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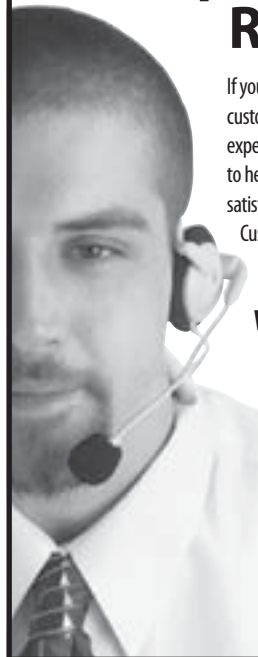
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Newport Fire Chief Wayne Conroy.

Fire Chief - "Newport dodged a bullet"

Fire Chief Wayne Conroy updated the Newport Selectmen on the damage caused by Hurricane Irene. He gave high praise to the crews from the Fire, EMS, Police and Highway Departments who worked tirelessly in a coordinated response to the storm. Although the river rose quickly causing flooding at the plaza, town crews were able to install sand bags to limit the flooding and the damage. By 10:30 Sunday night the worst was over and power restored to most who lost it. Conroy said because of the advanced planning and quick response, Newport "dodged a bullet." Interim Town Manager Paul Brown echoed Conroy's praise for the town's crews, and the selectmen thank them for the valiant efforts.

DAR service at Cathedral of the Pines

The NH State DAR recently held their 64th annual Cathedral of the Pines service in Rindge, NH. The evening prior to this program was the NH State Regent's Banquet held in Keene, NH. Among the many distinguished guests in attendance was First Vice President General Beverly Woodruff Jensen (honored guest and speaker). The service held at Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH was followed by a luncheon provided by the Jaffrey, NH VFW.

Bradford Selectmen hear citizens complaints

Several residents met with the Bradford Selectmen to discuss separate issues; Mr. Fournier of Blaisdell Lake Road requested the Class V seasonal listing of his road be changed to extend the Class V portion past his drive to allow town vehicles to maintain the road year round. Marcia Keller, planning board, advised selectmen to consult RSA 231 on procedure for this change – it may need town meeting approval. Stan Stomper of Deer Valley Road requested the selectmen's assistance in resolving drainage issues on his road. Ditch cleaning efforts by the Highway Dept have changed the water flow on Deer Valley Road causing an erosion issue. A pond on his property is being negatively impacted. Selectmen will visit the site to evaluate. Don Jackson requested the state be contacted to reduce the speed limit on Rte 114 from the light (intersection of Rte 114 and Rte 103) towards Henniker (at least to Jones Road) from 55 mph to a slower speed. Businesses and general traffic entering and turning cause problems at this intersection. Robert Manchester recommended a citizen's petition be submitted to DOT with the selectmen's request. Selectmen will investigate.

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Herm & Yvonne Wieglesman are "Community Builders"

The Masons of Harmony Lodge are proud to announce that Herman and Yvonne Wieglesman have been selected to receive their "2011 Hillsborough Community Builder's Award." Since moving to Hillsborough in 1994, both Herm and Yvonne have contributed their talents to numerous groups and projects, spanning all aspects of community life.

Each year, the Lodge selects non-Masons who have contributed to making Hillsborough a better place to live.

Last year's award was presented to former resident Carl Goodman who spearheaded the rebuilding of the Hillsborough Food Pantry.

The Wieglesmans will be honored at a special public ceremony at the Lodge on September 11th at 1 PM. At that time, the Masons will also honor veteran members

and Special Ladies, the widows of deceased members. The ceremony is free and open

to the public and light refreshments will be served afterwards.



Herman and Yvonne Wieglesman.

ON THE COVER:

Main Street in Newport features new banners depicting various local landmarks.



Selectmen & Stetser agree to one year contract

Following a month of indecision, the Hillsborough Selectmen have agreed to give John Stetser a new, one year contract as Town Administrator, through August 30 of 2012. Stetser will be paid a salary of \$62,500, with full benefits.

The agreement calls for Stetser and the Board to annually define their goals and objectives and specifies that "The Selectmen shall review and evaluate Employee's performance as Town Administrator

at least forty-five (45) days prior to the termination date of this Agreement. Said review and evaluation shall be based on the goals and objectives developed jointly. Upon completing the evaluation, Employee shall be provided with a written copy of each Selectman's remarks and a written executive summary of the evaluation's overall findings. There shall be an adequate opportunity for the Employee to discuss the evaluation with the Selectmen."

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Newport sidewalks to be clean this winter

Newport residents will be pleased to know that their sidewalks will be plowed this year, and hopefully with better results than last winter. Steve Dube returned to the selectmen with further research on a replacement for the Wacker machine which had problems. Dube found that although a Trackless machine cost more than a Holder, in the long run, it is a better investment. The Trackless is made in Canada while the Holder is a German machine making parts harder to get and more expensive. Also, the Trackless requires 1/10 the maintenance. After a lengthy discussion, the board voted unanimously to enter a 10 year operating lease for the Trackless plow, which also includes a street sweeper and sander.

Lake Sunapee Bank has Small Business \$

New Hampshire Thrift Bancshares Inc., the holding company for Lake Sunapee Bank, has announced that it received \$20 million from the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Small Business Lending Fund. "We are pleased to have been selected to participate in the Small Business Lending Fund," Stephen W. Ensign, chairman and chief executive officer, said in a statement "The SBLF will allow us to work with small businesses to help create jobs and promote economic growth in our local communities. As a leading community bank in the markets that we serve, the SBLF fits our ongoing strategic plan seamlessly as we seek to increase our lending activity with small businesses in need of commercial loan assistance or for owner-occupied commercial real estate loans," he said.

Bement Bridge roof repairs to be delayed

The Bradford Selectmen reviewed the Bement Bridge issues and decided that due to the roadway problem, they will not award the roof repair contract at this time. Suggestion was made to contact Weathercheck with this information. The selectmen and road agent will investigate the roadway issue further before contacting the roofer. This will give everyone a better picture of what needs to be done, where we will get the money and how soon this will happen.

Superintendent fired-Board Chair resigns

The contentious infighting on the New-
port School Board spilled over to the SAU
#43 School Board last week, culminating in

Antrim's Home & Harvest Festival set

Crafters and cooks are still needed for the upcoming Antrim Home and Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 17. Tables are still available for the arts and crafts portion of the festival, located at Touchwood Square, along Main Street, and behind Antrim Town Hall. Artists, crafters and other local businesses and organizations can call Michelle Fahrner at 588-3772 to reserve a space.

Do you make the best baked beans in the region? Enter the festival's baked bean contest at Tenney Farm, just prior to the festival barbecue. Bring your beans by 4 p.m. to Tenney Farm and they will be judged, then served at the barbecue. You do not need to register in advance, and no particular recipe or type of bean is required. The winner will be announced prior to the fireworks.

For questions, contact Crista Salamy at Tenney Farm at 588-2020. If your organization would like to participate in the parade, please contact Ted Brown at 588-2886 for details. Floats and marchers should be in position at 11 a.m., but location depends on type, whether your group is on foot or is pulling a float.

the sudden firing of Interim Superintendent Virginia Irwin. Irwin is the second Superintendent forced out this year. In January, she was appointed as Interim Superintendent after the SAU Board voted "no confidence" in the administration of then Superintendent Michael Marcinkus, who had held the position for only six months.

Since early summer, Newport Board members Gordon Flint, Jr. and Richard Jacobs have pushed for Irwin's removal as well as that of fellow board members Robert Collins and Michael Johnson. On the losing end

of several 3-2 votes the pair took their fight to the SAU Board and found sufficient allies among the Croydon members to oust Irwin.

Public reaction was swift and nearly unanimous in condemning the firing of the soft spoken Irwin, who also serves as a Newport Selectman. District math coordinator Christine Downing wondered how firing the Superintendent on the eve of school opening could be a benefit to the District. Collins, Chair of the SAU Board said he hung his head in shame because of this witchhunt. He resigned as Chair in disgust.



Former SAU #43 Interim Superintendent Virginia Irwin.

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With land donated by Cheryl and Paul Scott of Hillsboro, seeds from Comstock Ferry and Hart, planning and materials from Jackie and Harry Morehouse and lots of hard work by many, the Hillsborough Food Pantry is the recipient of fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers. Residents of Wediko Children's Services in Windsor have also been bridging that organization with the community by planting, weeding and harvesting during the summer. Shown here are Deanna Harding, Lead Teacher and Audrey Bethel, Guidance Counselor at Wediko presenting awards to Corey Raikes and Justin Lessard while Harry and Jackie Morehouse look on. Not pictured is James Taylor who also received an award for his hard work. Donations for materials for the garden are always appreciated and can be sent to Harry and Jackie Morehouse, 42 Washington Circle, Hillsboro, NH 03244.

State sets water improvement deadline

Water and Sewer Commissioner Herman Wiegelman, Cynthia Klevens, Sanitary Engineer II with the NHDES and Daniel Dudley, Sanitary Engineer with NHDES met with the Hillsborough Selectmen to discuss the Administrative Order issued by NHDES to the Water Commissioners. Klevens explained that over the years NHDES has been issuing Hillsborough notices of violation regarding its drinking water. Water Commissioner Peter Mellen said they had been taking inexpensive steps hoping they would improve the issues. Klevens said by December 31 Hillsborough needs to submit a status report with the results of the warm weather testing and the preliminary recommendations for improvements to the system. By April 1, 2012, Hillsborough needs to have appropriated the funds to implement all the improvements approved by the NHDES and by December 21, 2012 the improvements must be completed.

New Superintendent search continues

Consultant Richard DiBenedictis of the NE School Development Council updated the SAU #43 School Board on the status of the search for a new Superintendent shortly before the Board fired Interim Superintendent Virginia Irwin, triggering the need to quickly find a new Interim Superintendent. Chairman Richard Jacobs, an instigator in Irwin's firing, who assumed the chairmanship after Robert Collins resigned in protest, said he has contacted the New Hampshire School Board Association and is waiting for a response to his request for a new Interim Superintendent.

Jacobs said he would also be calling DiBenedictis, who said that the way the District organizes itself for this year is a separate issue. He is committed to the search for a permanent replacement for the beginning of the 2011-12 school year. Irwin was being paid \$101,000 for her duties but there appears to be a consensus that to be competitive meant the new Superintendent would need to be paid between \$115,000, and \$125,000.

Henniker is site of first paintball game

The Town of Henniker has long held the distinction of being "The Only Henniker On Earth." Now, we learn, it holds another distinction - being the location of the world's first paintball game.

On June 27, 1981, using guns loaded with pellets filled with gelatin and food coloring, created to mark trees for cutting from a distance, a group of 12 men took to a field in Henniker for an elaborate game of "capture the flag" that involved eliminating players by shooting them with paintballs.

In writing a history of the sport by Lionel Atwell, he said that he, Ken Barrett, Bob Carlson, Joe Drindon, Charles Gaines, Jerome Gary, Bob Gurnsey, Bob Jones, Hayes Noel, Carl Sandquis, Ronnie Simkins and Richie White were the first people to engage in shooting each other with paintballs for fun.

The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources is finishing the text on the marker that will soon commemorate the

world's first paintball game.

The marker's location will have to be

coordinated with the state Department of Transportation.



District Governor Alan Ricard of Cannan recently visited the Hillsboro Lions Club and complimented its members on the good work they do in the community. David Fullerton Photo.



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BY SARAH CHAPIN

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The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the use of Zostavax, a live attenuated virus vaccine, for the prevention of shingles in individuals 50 to 59 years of age. Zostavax is already approved for use in individuals 60 years of age and older. In the United States shingles affects approximately 200,000 healthy people between the ages of 50 and 59 per year. It is a disease caused by the varicella-zoster virus, which is a virus in the herpes family and the same virus that causes chickenpox. After an attack of chickenpox, the virus lies dormant in certain nerves in the body. For reasons that are not fully understood, the virus can reappear in the form of shingles, more commonly in people with weakened immune systems. Shingles is characterized by a rash of blisters, which generally develop in a band on one side of the body and can cause severe pain that may last for weeks, and in some people, for months or years after the episode.

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Young and old alike enjoyed a tour of the facilities during Eccardt Farm's Open Barn Day on Saturday.

Selectman is proud of Football Team

Selectboard Chair Jeff Kessler was impressed with the Newport High School Football Team which again volunteered to carry the books from the basement onto the lawn for the Annual Richards Free Library Book & Bake Sale last Saturday. "Not only are they a Championship Football Team," said Kessler, "They are young citizens of Newport who are giving back to the community."

Hillsborough man faces several felonies

Peterborough Police have arrested Hillsborough man on multiple charges after the car he was driving crashed on Concord Street at the edge of the Contookcook River. Joseph Mills, 28, was charged with driving while being deemed a habitual offender, a felony offense; reckless driving; disobeying an officer; and unlawful taking of a vehicle without the owner's permission. Police Chief Scott Guinard reports that Mills, while driving south-bound on Concord Street, failed to negotiate a lefthand turn onto Pine Street, drove through a chain link fence, rolled down the river embankment, went through a rock wall and was wedged between two trees. Mills was taken to Monandock Community Hospital, where he was placed under arrest. He was later released on \$15,000 personal recognizance bail.

Andover teen kayaker trio rescued

Three Andover teenagers were hypothermic but otherwise unharmed after they were knocked out of their kayaks on the Blackwater River on Monday night. According to Deputy Fire Chief Kevin LaChapelle, two emergency trucks, three boats and 13 swift water rescue technicians were required in the rescue, which occurred after dark. The names of the kayakers – two females and a male were not available.

Newport reader corrects our mistake

What a great article about this 102 year old man. However, he is not the oldest 10th Mt. Division veteran of WWII. My father, Jesse Scott, Newport, New Hampshire is the oldest. He turned 104 on August 13, 2011 (Born 8/13/1907). Dad was presented the 10th Mt. Division Ice Axe that was in Italy in 2007 for being the oldest 10th Mt. Veteran. He was also stationed in Italy. He lives on his farm and continues to ride his 4-wheeler and mow the lawns. Congratulations on a great article. Maxine Scott Houle, Newport

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Henniker Highway Superintendent indicted

Henniker Highway Superintendent Carl Knapp and his wife Vicki were indicted by a grand jury on one felony count of theft by unauthorized taking, while he was employed as public works director in Weare. The theft charge is a class B felony because the amount the couple is accused of stealing is more than \$1,000.

The couple was arrested in June and charged with stealing diesel fuel from the town of Weare from September 2008 through May 2009 after a state police in-

vestigation conducted at the selectmen's request. In March 2010, a Weare town-wide energy audit revealed that Weare spent \$188,673 to fuel its 42 vehicles in 2008,

while Peterborough spent \$88,367 to fuel 60 vehicles. In December 2010, Knapp left Weare after 19 years to take a similar post in Henniker where he is still employed.

Henniker Chamber Event set

The Henniker Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Business After Hours at 168 Maple Street at the new offices of Courteous Law, Jean Hooker & Associates Real Estate and Three Season Landscaping, on Wednesday, September 14th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Country Spirit Restaurant will cater the event. This will be an opportunity to network with other members. Members are asked to register in advance. The cost is \$10 per member. Payment will be collected at the door.



Newport hosted another successful Apple Pie & Craft Fair on the Common to benefit the Library Arts Center. Approximately 100 vendors participated.



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House of Purpose in concert Sept 9th

On Friday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. at The Valley Bible Chapel, in Hillsboro, The House of Purpose Coffee House will celebrate the start of their 6th season with the release of the long awaited Purpose CD "Bring Me To The Cross." Purpose will be performing tracks from the new album which will also be available for purchase and personalization at the event.

"We are so very excited about this event" says Clint Brake, founding member of Hillsboro and Antrim's own internationally known Christian band Purpose, "after 2 years of writing and production in the studio – the big day has finally arrived! We are ready to celebrate at the House of Purpose on September 9th and share the release of our debut album "Bring Me To The Cross" with our friends and fans who have blessed our Ministry over the years with their love, support and encouragement," he adds.

Dedicated to the memory of Patricia Cote, founding member Kathie Brennan's late mother, "Bring Me To The Cross" contains 13

songs including the title song which is dedicated to Rev. Billy Graham. All but two of the tracks are original works written by band members. Well known musicians and friends of Purpose Ronda Matson, Hillsboro's Jay Crowley, and Pat Mitchell also contributed their performance talents on the album.

All are welcome to perform or just relax with a bowl of Linda's famous chili to some of the best gospel music that you ever will hear from many of the area's finest performing artists. Admission and refreshments are free. (A free will offering to support the Ministry is always gladly accepted).



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Warner's Harris Lodge #91 presents scholarship

By Rich Dahlgren; Photo by Barbara Corson

Harris Lodge #91 F. & A.M. has always been known for its delicious dinners and great entertainment; Wednesday, August 10, 2011, was no exception. Over 30 members, wives and guests enjoyed a baked chicken dinner with all the trimmings prepared by Executive Chef Ron Piroso.

Following dinner, everyone retired to the lodge room where the Master of the Lodge, W. Louis M. Corson, introduced Ms. Rebecca Courser, Executive Director of the Warner Historical Society. Ms. Courser presented a program on one of the little known historical snippets in Warner relating to the capture of two convicts who had escaped from Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, New York.

George Steivers, age 21, and Marcus Bassett, age 21, escaped from Sing Sing on October 22, 1920. Steivers was serving a life sentence for murdering a police officer and for auto theft; Bassett was serving a 2-year

sentence for auto theft and was supposed to be released from prison within a couple of weeks after his escape.

Through various auto thefts and holdups of people for food and money, the two made their way to New Hampshire. They were looking to get to Canada, however, their car ran out of gas in lower Warner and they took off through the woods and were captured in an apple orchard off of Tory Hill Road, now known as Kearsarge Mountain Road.

Rebecca, in closing, indicated that the material for her presentation was researched and compiled by Larry Sullivan, a Warner researcher and writer.

W. Corson then indicated that August is the time when Harris Lodge awards its annual scholarship. He introduced Harvey Greenberg, Chairman of the Scholarship

Committee who announced that the recipient of the 2011 Scholarship was Rachel Grady.

Rachael is the daughter of Steven and Teresa Grady of Hopkinton and is a graduate of Hopkinton High School. She was the President of the Student Council, a member of the National Honor Society and Modern Language Honor Societies, a Student Leader, Representative to Granite Girls State, an umpire in several sports, and a Representative to NHIAA Leadership Conference. Rachael was also a member of the varsity Soccer, Softball, Basketball and Alpine Skiing teams; and Captain of the Soccer and Softball teams. Rachael has been accepted at the University of New Hampshire this fall in the College of Health and Human Services with a prospective major of Occupational Therapy.

Grand Opening Sept 17

Fireplace Village is coming to Hillsborough, NH on Saturday, September 17th. Come celebrate the Grand Opening of our new Hillsborough store with the crew from 105.5 WJYY and meet Max, the mascot of the Manchester Monarchs. The first 50 customers through the door will receive a complimentary gift bag filled with lots of goodies to enjoy. Come play the WJYY prize wheel, enter a raffle to win free fireplace accessories, Monarchs tickets and create your own gourmet s'mores from Planet Marshmallow. Enjoy a free hot dog and soda while browsing the latest and greatest fireplaces to warm up your home this coming holiday season.



(L To R) Steven Grady, W. Louis Corson, Master of Harris Lodge, Rebecca Grady, Harvey Greenburg, Scholarship Committee Chairman.

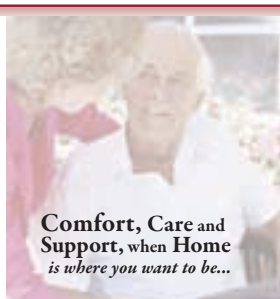
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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

Purity In Politics

The cries of betrayal have already begun from the Tea Party and other conservatives. In light of their recent votes to increase the debt limit, Congressmen Charlie Bass and Frank Guinta have been chastised for backing down and failing to keep their promises to cut spending and balance the budget. Some have even suggested challenges from the right in the 2012 Republican Primary.

Many of us would have preferred more real and substantial spending cuts, but wishful thinking doesn't go far in Washington. Bass and Guinta's votes can be justified as the best Republicans were going to get with the Democrats controlling the Senate and Barack Obama in the White House. Absent veto proof majorities in both the House and Senate and a President of the same party, neither party can push through its pure objectives.

Conservatives at all levels, including Tea

Party members need to remember that the goal is to do more than get elected. Once elected, you are charged with governing, and the art of governing often demands compromise. Yes, that word, despised by all purists, compromise, is often the grease that keeps the machinery of government running.

Perhaps the purist of all political movements is the Libertarian Party, many of whose beliefs I share. Libertarians are fiercely dedicated to their beliefs and committed to each other. They demand purity of thought and action in all their candidates and will not support any candidate who is only 99.44% pure. It is exactly that demand for purity that has condemned them to a minority status, with only a minor effect on the political debate.

The Tea Party needs to absorb this lesson quickly. To abandon good conservative Republicans because they fail a purity test will guarantee a Democratic resurgence in 2012.



OPINION Letters to the Editor

Dear Hillsboro-Deering residents,

I write today to address the proposed new contract between our teachers and our School District. After reading the whole thing, asking some tough questions at last week's Public Hearing and a lot of thought I have decided to support the contract and ask that you consider doing so also. My analysis is that our choice is of two contracts - the current one which will continue if the new one doesn't pass or the new one. Both choices contain the much criticized Evergreen Clause. Irregardless of how one feels about the clause, you will not have a choice that eliminates it. For those that would like to see it eliminated, this forum is not the place that will do so. That place is at the legislature, so I leave it to them to weigh the pros and cons as well as the public's desires.

So, back to the two choices we do have. The biggest differences are that the new contract adds two 'steps' or pay levels for those teachers with the most experience and in exchange for that the administration can offer 'equivalent' health plans. There are some cost savings based on slightly increased co-payments which will cover the cost of the step increases and

even save a little money going forward. The real savings for the district will come when the district can offer insurance from competing companies (as opposed to specific company plans required in the current contract). This ability to offer competing insurance is something that the district has needed and tried to negotiate for many years (it was a primary concern during my 3 years on the board). I applaud the teachers for agreeing to it.

I also applaud the administration of Dr. Genovese as well as the teachers for reaching this compromise. We hired Dr. Genovese partly to establish an atmosphere of cooperation with the staff so that they can together fix some of the severe problems that the district is facing. In order to do this teachers and administrators are all going to have to do things differently. As a parent and citizen I intend to hold all parties to the fire to make the changes necessary so all of our students academic needs are met. In reaching this compromise we are taking the first step.

The bottom line is the proposed contract will save tax dollars and is good for our students.

John P. Segedy, Hillsborough



GUEST EDITORIAL .

Thanks to Joe Brandl for sending this along. Star Parker is a young, black writer who pens a syndicated column for the Orange County Register.

Back On Uncle Sam's Plantation

By Star Parker

Six years ago I wrote a book called Uncle Sam's Plantation. I wrote the book to tell my own story of what I saw living inside the welfare state and my own transformation out of it. I said in that book that indeed there are two Americas .. a poor America on socialism and a wealthy America on capitalism.

I talked about government programs like Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Training (JOBS), Emergency Assistance to Needy Families with Children (EANF), Section 8 Housing, and Food Stamps. A vast sea of perhaps well intentioned government programs, all initially set into motion in the 1960's by Democrats that were going to lift the nation's poor out of poverty. A benevolent Uncle Sam welcomed mostly poor black Americans onto the government plantation. Those who accepted the invitation switched mindsets from "How do I take care of myself?" to "What do I have to do to stay on the plantation?" Instead of solving economic problems, government welfare socialism created monstrous moral and spiritual problems - the kind of problems that are inevitable when individuals turn responsibility for their lives over to others. The legacy of American socialism is our blighted inner cities, dysfunctional inner city schools, and broken black families.

Through God's grace, I found my way out. It was then that I understood what freedom meant and how great this country is. I had the privilege of working on welfare reform in 1996 which was passed by a Republican controlled Congress.

I thought we were on the road to moving socialism out of our poor black communities and replacing it with wealth producing American capitalism. But, incredibly, we are now going in the opposite direction.

Instead of poor America on socialism becoming more like rich America on capital-

ism, rich America on capitalism is becoming like poor America on socialism. Uncle Sam has welcomed our banks onto the plantation and they have said, "Thank you, Suh." Now, instead of thinking about what creative things need to be done to serve customers, they are thinking about what they have to tell Massah in order to get their cash.

There is some kind of irony that this is all happening under our first black president on the 200th anniversary of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln. Worse, socialism seems to be the element of our new young president. And maybe even more troubling, our corporate executives seem happy to move onto the plantation. In an op-ed on the opinion page of the Washington Post, Mr. Obama is clear that the goal of his trillion dollar spending plan is much more than short term economic stimulus. "This plan is more than a prescription for short-term spending - it's a strategy for America's long-term growth and opportunity in areas such as renewable energy, healthcare, and education."

Perhaps more incredibly, Mr. Obama seems to think that government taking over an economy is a new idea. Or that massive growth in government can take place "with unprecedented transparency and accountability."

Yes, sir, we heard it from Jimmy Carter when he created the Department of Energy, the Synfuels Corporation, and the Department of Education. Or how about the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 - The War on Poverty, which President Johnson saiddoes not merely expand old programs or improve what is already being done. It charts a new course. It strikes at the causes, not just the consequences of poverty. "Trillions of dollars later, black poverty is the same. But black families are not, with triple the incidence of single-parent homes and out of-wedlock births.

It's not complicated, Americans can accept Barrack Obama's invitation to move onto the plantation. Or they can choose personal responsibility and freedom.

Does anyone really need to think about what the choice should be?

"The trouble with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money."

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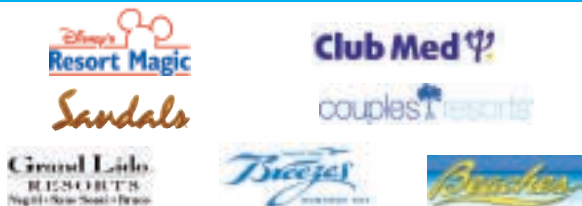
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SPORTS

GIRL'S SOCCER

Campbell 4 Hillsboro-Deering 0

The Cougars pounced 44 seconds into the game and kept up the pressure. keeper Brittany Croatti made 10 saves.

Bow 6 Hillsboro-Deering 1

It would have been worse but Brittany Croatti and Kassidy Snair combined for 18 saves in net. Katie Kingsbury scored her first goal of the season.

John Stark 2 Lebanon 2

Elena Larose scored her first goal and Brittany Hardy tallied with two minutes left to earn the tie.

John Stark 5 Goffstown 1

Brittany Hardy scored off a Megan Keim feed 30 seconds into the game Elena LaRose scored 4 more goal to seal the victory.

Hopkinton 5 Copnand 1

The Hawks unleashed 36 shots with Courtney Benson hitting on three and Tasha Bowie another 2.

Milford 1 ConVal 0

ConVal lost the season opener at Milford 0-1 in the last minute of the game. Mackenzie King had a standout performance in net. Zoe Paige and Beth Cheaney also played well, but it was a team effort to keep the game so close for so long.

Souhegan 4 ConVal 0

The Cougars held Souhegan off for the first 30 minutes but it wasn't enough as they were outshot 23 to 2. Mackenzie King and Sarah Snell both played well in net.

GIRL'S FIELD HOCKEY

Hopkinton 8 Monadnock 0

Brittany Marshall poured in 5 goals to lead the Hawk attack .Newcomers Callie Chase and Maddie Sorel each tallied their first varsity goals.

ConVal 1 Hollis-Brookline 0

Shauna Whittemore recorded the shutout and Dana Blanchette's second half goal provided the margin of victory.

Kearsarge 1 Hanover 1 Down 1-0 at the break, Christie Ross's second half goal salvaged a tie. Savannah Flood played well in goal.

Pembroke 2 John Stark 0

Clarissa Foote played well in net but the Generals lacked an offensive punch.

BOY'S SOCCER

Wilton-Lyndeborough 4

Sunapee 1 The Lakers scored early with a goal less than two minutes into the game, but were shut down the rest of the way.

Hopkinton 6 Monadnock 0

The Hawks opened the scoring in the first minute and controlled the game from then on.Freshman keeper Robbie Ferguson earned a shutout in his first start

ConVal 4 Milford 2



SPORTS.

First year coach Jon Hall moved Graehem Ellerkamp from midfield to striker and the move paid off as Ellerkamp tallied all 4 goals in the Cougars' opening game win.

ConVal 4 Souhegan 1

Graehem Ellerkamp and Austin Wheeler each had a pair of goals to lead the Cougar attack.

Kearsarge 2 Mascoma 1 (2OT)

Kris Bosela gave the Cougars a first half lead but couldn't make a comeback.



Ella Casey, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce shows the Selectmen the certification from the Guinness Book of world Records that Newport hosted the largest gathering of Bearded and mustached contestants (462) at February's Winter Carnival.

Lempster Clambake for Flashes of Hope

On September 10, 2011, a clambake will be held at the Lempster Wind Farm to benefit the New Hampshire chapter of Flashes of Hope. The event will start with tours of the wind farm beginning at 4 p.m. At 6 p.m., guests will be treated to a traditional clambake prepared on-site by Foster's Downeast Clambake of York, Maine. Guests will dine on clam chowder, mussels, clams, corn, potatoes and more as well as their choice of lobster, steak or eggplant parmesan. Following dinner, guests can relax and enjoy the music of "Just Like Newman", a musical group from Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts.

The event will be set atop a beautiful mountain with sweeping views for miles around. A minimum donation of \$100 per guest is required. A limited number of reservations are available. For more information, please visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.eatdrinkhopenh.com"](http://www.eatdrinkhopenh.com) www.eatdrinkhopenh.com or contact the NH chapter director, Laura Jacobi at 603-763-2782 or ljacobi@myfairpoint.net

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Visitors enjoyed the recent Open House at Newport's Parlin Field. 58 "Young Eagles", children 8-17, were given free flights by 11 volunteer pilots, and \$1500 was raised to repair the hangar door.

H-D and SAU Boards seek replacements

In back to back meetings, the Hillsboro-Deering and SAU #34 School Boards took steps to fill vacant staff positions. The H-D Board has received 24 applications to fill the High School Principal's position and will ask for volunteers to complete the screening committee who will narrow down the applicants to present to the board. They also decided to advertise for an Interim Principal until the final replacement for Dixie Tremblay is found.

The SAU Board voted to hire Future Management Systems of Beverly, MA to search for both an Interim and final replacement for Dr. Alan Genovese. NESDC, the company used to originally hire Genovese has a 2 year guarantee for their placements and would do a new search charging only for expenses, but the board preferred Future Management, which is currently working in the schools and received high praise from the staff.

Wilmot Library essay winners announced

To commemorate its centennial, the Wilmot Public Library conducted an essay contest on "What the Wilmot Public Library Means to Me." Winners were announced during the library's Centennial Celebration, which coincided with Wilmot's Old Home Day on Sunday, Aug. 21st.

Each winner received a \$50 gift certificate to Morgan Hill Bookstore in New London. Renowned children's book author, Mary Lyn Ray of Danbury was the judge. Carly Esposito of Wilmot won first place in the children's category. Stephanie Schechter of Wilmot won first place in the teen category, and Ann Davis of Wilmot won first place in the adult category.

What happens to armory if 744th moves?

Phil Harvey and Jack Wells, an ad-hoc sub-committee of the Economic Development Committee met with the Hillsborough Selectmen to discuss the fate of the armory if the 744th is relocated to Manchester. Harvey asked for the board's blessing to contact the Adjutant General to see if the decision has been made.



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