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## HAGUE IS PROUD OF ITS SERVICEMEN

Every day we are being asked to remember our servicemen and women, particularly those who are now serving in the Persian Gulf region. We thought you might be interested to know that Hague has four young men serving in the Gulf Area and one in Okinawa:

Alan Edward Corliss, 127-60-4504; U.S. 22 AT Shop; USS John F. Kennedy CV 67; FPO Miami FL 34099-6501

FFC Edward M. Frasier, 132-42-3902; HHT 3-3 ACR; APO New York 09209

S/Sgt Joseph C. Streeter, 058-56-8662; 7th Transportation Group; (TML) 703 Provisional Boat Co.; APO New York 09616

PFC John Waters, 090-64-0095; A 3/41 FA 24ID; Operation Desert Shield, APO New York 09790

Kyle J. May, 3rd Supply Battalion; 3rd FSSG Ammo Co.; FPO San Francisco, CA 96604-8810. Kyle is serving in Okinawa.

If anyone knows of any other service men or women from Hague who are serving overseas, we would be happy to have their names and addresses for our next issue.

These boys are all grateful for cards and letters from the folks in their hometown.

Ed: The following are excerpts from a letter which appeared in the February 7 issue of the Post-Star.

"I would like to take this opportunity to address the Upstate New York Community on a side of the Persian Gulf Crisis that is seldom being contemplated and considered before the public speaks out its stand against President Bush's decisions and actions used to resolve the crisis.

"First, let me make clear to everyone who reads this article, I am not sitting in a cozy house, at a private desk, surrounded by family members as I write this. No, I am in a tent I share with seven other brave honorable men at an airbase in Saudi Arabia. I have no family members or loved ones with me, only in my heart. I am writing this letter by flashlight due to the blackout conditions at our base.

"My purpose of this letter is to voice my outrage and disappointment in the citizens of the United States for their demonstrations against the U.S. troops being stationed in Saudi Arabia. How can the American public compare this military buildup to the Vietnam conflict? In all actuality, there

is no comparison whatsoever. In Vietnam, it was understood from the onset of our involvement there would be no offensive attack of any kind launched on our part. If we did, the Soviet Union and China promised to side with the communists in the north. We were a handicapped force before we ever fired a single shot to the enemy. However, in this crisis, we have a man (Saddam Hussein) who honestly believes he can overpower a small oil-rich country using all-out military force. In the process, his army has killed, beaten, raped and stolen all that has any value in that country known as Kuwait. Now tell me, how can you justify such an act of aggression? An unprovoked act of aggression I should add.

"Now, add to the scene of this conflict the controversy of our presence here. Let me ask one question, 'was there ever one draft card issued to a single U.S. citizen during our military build up here in the Gulf?' Absolutely not. In Vietnam, there were millions of young men who had promising lives and careers go down in flames over what is known as the draft card. There is not one single man or woman over here who was not fully aware of their responsibility should a conflict arise. Nonetheless, knowing the duty we may be asked to do, we willingly signed our enlistment forms to enter the Armed Forces. Not one person was forced to enlist in our military. And I know I am speaking on behalf of every service member when I say we are honored to be asked to re-establish an exiled country such as Kuwait. We are doing a job we have been trained to do. We are good at what we do, and we can easily handle anything Saddam Hussein can manage to throw at us.

"I consider it the utmost privilege to serve under our current Commander in Chief, President George Bush. Mr. Bush has the support of the United Nations against Iraq on their cruel invasion of Kuwait. He has gone by the book on his military buildup of Saudi Arabia, never breaking a promise he had made during the entire crisis. President Bush deserves the admiration and praise of every citizen in the United States, not the ridiculous demonstrations and protests and overall lack of unity of the American people. Instead of protesting against Mr. Bush's stand against Iraq, why don't you all hold public demonstrations supporting the U.S. and condemning the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait? I'm so sick of hearing the 'freedom of speech' line. All the demonstrators are doing is showing their ignorance of the situation, and total lack of civilized behavior that embarrasses those of us who have to defend them.

"Maybe if these people had been in Kuwait when the invasion occurred, they would stop and think before going out in public and making total idiots out of themselves and the United States. In some cases, the 'freedom of speech' right should be changed to read: 'the freedom to make public fools out of ourselves' right, because that's just what you're doing. The demonstrators should get together and come up with a peaceful solution to the Arab crisis instead of wasting all their time and effort in demonstrations. I guess that just goes to show the intelligence level of these people. Need I say more? . . . .

To the demonstrators, leave us alone to do our jobs and defend our country, and leave the Bush administration alone and let them do their job. Support the troops serving our country. Don't embarrass them by public demonstrations.

"Thank you for your time and I look forward to our quick and safe return to the U.S. . . ."

A1C Brian Batease; MAC ALCE/MIA; APO 09855.

Brian is a resident of Queensbury. I'm sure he would appreciate hearing from any of our readers. . . . djh

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS

On Tuesday, February 26 the Hague Senior Citizens Club will hold its annual covered dish luncheon at 12 o'clock at the Hague Community Center. All Hague Senior Citizens (50+ years of age qualifies you!) are invited to attend. If you have not already signed up for this luncheon and wish to do so, please call Frances Clifton at 543-6501 to register and be assigned a dish to bring to the luncheon. This is always a fun time with many delightful dishes to sample and enjoy. A business meeting will follow the luncheon.

TOWN OF HAGUE REVALUATION PROJECT  
INFORMATIONAL MEETING

An informational meeting relative to the current revaluation project has been scheduled for 7PM on Tuesday, February 26, 1991 at the Hague Community Center, Route 8, Hague, NY. Property owners are encouraged to attend the meeting and bring forth any questions and concerns they may have.

Assessor Harold LaRose and Ms. Lynn Ceronie, Sr. Real property Information System Spec. representing Local Assessment Services, State of New York, Division of Equalization and Assessment will provide information relative to procedures, schedules and anticipated results of the revaluation.

The Supervisor and Town Board members will be available at the meeting.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

The Hancock House Gallery in Ticonderoga will feature, for the first time, the work of area photographers in the next show, which is scheduled to open Wednesday, February 20, and run until March 16.

The Gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10AM to 4PM.

ART POTTER SHOW SCHEDULED

The 11th Annual Art Potter Dinner Theatre will be held March 2 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Dinner will be served at 6:30PM followed by the show at 8PM.

Assemblyman Jim King will act as Master of Ceremonies. King and all the other participants take part in this program because of their respect and admiration of one of the greatest musicians of our area. All proceeds go to the Art Potter Scholarship Fund established to provide financial assistance to a college bound student who plans to pursue a career in music or continual musical training.

Theme of this year's extravaganza is "Blast off to the Milky Way" and will feature many of the area's outstanding talents. General Chairman is Jim Cawley: Artistic Director, Beth Kroner.

This program is always a sell out as tickets are limited. We urge you to make your reservations at the Chamber of Commerce or Rathbun's. Tickets are \$15.00 per person.

Mark May 28 on your calendars. The Ti Festival Guild will present the Glenn Miller Orchestra in concert at the Ticonderoga High School. More on this later.

BIRDS OF HAGUE

Laura Meade

Occasionally one hears about a bird crashing into a window in the winter. Birds may be dazed and recover by themselves, just as people who suffer head injuries. But sometimes a bird flies against a window at a fast speed and breaks its neck. A homeowner who discovers such a dead bird (which may be in good condition except for the fatal injury) may dispose of the bird by taking it to the landfill OR may place the dead bird in a plastic bag in the freezer and then notify Dr. Robert Cole, who is licensed to possess bird specimens for educational purposes. Quite a few dead birds have been discovered in the Town of Hague and given to Dr. Cole, who has had them mounted by a taxidermist. Some of his specimens are on display at Silver Bay Association while others are at his home.

Since Jan. 10 these unusual birds have been seen in Hague:

2 female Bufflehead ducks in open water at Silver Bay, by Laura Meade (1/28)

Pair of cardinals near Lakeshore Terrace, by Jean Feibusch (1/1)  
1 Bald Eagle in a tree near open water at Pudding Island Point, by Dean Craig and Steve Davis (2/5)

6 flocks of Canada Geese flying south over Friends Point, by Bruce Craig (1/3)

1 dead Ruffed Grouse (flew into a window) at Shamrock Hill, by Georgina Lindquist (2/4)

1 Red-tailed Hawk at Sabbath Day Point by Elton Rising (2/5)

1 Common Loon in open water of Hague Bay, by Laura Meade (1/22)

8 Common Mergansers in Hague Bay, by Laura Meade (1/22)

1 Wild Turkey flew from a tree in woods above Hague, by Lindsay Frasier (1/12)

Not mentioned in the previous month's list of unusual birds was one Cedar Waxwing seen by Betsy Jensen on Christmas Day at the Hague Beach.

Anyone who sees an unusual bird may contact Laura Meade to have the sighting reported to the New York State Federation of Birds Clubs' quarterly report.

TICONDEROGA'S I.P. PART OF SMITHSONIAN  
EXHIBIT

Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History exhibit titled "American Papermaking, 1690-1990" will be complemented by a video including brief footage inside the Ticonderoga mill. The goal is to show visitors the operation of a modern paper mill.

The exhibit is funded by Vision 300, a non-profit, non-political committee of paper industry professionals, which was formed last year, the 300th anniversary of papermaking in the U.S. International Paper is a corporate sponsor of Vision 300.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED Day of Prayer meeting has been postponed from March 1 to March 15. The Rev. and Mrs. Jack Armes who are not available on March 1, will be the guest speakers and will relate their experiences as missionaries in Africa. The meeting will be held in the Hague Wesleyan Church.

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American flags are sprouting like spring flowers all over the Hague/Ticonderoga area - on poles, in windows, by mailboxes, and on truck and car antennas. Have you displayed your American flag?

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 1/18/91

Preceding the meeting, John Breitenbach Jr. gave those in attendance an update on what is happening on the solid waste plan and informed us that our grant application is at the county level. Delivery of our recycling building at the landfill will be the last week in January (it's here!) and construction will start in Feb. (It has!)

When the meeting began Karen Laundree with the privilege of the floor, addressed the board about the solution of a personnel problem and hoped an answer was imminent. She applauded the board for past performances.

At this point Dick Bolton, supervisor issued a statement (seen in its entirety on page 6, this issue) explaining the situation and the need for time to give those involved all the necessary information to come to a conclusion. A motion was approved to enter this statement into the records of the meeting.

Other business included: 1). Thank you note from the Francis Waters' family for the generosity afforded them at the time of his death. 2). Silver Bay Association requested the highway department provide striping at certain designated areas on the campus road. Request granted. 3). Resolutions #1-1991 - revaluation for reassessment to update tax roll will be accomplished by May 1, 1992, and #2-1991 - Respect for Aaron Middleton, councilman from January '75 to March '84. A plaque will be placed on town clerk's door. Both resolutions passed unanimously. 4). A plaque will be displayed naming all deceased elected officials. 5) Richard Frasier, Deputy Supervisor announced his intention to seek office of Supervisor in November. Richard Bolton, present supervisor then informed the audience he would give his support to Frasier.

The last item on the agenda was an evaluation of the Community Center, now one year old. Many organizations hold their meeting in the building - Home Bureau, Historical Society, Senior Citizens, LGLPC and Community Action Agency, to name a few.

We have had breakfasts, dinners, a wedding reception, church affairs, etc. so you can see it has been used extensively and with variety.

There have been donations totaling \$1,000, which will be used for building maintenance.

Clifton West has created a lovely little museum which has attracted many visitors and residents and has been a plus for the community - according to the records.

Linda Coffin, councilman, is developing a new Employees' Guide.

PLANNING BOARD - 2/7/91

The Lake George Park Commission has established regulations for stormwater management within the Lake George Basin. A model Stormwater Ordinance became effective on 9/29/90. Each municipality has 18 months to adopt a local Stormwater management plan and an Ordinance for stormwater regulation. At 7PM, Michael P. White, Ex. Dir. of the LGPC, and others explained to the Hague Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning and Town Boards why stormwater control regulations are needed and how the regulations will become part of the normal

review of development proposals.

The regular Planning Board meeting was delayed until 8:31 due to the above. The first order of business was the Michael (25-1-8) Subdivision. Gifts and Devises Section 8.020. Passed with conditions.

E. Gilbert Barker submitted three applications for resubdivision: (all acreages stated are approximate) #1. 17.4 Acres into 3 lots: Owner, Charles R. Boutin, Esq., 34 West Bel Air Ave., Aberdeen, MD. #2. 21.10 Acres into 3 lots: Owner, Douglas S. Wilson, 102 South Park St., Aberdeen, MD. #3. 155 Acres into 18 lots: Owner E. Gilbert Barker, Box 568, Crown Point, NY. All parcels to be resubdivided are contiguous and are located off New Hague Rd. (aka West Hague Rd.) via deeded Right of Way over lands of Dennis and Linda Scuderi. Mr. Barker's applications were considered as the submission of sketch plans. A determination must be made as to whether the proposed subdivisions constitute both a Class A and a Class B regional subdivisions. APA will be contacted to determine if any of these undeveloped woodlands require APA review. All of the property is located in Hague's Open Countryside I Zoning District which requires a minimum lot size of 2.9 acres.

TOWN BOARD - February 12, 1991

Talk about the Hague landfill closure has been going on for some time but according to Steve LeFevre of Clough Harbour, Assoc., the engineering firm hired to help us with our closure plan, time has run out.

Since signing the order on consent we must now follow the state guidelines or be fined by DEC. By June 1, 1991 the landfill must pass a 12 inch intermediate cover. By Dec. 31, 1991 the landfill must be fully closed. By March 1, 1992 Hague must submit closure certification by an approved engineer. Dick Bolton, supervisor, assured Mr. LeFevre that Clough Harbour would be our certification engineers at a cost of approximately \$44,000. The estimated cost for the landfill construction closure is \$998,000. The town hopes to reduce this figure by using in-house construction wherever possible.

In other business: Thank you notes received from members of the Aaron Middleton family.

Sal Santaniello notes his disapproval of the rooms and restaurant tax proposed by the county to be used for construction of the proposed Lake George Convention Center.

The Board approved a letter of intent stating Hague would contract to maintain Route 8 into Brant Lake. This means \$40 to \$50,000 to the community.

An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 7PM in the Community Center when the re-evaluation project will be discussed by Harold LaRose, our new assessor, and Lynn Ceronie of Local Assessment Services in Troy.

Supervisor Bolton will write a position paper against the 10¢ a gallon increase in the fuel tax.

Scott Patchett was there to request some help from the town on the water district, but there is nothing the town can do.

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*There is this to be said about a world crisis. We learn a lot of geography. . . Roger Allen*

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
Wendy Heritage

The Hague Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc. is exceptionally pleased to announce that we have met our \$280,000 goal and our newest fire truck is paid for! We can't begin to thank those people and organizations involved for their generous donations and pledges that have made this possible. A special thank you goes out to the people who volunteered their time and energy to see that the community understood our needs and our request for financial aid.

We continue to look forward to the support of the community in maintaining our high efficiency and dedication to the needs of our town and its people.

To develop and maintain any volunteer organization is, at best, a difficult task. To develop and maintain a volunteer fire department and ambulance squad is to surmount the obstacles of state mandated training and sky rocketing costs for maintenance, replacement and purchase of new, updated equipment.

In the coming months we would like to give the community an indepth look at today's volunteer fire and ambulance personnel. We'll cover the time and energy involved with taking these state mandated courses and what that means to the people we protect and serve.

First, though, let's take a quick look at the development of the Hague Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc.

The Hague Fire Department was started in 1947 by five gentlemen, including Bob Hoyt, our first chief, (a position maintained for 32 years), Dick Bolton, Clifford Decker, Elton Rising and Buster Leach. This small group of citizens were concerned about the lack of fire protection in the community. In those early days they had one Jeep truck with a 200 gallon trailer and a rebuilt hearse for an ambulance, kept in a local garage. From those first days we have grown into a 57 member, two station, five truck, two ambulance organization with dedicated officers, directors and a loyal, hard working membership.

Again, we thank you for your continued support and we look forward to serving the town of Hague.

HVFD RUMMAGE AND FOOD SALE

The spring rummage and food sale will be held at the Hague Community Center on March 21, 22, and 23 from 9AM - 2PM. Articles may be left at the center on March 18, 19 and 20 from 9AM-12noon on March 18, 19 and 20 or call 543-6029 for pickup.

CUB SCOUT PACK 21 NEWS

Karen Costello

January was a cool month and Pack 21 held a "cool" Winter Fun Day at the Lazy K Ranch (Costellos). Our fun didn't keep us too warm (and barely cooked our hot dogs and cocoa), but the activities did. The guys discovered they could run up and downhill without breaking through the snow on some great "Catpaws" (snowshoes) lent to us by their maker Carl Heilman of Brant Lake. A few tried their skills at cross-country skiing (thanks to Art and Joan Steitz for the loan of the skis) but found it a bit tiring recovering the upright position (huh, Pete?) Sledding is a

joy of childhood and plenty of that kept us warm.

The Tiger Cub group enjoyed their first get together on another very cool evening. Kris Stonitsch, Simon Williamsen and Andrew Towne and their moms made a totem pole and valentines for soldiers. They missed their Tiger buddies John Costello and Ted Santaniello who were impersonating leopards instead (getting chickenpox).

A pack meeting was held on Feb. 9th to celebrate advancement. Den #2, consisting of Chris Frasier, David Fitzgerald, Thor Gautreau, Nathan Lawrence, Craig Smith and Jim Ward have moved up to Webelo Scouts. Their activities will help them prepare for Boy Scouting. Tim Gautreau, Cubmaster, awarded them new neckerchiefs and slides. We wish them good luck in their progress toward the Arrow of Light. Congratulations to Nathan Lawrence and Chris Frasier for earning the Bear badge and gold arrow points. Nathan also earned two silver arrow points and Chris one on the Bear rank.

Den #3 received Progress Toward Ranks beads to signify their achievements toward Wolf rank. They have been working hard and displayed some interesting collections for us.

Den #1 will be wearing the Bear neckerchief and all are getting closer to that rank.

Recognition and prizes were given to our top three salesmen in the First Aid Kit fund raiser (which was very successful.) Craig Smith, who alone carried 25% of the sales, was awarded an official Scout canteen. Donnie Smith received a Cub Scout flashlight and Kevin Stonitsch a personal camp kit for their outstanding efforts. All the Cubs did a great job!

In a Council-wide poster contest, Pack 21 showed their super artistic talents. Five posters were entered. Thor Gautreau and Donnie Smith earned two first places; Wyatt Wells, Tavish Costello and Den #3 received honorable mentions. We're very proud of these boys' efforts and talents! The posters are on display at the Aviation Mall for anyone to enjoy until February 15.

In February the Scouts will participate in Bowl-A-Ree. They will be collecting sponsors to help earn money for the Mohican Council and our Pack and to earn patches and prizes. We hope you have some "spare change".

Thanks for all the refundables. Den #3 will be collecting at the landfill through February.

LGPC MEETING

At the monthly meeting of the LGPC held on January 24, 1991 at the Hague Community Center. Margaret Stewart reported on the project review committee saying several resolutions were passed to issue various permits. She said a letter had been received from Mr. Dow of Lake George Steamboat Co. in which he disagreed with permit conditions and wants change in restroom regulations.

LGPC attorney Martin Auffredau stated that certain of the tentatively approved Recreational Use Rules and Regulations are unenforceable and must be reviewed. Commissioner Charles Hawley would like the regulations in questio reviewed as quickly as possible a special .

The matter of jet skis and scuba divers was discussed and since this involved some of the rules now under consideration the commission will give it immediate attention.

The LGPC will consider adoption of the proposed "Recreational Uses" rules, Subparts 646-1 & 646-2 on Feb. 19, 10AM at L.G. Town Center. . . g] 2/91

WHY SCHOOL TAXES KEEP GOING UP

In early 1990 there was much tooting that most New York State School Districts would realize increased amounts of State Aid to Education. Budget figures for schools were based on this anticipated revenue. Later in the year, the State came to the realization that there was a budget deficit of \$4.61+ billion. (Guess someone made a boo-boo in balancing the state's checkbook.) Through various accounting methods used by the state, school districts' state aid that had been allocated to the Teachers' Retirement System was used to help close the state's budget deficit. The State then declared that the school districts still owe this money to the Teachers' Retirement System and the districts have the option to pay off the entire liability, a portion thereof, or amortize the liability up to a 15 year period at an interest charge of 8% per annum.

Under the new, mumbo-jumbo, State accounting method, **ACTUAL STATE AID DOLLARS** will **DECREASE** which will, in all probability, cause **REAL PROPERTY TAXES ("SCHOOL TAXES")** to **INCREASE**. As fewer and fewer of our school tax dollars go toward the education of our children because the school districts have been forced into indebtedness by the state's actions, we can be comforted by knowing that our educational dollars are providing subsidized skiing for all of those who use our state's skiing facilities.

In a brief article on pg. #14 of the February issue of Ski Magazine, the state's 3 ski areas, Belleayre, Gore and Whiteface, cost NY taxpayers millions of dollars in subsidies each year according to NYS Comptroller Edward Regan. A spokesman for Regan's office, Bob Hinckley, says that even though ski areas are losing money, he thinks private operators would be interested in leasing the areas. "Because of the profit motive," says Hinckley, "private businesses are always run more efficiently than public businesses." Says Regan "By leasing our ski centers, we can provide the state with revenue, eliminate the need for subsidies and prevent New York from potential lawsuits resulting from accidents at the areas. It will get the state out of a business it doesn't belong in."

With a state budget deficit of over \$4.6 billion it appears that the entire state should be leased to private business because obviously, the state is incapable of running itself.

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TOYS NEEDED

In good condition, i.e dolls, trucks, building blocks, Legos, Lincoln Logs. These toys will be used for Playtime/Recess activities at the Ticonderoga Elementary School. Please contact Wanita Lawrence 543-6365 or drop them off at the Hague Baptist Church parsonage.

Thank you for all of our children.

OPERATION DESERT FLAG

There will be a motorcade commencing at Keeseville, picking up more participants along the way at Ausable Forks, Lake Placid, Elizabethtown, Westport, Port Henry, Crown Point, and ending at Fort Ticonderoga at

approximately 2:30PM for a rally. The town of Ticonderoga will be participating. All cars will be displaying American flags and flags will line the streets of all towns enroute. There is a need for more flags to be purchased in Ticonderoga. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of flags, you may contact Terry Butler at the Fabric Shop.

55/ALIVE COURSE WELL ATTENDED

The AARP, under the sponsorship of North Country Community College, will give another Drivers' Safety Course on April 23 and 24 from 10AM - 2:30PM (with a 1/2 hr. break for lunch). This will be held at the Community College in Ticonderoga. Register as soon as possible by calling the Community College in Ticonderoga. Most insurance companies offer a 10% discount on auto insurance upon completion of the course. Even more important, it is good to brush up on driving skills from time to time!

A REMINDER THAT WE CARE

If you have a food emergency remember we have a food pantry in the community center.

We also have clothing, second-hand and some new that we would be happy to give you at no cost. Sweaters, dresses, men's suits, slacks, all in good condition.

The hours are Wed. and Fri. from 10AM - 12 Noon. For emergencies, call Georgina Lindquist, 543-6095 and arrangements can be made to your satisfaction. . . gl

WEATHER NOTES

Mary Lou Doulin

The previous four weeks have been fairly mild, considering that we are talking about the last three weeks in Jan. and the first week in Feb. We did have a cold snap the week of Jan. 21 - 25. Temperatures hovered around 0° to 10° F, not surpassing 22° lakeside. The warmest day of the month was Monday, Jan. 28 when the temperature soared to 45°, with beautiful clean air and bright blue skies. The Jan. thaw occurred twice and melted snow. We had two bouts of rain that made this area look much like the mud season we normally experience in late March or early April. Contrast existed in that the rainy days were deplorable and the sunny days fantastic. The week of Feb. 3 brought four beautiful days of 50°, 47° and 40°. The first four days in Feb. were gorgeous winter days. We had another beautiful full moon on Jan. 30. We had another beautiful full moon on January 30.

Jan. 19 the lake began steaming in earnest, and by Jan. 22 it had frozen at Hague. As of this writing Silver Bay hasn't yet. The lake records available indicate that since 1908 the lake has only frozen three times in Dec., 65 in Jan and 13 in Feb. 1919 was the only year it didn't freeze. Local radio stations have been warning people to stay off the lake as the recent mild temperatures and bright sun have caused serious melting. On the Bolton Road off Diamond Pt. two people in their vehicles went through the ice and were saved by the scuba rescue squad.

Yes, the groundhog saw his shadow so we are in for another six weeks of winter!!

NOTICE

The following is a part of the minutes of a Special Town Board meeting held January 18, 1991 that Supervisor Richard Bolton would like to bring to the attention of the Town of Hague residents.

Motion made by Braisted, seconded by Fitzgerald that the following statement be entered as part of the official minutes:

Statement for the record that involves an incident that happened in the bookkeeping department that has been resolved thru the advice of the Town Attorney, John Silvestri and the County Attorney, Thomas Lawson. Since this was a personnel matter it was discussed in four executive sessions, one of which was attended by the Town Attorney. The statement reads as follows:

Present disability application forms include two options regarding payment of disability benefits. The person filling out the application may choose to have the payments made directly to the employer or may have the benefits paid directly to the Town. The Town continued to pay the employee his regular weekly salary on the mistaken assumption that disability would reimburse the Town for the employee's full salary. The mistaken assumption resulted in the employee being paid the sum of \$9,300.00 and the Town being reimbursed in the sum of \$4,420.00.

The Town Board has determined that an overpayment in the sum of \$4,610.00, is to be recovered by the Town from the employee. Under the present employee guidelines there is no obligation or authority for the Town to pay an employee who is absent from work on disability for the difference between their regular salary and the amount paid for disability benefits. To avoid unnecessary and undue financial hardship on the overpaid employee and without prejudice to whatever rights the Town may have it was decided that the employee would be given the option of repaying the amount of the overpayment in either a lump sum or on a monthly installment basis. In the event that out of court settlement could not be negotiated then the Board will consider what type of legal action would be appropriate.

The Board has left for future discussions the enactment of clear guidelines for completion of disability forms by Town personnel.

The employees responsible for this error have been instructed as to proper procedure and Linda Coffin, Town Councilman will rewrite the Town Employee Guide to address this problem and to eliminate future errors in processing disability claims.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  
FRASIER - AYE, FITZGERALD - AYE, BOLTON - AYE,  
BRAISTED - AYE, COFFIN - ABSENT.

/s/ Nancy Y. Trombley, Town Clerk

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BOTH RICH AND MIG  
BRODERICK ON FEBRUARY 21ST.

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*Courage combined with energy and perseverance will  
overcome difficulties apparently unsurmountable. . S. Smiles*

SENIOR CITIZENS INVITED TO WALK IN THE  
ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Elementary/Middle School will be opened from 4:00 to 6:00 PM beginning Monday, January 28 for Senior Citizens who want to exercise by walking.

Please enter the building through the Middle School entrance. Room one will be available for changing to walking shoes and a place to put coats and hats.

If you are interested in this program, please register at the Ticonderoga Middle School Office at 585-7442. This would be available only during days school is in session.

TICONDEROGA SCHOOL PLANITARIUM SHOW

On Thursday, February 28 the Ticonderoga Planetarium will present the show COSMOS.

On Monday, March 11, Astronomy Day will be celebrated. Deep Sky Objects. You are asked to bring your own telescope if you have one.

All shows begin promptly at 7:30PM. Doors open at 7PM. No admission charge. Any groups interested in a special program are encouraged to call Planetarium Director, David Rutkowski at 585-6661.

DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Families of servicemen and women in the Middle East can get support and a helping hand from the NYS Division of Veterans' Affairs in confronting problems on the homefront while their loved ones are away.

The assistance is as close as a toll-free information and referral hotline, 1-800-635-6534.

Division Director Tom Lewis is heading a task force of State agencies to coordinate support services for families and dependents of New Yorkers called to active duty for Operation Desert Storm.

"Through the Division of Veterans' Affairs hotline, the families of military personnel will be referred to those who can assist them with whatever their problem may be -housing, transportation, financial problems, public assistance, tax questions, or simply the reassurance that they have not been left alone," Lewis said.

The Division of Veterans' Affairs will work with - among others - the Division of Military and Naval Affairs, Dept. of Social Services, Dept. of Labor, Dept. of Taxation and Finance, Dept. of Health, State Education Dept, Office of Mental Health, Div. of Housing and Community Renewal, other State and local agencies, the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, the American Red Cross, and veteran and civic groups to provide guidance and assistance for family members at home in New York.

"We want to reassure our military families that NYS appreciates the service and sacrifice of their loved ones and that there is a network of concerned and caring individuals to help them if and when they need it," Lewis said. "The first step to getting any help," he concluded, "is to contact the toll-free hotline or the nearest State Veteran Counselor.

The Warren County office of NYS Div. of Veterans Affairs is located at Warren Co. Municipal Center Annex, Lake George, NY 12845. Phone 761-6343. 2/91

NOTE: A representative of the Veterans' Administration is in the Community Center each Thursday at 11AM. Call first for appointment. 2/91

SOUNDINGS

**BORN** - A boy, Peter Graham, to Susan and John Rogers, Devon, PA on December 17, 1990. Proud grandparents are Petey and Graham Michael, Friend's Point and Savannah, GA.

**BORN** - A girl, Katlin Anne to Brett and Kim Gudikunst, Hague, on January 22 in the Glens Falls Hospital. Grandparents are Louis and Linda Fenimore of Hague and Jack and Bonnie Gudikunst of Crown Point, formerly of Hague.

**MARRIED** - Rudolph John Meola, son of Rudolph J. Meola, Hague and Sharon B. Lamb, Glens Falls and Wendy Beth Miller, daughter of Donald R. Miller, Crown Point and Beatrice E. Miller, Saratoga Springs, in St. Clement's Parish, Saratoga Springs on January 5. Mr. Meola is a graduate of Hamilton College and is in his third year at Albany Law School. Mrs. Meola is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and is Marketing Director at Turbine Federal Credit Union, Schenectady.

**DIED** - William D. Cockrell, 84, summer Friends Point resident, in Waynesboro VA on January 21, while walking into the hospital emergency room. He is survived by his wife, Elisabeth (Craig), sons David and Robert, 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

**DIED** - Mary A. (Peria) Beadnell, 72, Overbrook Road, Hague, on January 26 at Moses Ludington Hospital. Her husband, Thomas died before her. She is survived by two sons, Peter T. of Hudson Falls, and John M. of Waterloo, one daughter, Bethany McCarville, Coram, two brothers, three sisters and seven grandchildren.

Congratulations to **JESSICA FRASIER**, a sixth grader in the Ti Middle School who recently had her letter of opinion regarding length of political terms of office read on "Assignment The World," broadcast throughout the U.S. via PBS.

to **CAROLYN DYKSTRA**, on being selected as one of nine Ticonderoga Middle and High School Students whose work will be seen in the upcoming "Year of Secondary Art Exhibit." This exhibit will be held in the Legislative Office Building in Albany, NY and will run from March 18-22, 1991.

and to Hague students **TONY DE FRANCO** and **TIEAU GAUTREAU** for receiving honorary mention in Ticonderoga High School's 1991 American Legion Oratorical Contest which was held at THS on Jan. 15, 1991.

NEW ASSESSOR IN HAGUE

Mr. Harold LaRose has been on the job as sole assessor for the town of Hague since January 1. Mr. LaRose and his wife live in Glens Falls, N.Y. He served 22 1/2 years in the military - 4 1/2 with the Navy Air Corps during World War II and 18 years with the Army. He has four children and seven step-children and is the grandfather of five.

Mr. LaRose was the sole assessor for the town of

Queensbury and has a great deal of experience in his field. He will be in his Hague office in the Community Center Mondays through Thursdays from 9AM - 4PM and will be glad to answer any questions. Call him at 543-6161 for an appointment.

Mr. LaRose reminds the Hague senior citizens who are eligible for a property tax reduction to be sure to get their forms in prior to the first of March.

The town is looking for a parttime helper for Mr. LaRose. Computer literacy, knowledge of map reading and good math skills are a prerequisite. One may apply for this position at the town offices.

TI RESIDENTS DONATE LAND

Donald and Marjorie Delano, whose family have owned land along Lake George, including the summit of Cook Mt., recently donated 172 acres to the Lake George Basin Land Conservancy. "The Delanos resisted short-term economic gain in order to pass on what will become priceless, undeveloped open space to the next generation," Conservancy board member Dr. Dean Cook said. The Delanos donated the parcel because they wanted to protect it from development spreading from nearby areas.

VIGILS SLATED

The Community of Blessed Sacrament Church in Hague has invited people of all faiths to join in praying for peace in the Middle East each Friday at 7:30PM.

These prayer vigils will offer reflections from varied sources on the theme of peace as well as the unstructured quiet meditation periods. For information call 543-8828.

A support group will be formed in the near future for those who feel the impact of the war in that region. If interested, call the above number.

TI SCHOOL DISTRICT FACES BUDGET PROBLEMS

According to Dr. Robert Collins, superintendent of schools "this budget year will be the most difficult we have ever faced."

Dr. Collins hopes to schedule workshops dealing with specific areas, i.e. elementary, middle, and high schools, sports, transportation and maintenance. He expects to involve the public in these workshops, since their input is very important to developing a good budget. "We want as much dialogue as possible before we work on a final closure," Collins said.

Letters will go out to community embers and the workshops will begin in March.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH 1991

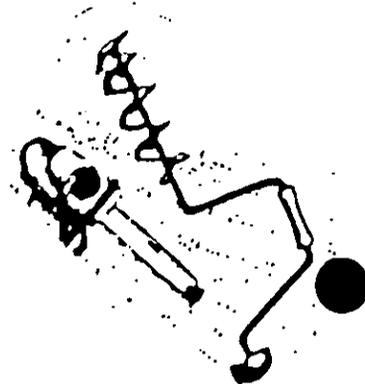
#### February

- 15 - 4PM - WINTER CARNIVAL begins with Torch Lighting ceremony at Town Park
- 15 - 7PM - Magician appears at the Community Center, followed by a youth dance from 8-11PM.
- 16 & 17- 7-11AM - Firemen's breakfast at Comm. Ctr.
- 16 - Full day of activities ending with dinner dance at Fish and Game Club
- 18 - PRESIDENTS' DAY ( holiday )
- 19 - Home Bureau - 10AM - Community Center
- 19 - Fish & Game Club meeting - 7:30PM at Clubhouse
- 20 - Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 21 - Carillon Garden Club meeting-11AM-Church of the Cross
- 22 - Washington's Birthday - Traditional
- 26 - Senior Citizens covered dish lunch - 12 noon Community Center (p2)
- 26 - Reval. inform. meeting - 7PM, Comm. Ctr (see p2)

- 28 - Planetarium Show - Ti Hi Sch. - 7:30PM (see p6)
- 28 - Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30PM

#### March

- 2 - Art Potter Show - 6:30PM (see p2)
- 4 - Fire Dept meeting - 7:30PM
- 5 - Home Bureau - 10AM - Community Center
- 6 - Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 6 - American Legion - 7:30PM
- 7 - Planning Board Meeting - 7:30PM
- 10 - THE HAGUE CHRONICLE deadline
- 11 - Planetarium Show - Ti Hi - 7:30PM (see p6)
- 12 - Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 17 - ST PATRICK'S DAY
- 19 - Home Bureau - 10AM - Community Center
- 20 - Senior Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 20 - School Board meeting - THS - 7:30PM
- Representative from Veterans' Adm. is in Community Center each Thursday at 11:30AM. Call first



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## HAGUE WINTER CARNIVAL

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