMBER SIX SAYS THAT COPIES OF LETTERS OR THIRD-PARTY LETTERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Second. YOUR RULE NUMBER FOUR SAYS THAT LETTERS MUST BE SIGNED WITH THE WRITER'S OWN NAME. NO LETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED WITHOUT A SIGNATURE. Since I received the original letter, and it was not signed, I have to assume that yours also could not have been signed.

Third. Your deadline for all submissions is 3:00 P.M. Friday. NO EXCEPTIONS. The Friday before publishing this letter was February the 26th. Since the letter is dated Feb. 28, 2010 it is very obvious that he did not make the deadline.

Fourth. The letter does contain false information, but I guess I cannot expect you to verify the contents of letters although it would have been very easy to do.

This is not the first time that I have noticed that the someone from Sundown did not have to follow the same guidelines as the rest of your readers. Why are they being allowed special privileges?

I look forward to your response,
Bill Bruning
Claryville, NY

ED NOTES:

Mr. Bruning:

I assure you Mr. Bruning, all of the rules were adhered to with the exception of the deadline! Just like your letter to the editor as well as Mr. Smith's letter, both came in past this week's deadline and I have made exceptions.

I believe there are many organizations, advertisers, etc. that know my yielding manner, and know I have broken the 'deadline' rule on many occasions, which has never received criticism before.

I live in the Tri-Valley community. These are my neighbors, friends and acquaintances and I have made every effort the past five years to be fair, and have understanding in all situations.

As far as false information, I did check Mr. Nasierowski's source of information and it was a reliable source.

Linda Comando,
Editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Re: Letter to the Editor March 3-4-2010

I am amazed how little fact finding, resident Paul Nasierowski of Sundown writes in the 3-4-10 Townsman. "How was one valley in town up and running, while Sundown remained in the dark?" Rest assured, Mr. Nasierowski, it was just as cold and dark in all of Denning, for nearly the same amount of time. Sundown was NOT singled out by Central Hudson, or your elected officials. In a storm of that magnitude, when nearly 150,000 lost power in the Tri County area, unfortunately Denning is NOT first on the repair list. Perhaps instead of expressing such criticism you could let such officials as Daniel Van Saders, and his highway crew know what a great job they did keeping all our roads open 24/7 during a storm when some major highways were closed or impassable. When emergency power crews, from as far away as Maryland, finally arrived they were able to get access to downed lines and restore power to us ALL at nearly the same time. This nonsense of putting one valley against the other, takes away from what a beautiful and great town Denning is. All you could hear in the Claryville valley were generators running, for 6 days and nights, I really would not call that up and running.

Kevin Smith
Claryville, NY
Councilman, Town of Denning

ED NOTES:

Mr. Smith:

As our readers are probably aware by now, the *Townsman* is published from our home in Sundown. During the time of its creation last week, through the time of printing, we were without power and phone service in Sundown.

You are so right Mr. Smith, there were many people who deserved to be praised for their commitment during the storm, and having spoken to many of the Sundown residents this past weekend, the Sundown community wants to thank all of the highway crews and Superintendents, especially Dan Van Sader and their crew for their valiant efforts. A special thank you to the Central Hudson crews who kept us informed as to why, what and when our electric would be restored and we cannot praise Pastor Bob Kersten, Mark Mc Carthy and their 'angels' for keeping our spirits high, taking care of the elderly and in fact bringing food to many people throughout the storm.

Referring to Mr. Nasierowski's letter, I believe you should take the time frame into consideration as to when he had written his letter to the editor. It was days before our electric and phone service had been restored. His information was gleaned from the Central Hudson website that indicated the ratio and number of people who were without electricity as well as areas where power was restored.

After receiving your letter, I have re-read Mr. Nasierowski's letter, and as I understand it, the main point he was trying to make is that the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan for the Town of Denning is not effective for the Sundown area.

Clearing any misinterpretation, it is now time for our whole Town of Denning to work together.

Having shared this experience has given us all greater clarity and understanding of our human condition and environment.

Linda Comando,
Editor

HINCHEY HELPS HOUSE PASS BILL TO CREATE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF JOBS THIS YEAR

Last week Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) helped the House pass a bill to create hundreds of thousands of new small business and construction jobs this year, spur private sector hiring, and help rebuild our crumbling infrastructure. The bipartisan Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act is part of a larger congressional agenda Hinchey has been supporting to create jobs and strengthen the economy.

"The economy has definitely started to turn around from the damage inflicted upon it over the last decade, but there are still far too many people who are looking for work or barely hanging onto their job. This legislation provides real incentives to businesses to create and retain jobs for unemployed workers and invests in school and transportation infrastructure projects that will create jobs in our communities while improving the quality of life for everyone," Hinchey said. "This bill is part of an ongoing and comprehensive effort in Congress to stimulate the economy so that we can create jobs now and in the future while enhancing the communities in which we live."

The HIRE Act includes a payroll tax holiday for businesses that hire unemployed workers to create some 300,000 jobs and an income tax credit of \$1,000 for businesses that retain these employees. It also includes tax incentives to help small businesses invest, expand, and hire more workers; provisions to make it easier for states to take up infrastructure projects such as school construction and energy retrofitting; and an extension of the Highway Trust Fund that allows for billions of dollars in infrastructure development around the country.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has already saved or created more than 2 million jobs - rebuilding our infrastructure and economy for global competitiveness. Through the Recovery Act, 95 percent of working Americans continue to see the benefit of one of the largest tax cuts in history in every paycheck. With Hinchey's support, the House also passed the comprehensive Jobs for Main Street Act to make targeted investments in areas that will grow our economy over the long term - including highways, public transit, construction, small businesses, job training, and hiring and retaining teachers, police officers, and firefighters.


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 Jay and Molly have garnered legions of fans through their appearances on Great Performances, A Prairie Home Companion, their own public radio specials, and work on film soundtracks such as Brother's Keeper, Legends of the Fall, and a host of Ken Burns documentaries.
 If you love American acoustic music, don't miss Jay Ungar & Molly Mason on Saturday, May 1 at 8 p.m. at Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Tickets are \$22. DVAA members receive a \$2 discount on advance sales.
 The season continues Saturday, May 15 with Laurel Massé, founding member of the acclaimed Manhattan Transfer, and Saturday, May 29 with stellar string players Tony Trischka (banjo) and Frank Vignola (guitar). The 80-year old art deco-style Tusten Theatre is located at 210 Bridge St, Narrowsburg, NY and features an eight-month schedule of cultural programming including jazz, opera, performance art, folk music, and theatre.
 For more information, visit www.ArtsAllianceSite.org. For tickets, call the theatre box office at (845) 252-7272.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 21
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\$50 FROM THE BREAKFAST IS DONATED TO USMC SGT EDDY RYAN

Covered Dish Supper

No Covered Dish Supper in April
Sundown United Methodist Church
at the Sundown Church Hall

Thrift Sale

 Grahamsville United Methodist Church
 Saturday
 Mar. 20, 2010
 9 am- 2 pm

Grahamsville Reformed Church
 Sunday School 9 A.M.
 Worship Service 10 A.M.
 Hymn Sing & Covered Dish Supper 5:30/630 P.M. - 1st Sunday of the Month
 Looking for a Lifeguard?
 Ours walks on water!
 Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

HINCHEY, CAHILL, TSEC, STATE & LOCAL OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE SOLAR COMPANY RELOCATING TO TECH CITY; EXPECTED TO CREATE 100 NEW JOBS WITHIN ONE YEAR-Hinchey Secured Funding from Congress to Help TSEC Bring Company to Hudson Valley

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY), Assemblyman Kevin Cahill (D), and The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC) President and CEO Vincent Cozzolino today announced that solar manufacturer, Solartech Renewables, will relocate its operations to Tech City and plans to create 100 new jobs within one year. Solartech Renewables' move to Tech City was made possible due to a variety of funding sources, including federal money Hinchey personally obtained from Congress and various sources of state funding, as well as extensive assistance from TSEC.

"Over the last three years, we've developed a strong core network of solar companies in the Hudson Valley. Solartech Renewables is a company with a bright future that will create 100 jobs in the Hudson Valley over the next year and help further our effort to develop the Hudson Valley as a solar energy research, development and manufacturing cluster," Hinchey said. "These types of targeted investments enable solar companies to come to the Hudson Valley to setup their business, create jobs, and contribute to the development of the region's overall economy. The Solar Energy Consortium has been remarkable in serving as the centerpiece of this ongoing effort, which has already had a great deal of success in our area."

Solartech Renewables' state-of-the-art manufacturing facility is slated for commissioning at Tech City. The company will produce both standard and improved polycrystalline silicon solar panels. Solartech's initial production capacity of 12MW (or approximately 55,000 solar panels per year) will be operational in 2010. Additional modular expansion of the manufacturing line is planned through 2012. At inception, the manufacturing facility will start with 15,000 square feet of manufacturing floor space and the capacity for around-the-clock operations employing upwards of 50 Ulster County-area workers. Solartech's Tech City plant will be the only U.S.-owned solar panel manufacturing facility operating in the eastern United States.

"Solartech Renewables will serve as a proud producer of both standard and advanced 'Made in America - Made in New York' solar panels within the cluster of solar cell manufacturers and other solar companies developing in the Tech City complex and nearby in the Hudson Valley region," said Solartech Renewables Chairman and CEO Todd Roberts. "Congressman Hinchey and Assemblyman Cahill provide the leadership in the Hudson Valley region for solar cluster in which we will operate, and of course for the employment, economic development and intellectual capital benefits that are created and retained here in Kingston as a result of their solar energy manufacturing leadership. Without their support, our launch in Kingston would not have been possible. We thank them and Governor Paterson for the clean energy policies, vision and support that have made New York the best place in the nation to commission an advanced solar panel manufacturing facility."

TSEC is an industry-driven, non-profit organization that provides leadership, organization, resources, and support for the establishment of a major solar energy industry cluster in New York. Hinchey helped establish TSEC in 2007 and has secured more than \$31 million in federal funding for the consortium and its partners to establish a solar industry research and manufacturing cluster in the New York Hudson Valley region. TSEC has partnered with more than 70 small and large companies, including nearly a dozen that have already created 200 jobs in the Hudson Valley. TSEC expects another 300 new jobs to be created in the Hudson Valley within the next year, including 100 jobs associated with Solartech Renewables. By the end of 2011, these companies collectively plan to bring more than 1,000 new jobs to the Hudson Valley.

TSEC was central to bringing Solartech Renewables to Tech City -- providing \$600,000 to facilitate the company's move to Tech City. The \$600,000 comes from a \$2.25 million allocation that Hinchey secured from Congress as part of the fiscal year 2010 budget to help the consortium bring in new solar companies to the Hudson Valley, create jobs and further grow the solar industry in the region.

Solartech was also awarded \$1.5 million in manufacturing incentives from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) under its Renewable, Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Product Manufacturing Incentive Program. The company also received Empire Zone certification for its Tech City manufacturing facility

just prior to the end of 2009. Approximately \$1.7 million in Empire Zone credits and job incentives are expected as a result of this certification. The Empire State Development Corporation is also contributing a \$2 million convertible loan that Cahill helped obtain to bring the company to New York.

Francis J. Murray, president and CEO of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority said, "Today is a good day for New York and especially the Hudson Valley region. Solartech's decision to establish its manufacturing plant here in Kingston is another step forward in building New York's clean energy economy of the future. The public-private partnership that we celebrate today is exactly the formula we need to create good jobs, attract new clean tech businesses and bolster the emerging innovation economy here in the Hudson Valley. NYSERDA is proud to play a role in Solartech's early stages, and we look forward to its great success in the future."

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein said, "I would like to congratulate Congressman Hinchey for making it possible for Solar Tech Renewables to launch their business at Tech City. This new enterprise will provide good jobs and encourage others to locate their businesses here. The needs of the alternative energy sector are perfectly aligned with the resources and talent that we have to offer in Ulster County - and I am thrilled to have played a role in Solar Tech's start-up."

Cahill, who is Chairman of the Assembly Energy Committee, Hein, and Lance Matteson, President of the Ulster County Development Corporation, were each directly and through their respective office staffs critical to the success of this project through their unwavering support in navigating the NYSERDA, Empire Zone and Empire State Development Corporation funding and job creation processes.

As part of its proprietary product development efforts, Solartech Renewables has designed an innovative array configuration that will better address industrial and utility-scale solar panel installations, and has designed proprietary configuration hardware that could be manufactured at its Tech City factory along with the photovoltaic modules. To fully implement the design innovations contemplated for these array configurations, the module bodies would be slightly modified in production to integrate with the proprietary configuration hardware.

Solartech is also licensing and developing proprietary technology improvements to "ruggedize" its products and extend service life in the field. Solartech's product development road map provides for a near term extension of warranty and service life of its "ruggedized" solar panels by 25 percent (to 32.5 years), and longer term improvements that would prolong service life to beyond 50 years in the field.

UC TO TEAM UP WITH FOUR HUDSON VALLEY COUNTIES TO BETTER SERVE TAXPAYERS WITH COOPERATIVE PURCHASING TECHNOLOGY - Move Continues County's Drive to Pursue Shared Services Savings

Currently, municipalities in New York are authorized to purchase from each others contracts; however, with no centralized database system for contracts in the Hudson Valley and no funds with which to promote and market the benefits of Cooperative Purchasing to local elected officials, the practical capacity to accomplish this on a significant scale is hindered.

In an effort to address this challenge and continue Ulster County's ongoing pursuit of shared savings opportunities, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein announced today his intent to join with Rockland, Dutchess, Orange and Putnam counties in applying for a \$200,000 New York State Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grant. The grant would be used for the purchase and implementation of Competitive Bidding software. The software would not only create an online database of group contracts, specifications and vendor information, it would also aggregate group purchasing for the best possible volume discount pricing. A portion of the funds would also be used to reach out to local government officials to make them aware of the system and encourage them to use it. The grant requires a 10% local match (\$4000) and the County Executive will seek authorization for the matching funds from the County Legislature, at their next regular meeting.

"This project is part of my administration's ongoing effort to pursue every opportunity to save taxpayer's money. This initiative will make it make it possible for us pool our efforts and secure equal or better goods and services, at a lower price. It will also help us get the message out to our local community governments so that they can take advantage of the savings as well. Ultimately, we all work for the same taxpayers and sharing our information, resources and expertise will help us serve them much more efficiently," said County Executive Hein.

The faltering national and state economies have

put added pressure on local governments to be more efficient in spending taxpayer dollars. The proposed Cooperative Purchasing Project will expand the use of cooperative purchasing in the Hudson Valley and provide the following benefits to local governments who participate:

- Lower Prices/Pooled Negotiating Power
- Lower Transaction Costs
- Reduced Advertising Costs
- Reduced Workload
- Adoption of Best in Class Practices
- Higher Quality of Goods and Services
- Lower Supply Risks

Robin Peruso, Director of Ulster County

Purchasing said, "This is a great opportunity for Counties to pool our buying power and to share that cost savings information with our local municipalities. Spending taxpayer dollars in the most efficient manner is what Purchasing Departments are charged with and we have to continually find ways to lower costs of goods and services."

SNOW STORM CREATED A BLIZZARD OF OVER TIME HOURS

Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach reveals the costs of the last week's snow storms based on the number of hours beyond the regular work day County employees worked to meet service needs.

"The record snowfalls of 2010 not only caused extensive black-outs throughout the Ulster County," said Auerbach, "but have required Ulster County employees to work substantive overtime hours to ensure the health and safety of County residents."

Snow events the week of February 22 - 26, 2010 wracked up 6700.25 hours in over time within the following Ulster County Departments: Office of the Sheriff, 446 O/T hours, \$24,172.22 O/T expense; Dept of Corrections, 618.75 O/T hours, \$17,422.13 O/T expense; Dept of Public Works, 3228.75 O/T hours, \$99,152.00 O/T expense; Golden Hill Health Care Center, 2406.75 O/T hours, \$47,550.81 O/T expense; Other departments combined \$25, 373.16 O/T expense. TOTAL 6700.25 O/T hours; \$213,670.35 O/T expense.

"My staff is developing a Measure 2 Manage report comparing actual overtime used during the first quarter of 2010 against the numbers projected in this year's budget," said Auerbach, "but I thought release of this data right on the heels of storm events would be of interest to the public."

STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF NY ASSOC OF COUNTIES

NYSAC President Tom Santulli, Chemung County Executive, said: "It continues to be clear that our state has reached a fiscal breaking point. Even as next years budget gap increases-now at more than \$8 Billion, we still have out year budget deficits that will need to be grappled with next year and the year after that.

That is the path that lies before us all - an unrelenting "Groundhog Day" of fiscal pain. The time for incremental change and temporarily papering over budget gaps with one-shots, temporary federal funds and unending tax increases has got to be over.

We need greater fiscal accountability and leadership in Albany."

NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario said: "We need to use the immediate fiscal challenges we all face as a catalyst for a stronger, more focused, sustainable state government and state-local service delivery system for both the State and the Counties going forward.

The Executive Budget is a good place to start. Now we must make difficult decisions to reduce spending even further to close the growing deficit.

We need to change the nature of the budget dialogue in Albany. Instead of focusing on the voices that decry fiscal accountability, we must focus on those interested in the future of our great state-those calling for restraint and structural changes to the way we spend the New Yorker's hard-earned tax dollars."

ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE CALLS ON LEGISLATURE TO JOIN HIM IN OPPOSING STATE PARK CLOSINGS

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein presented a resolution to the County Legislature today, calling for the New York State Legislature to oppose any closures or reduction in hours at state parks and historic sites in Ulster County. Those potentially impacted are Minnewaska State Park, in Kerhonkson, Senate House, in Kingston and Walkway Over the Hudson, in the Town of Lloyd. The County Executive called on legislators, from both sides of the aisle, to lend their support.

In the resolution, the County Executive cited the importance of state parks and historic destinations to the tourism economy in the region. (Contd. Pg. 15)

THE TOWNSMAN CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department
www.townofneversink.org
 (845) 985-2262 extension 312 SOUTH

PIZZA & STEPPING STONES May 7 - TVHS Cafeteria 5:30 pm. \$5 residents/ \$10 non-residents Sign up by April 6

BRONX ZOO June 12. \$40 per person Sign up by May 4.

STATUE OF LIBERTY & ELLIS ISLAND September 18. \$52 per person Sign up by June 8.

SCRANTON/WILKES-BARRE Yankees vs. Toledo Mud Hens Thursday, July 15. Sign up by June 8.

ZOOM FLUME Saturday, August 7. Waterpark East Durham, NY- Sign up by June 8.

STATUE OF LIBERTY & ELLIS ISLAND September 18. \$52 per person Sign up by June 8.

GAMES & SOCIALIZING - FREE fun every Friday afternoon 1 pm - 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Town Hall. -

- 3/10/10 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 3/11/10 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 3/13/10 Claryville Volunteer Fire Dept Annual St Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner in a Sit Down Family Atmosphere 4pm to 8pm Adults \$8.50 Children 5-11years \$5.00 Under 5years Free! 985-7270
- 3/16/10 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 3/17/10 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association
- 3/17/10 **Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting**- 12 noon Covered dish luncheon. Town Hall Grahamsville
- 3/20/10 Grahamsville Methodist Church **Thrift Sale** - 9 am - 1 pm
- 3/21/10 Claryville Fire Dept **Pancake Breakfast** 7 - noon
- 3/24/10 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 3/24/10 Claryville Fire District Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 3/25/10 Time and the Valleys Trustee Meeting - 7:00 pm Neversink Town Hall
- 3/28/10 Neversink/Grahamsville Fire Dept Pancake Breakfast - 7 am - 12 noon Neversink Fire Hall
- 3/30/10 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting 7 pm Upstairs Meeting Room @Town Hall
- 4/1/10 First Thursday Readers - Daniel Pierce Library
- 4/2/10 Town of Neversink Holiday - GOOD FRIDAY
- 4/3/10 Sundown Methodist Church - there will be no Covered Dish Dinner this month
- 4/6/10 Town of Denning Board Meeting - Sundown Church Hall - 7:00 pm
- 4/6/10 Grahamsville Methodist Church **Thrift Sale** (9-2) and **Luncheon** (11-1)
- 4/7/10 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 4/13/10 Town of Denning Audit Meeting - Denning Town Hall - 7:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

14th Annual Women's Conference to be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Sullivan County Community College

Town of Denning Message Board: <http://www.denning.us>

Town of Neversink Website: <http://townofneversink.org>

Daniel Pierce Library - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>

Time and The Valleys Museum - <http://timeandthevalleysmuseum.org>

Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition: <http://thetownsman.com>

To find out what is happening at **Tri-Valley CSD:** <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>

Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman is now available at the following retail stores and restaurants:

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- LAGUEUX HARDWARE
- CANNIE D'S
- BLUE HILL LODGE
- ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.)

- E & H PAINTBALL (Loch Sheldrake)
- VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)
- WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION
- MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne)

- LIGHTHOUSE DELI
- NAPANOCH FLORIST
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- MATTHEW'S PHARMACY
- NAPANOCH APPLIANCE
- PETER'S MARKET

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AL-ANON MEETINGS

Every Saturday night 8:00 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Presbyterian Church, 81 South Main Street, Liberty
 Every Monday night 7:00 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Presbyterian Church, 81 South Main Street, Liberty
 Every Thursday night 7:00 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Route 42, Woodbourne

UC EXECUTIVE CALLS ON LEGISLATURE (From Pg. 14)

Tourism is a \$471 million dollar industry, annually, in Ulster County. It provides some 8,000 jobs to area residents and an estimated \$19 million in sales tax revenue. The County Executive noted that Ulster County has just completed a significant investment in its tourism marketing efforts, with a new website and an advertising campaign centering on the area's magnificent natural beauty and outdoor settings. "Our efforts in attracting more tourists to Ulster County, as well as the industry itself, would be hurt by the closure or reduced hours at our state parks and historic sites. No one more than local governments understand the intense financial pressure of the current economic crisis, however, this proposal is counter productive and would negatively impact one of the most critical drivers of our local and regional economy," said Hein.

Additionally, the County Executive noted that the state park system plays an important role in shaping quality of life in Ulster County, which not only affects the health and well-being of our citizens, but is also one of the County's key competitive advantages when it comes to attracting new businesses to the area.

GILLIBRAND CONGRATULATES NEW YORK'S WINTER OLYMPIC ATHLETES- 18 New Yorkers Competed In 2010 Winter Games

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand has congratulated the 18 New Yorkers who competed in the Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver.

"New York is so proud of all of our athletes who competed in Vancouver. We all spent the last two weeks cheering them on and feeling honored to have so many top-tier athletes competing and winning at the highest level.

"Our state has one of the best athletic traditions and some of most talented athletes who brought home medals in a broad range of competitions.

"I want to congratulate all of New York's Olympians and their families, whose support and dedication sent these athletes to the medal podiums in Vancouver. All of you make New York proud." (Next Col.)

The following 18 New York natives competed in the Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver:

- Brooks Orpik, Amherst, NY, Ice Hockey
- Trevor Marsicano, Ballston Spa, NY, Speedskating (LT)
- Matt DePeters, Buffalo, NY, Skiing - Freestyle/Aerials
- Patrick Kane, Buffalo, NY, Ice Hockey
- Steve Mesler, Buffalo, NY, Bobsled
- Dan Joye, Carmel, NY, Luge
- Dustin Brown, Ithaca, NY, Ice Hockey
- Lowell Bailey, Lake Placid, NY, Biathlon
- Haley Johnson, Lake Placid, NY, Biathlon
- John Napier, Lake Placid, NY, Bobsled
- Andrew Weibrecht, Lake Placid, NY, Skiing - Alpine
- Tim Burke, Paul Smiths, NY, Biathlon
- Erin Hamlin, Remsen, NY, Luge
- Ryan Callahan, Rochester, NY, Ice Hockey
- Peter Frenette, Saranac Lake, NY, Skiing - Ski Jumping
- Chris Mazdzer, Saranac Lake, NY, Luge
- John Daly, Smithtown, NY, Skeleton
- Billy Demong, Vermontville, NY, Skiing - Nordic Combined

CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m. "Your Septic System: What Every Homeowner Should Know," a free class sponsored by Catskill Watershed Corp. West Hurley Fire Hall, Wall St., West Hurley (one block off Route 28), Ulster County. Free water saving kit for each household attending. Pre-registration not required. FMI 845-586-1400.

Saturday, April 17 10 a.m. "Your Septic System: What Every Homeowner Should Know," a free class sponsored by Catskill Watershed Corp. Hamden Town Hall, Route 10, Hamden, Delaware County. Free water saving kit for each household attending. Pre-registration not required. FMI 845-586-1400.

Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m. "Your Septic System: What Every Homeowner Should Know," a free class sponsored by Catskill Watershed Corp. Gilboa Town Hall, Route 990V, Gilboa, Schoharie County. Free water saving kit for each household attending. Pre-registration not required. FMI 845-586-1400.

AGRICULTURE SECRETARY VILSACK ANNOUNCES ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE TO RENOVATE, PURCHASE AND CONSTRUCT RURAL RENTAL HOUSING

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that applications are being accepted to provide affordable rental housing to rural residents through the Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program.

"The Obama Administration is committed to providing improved economic opportunities to the residents of rural America, and an important factor is clean, safe, affordable housing," said Vilsack. "This program helps finance the construction, acquisition and rehabilitation of affordable multi-family rental housing for rural residents and I encourage eligible parties to apply for these funds."

Through the Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program, USDA Rural Development provides loan guarantees for private lenders and public agencies. Funds are not provided to individual renters. Up to \$129 million is available for the program for Fiscal Year 2010.

In Fiscal Year 2009 USDA guaranteed loans to buy, build, or renovate more than 4,200 affordable rural rental housing units. For application information see the Notice of Funding Availability which can be found in the February 26, 2010 Federal Register:

www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a100226c.html#Rural%20Housing%20Service.

Funding for this program is not provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

USDA Rural Development administers and manages more than 40 housing, business, and community infrastructure and facility programs through a network of 6,100 employees located in 500 national, state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of more than \$130 billion in loans and loan guarantees.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice), or (202) 720-6382 (TDD).



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Denning Democrats

We have heard some rhetoric on our policies. so here it is. Why do we print Congressman Maurice Hinchey's press releases?

On the Local Scene & World scene:

The following was gleaned from the article regarding the Hinchey, Cahill, TSEC, on page 14. Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY), Assemblyman Kevin Cahill (D), and The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC) President and CEO Vincent Cozzolino today announced that solar manufacturer, Solartech Renewables, will relocate its operations to Tech City and plans to create 100 new jobs within one year. Solartech Renewables' move to Tech City was made possible due to a variety of funding sources, including federal money Hinchey personally obtained from Congress and various sources of state funding, as well as extensive assistance from TSEC. This brings Jobs back to our area.

On another issue -Too Big to Fail = Too Big to Exist quoting Congressman Hinchey, "Today, just four huge financial institutions hold half the mortgages in America, issue nearly two-thirds of our credit cards and control about 40 percent of all bank deposits in this country. Adding insult to injury, just five financial institutions hold 95 percent of the \$290 trillion in derivatives at commercial banks - side bets made by Wall Street gamblers that brought the entire economy to the brink of despair. As banks get bigger, consumers are paying twice - first as taxpayers called on to bail out the financial behemoths and a second time as consumers forced to pay higher fees and interest rates on credit cards and other financial products."

"At the dawn of the 20th century, Presidents Teddy Roosevelt and William Howard Taft took a big stick to the largest and most powerful corporate interests of their era. Today, it is time to take a page out of the book of these courageous Republicans and break up financial institutions and insurance giants that have become too big to fail."

I had the pleasure of meeting with Congressman Hinchey and discussing these issues when he was a guest speaker at the Ulster County Democratic Committee Meeting. Thanks Congressman for bringing hundreds of jobs, and millions of dollars to our area. Congressman Hinchey (Dem-22), by not forgetting his constituents, has long ago moved from politician to Statesman. Congressman Maurice Hinchey you have our support.

Have a suggestion for Denning Dems email:denningdems@yahoo.com, Democratic Committee Chair Frank Comando



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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia" White Heat (1949) this is one of the great Cagney performances his interpretation of a mother-fixated psychotic is superb.

In addition, Margaret Wycherly gives a scary more then real performance as Ma Jarrett. The story unwinds as a government agent infiltrates a gang of hold up men run by Cody Jarrett (Cagney). Cast: James Cagney, Virginia Mayo, Edmond O'Brien, Margaret Wycherly Dir: Raoul Walsh BW-114 mins, TV-PG, 8:00 pm, Saturday evening, March 13, 2010, on TCM

Quiz: A. What actor in this film also starred in the film D.O.A.? B. Who played "The Trader" in this film?

What's going on in the Gnome Gneighbourhood™ this week?

"Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus was published on March 11, 1818. The book, written by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley when she 21, is frequently called the world's first science fiction novel. In Shelley's tale, a scientist animates a creature constructed from dismembered corpses. The gentle, intellectually gifted creature is enormous and physically hideous. Cruelly rejected by its creator, it wanders, seeking companionship and becoming increasingly brutal as it fails to find a mate. Mary Shelley created the story on a rainy afternoon in 1816 in Geneva, where she was staying with her consort, the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, and their friend Lord Byron. Byron proposed they each write a gothic ghost story, but only Mary Shelley completed hers. Although serving as the basis for the Western horror story and the inspiration for numerous movies in the 20th century, the book "Frankenstein" is much more than pop fiction. The story explores philosophical themes and challengesand romantic ideals about the beauty and goodness of nature.

Mary Shelley led a life nearly as tumultuous as the monster she created. Born on 30 August 1797, the daughter of free-thinking philosopher William Godwin and feminist Mary Wollstonecraft, she lost her mother days after her birth. She clashed with her stepmother and was sent to Scotland to live with foster parents during her early teens. When Mary Godwin was 17, she eloped with the married poet Percy Bysshe Shelley and fled to Europe, arriving in France on 28 July 1814. After Shelley's wife committed suicide, the couple married on 30 December 1816. They spent much of their time abroad, fleeing Shelley's creditors. Mary Shelley gave birth to five children, but only one lived to adulthood. After Shelley drowned (poetic justice!) in a sailing accident on 18 July 1822, when Mary Shelley was only 24, she edited his Posthumous Poems (1824), Poetical Works (1839), and his prose works. She lived on a small stipend from her father-in-law, Lord Shelley, until her surviving son inherited his fortune and title in 1844. She died on 1 February 1851 at the age of 53. Although she was a respected writer for many years, only Frankenstein and her journals are still widely read.

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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

B. Fred Clark A. Edmond O'Brien

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