



COMMENTARY

Free Thanksgiving dinner offered

By Rep. Tom Saviello

Are you alone for Thanksgiving dinner? Are you shut in and can not get out for Thanksgiving dinner? Then I have an offer you cannot refuse.

On Thanksgiving Day between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. the 8th annual Thanksgiving dinner for greater Franklin County, sponsored by the Scottish Rite Masons, Augusta Valley, will be served at Mt. Blue High School.

Anyone desiring a meal delivered to their home should call Rufus or Charlene at 779-0641. The callers should provide their name, address, telephone number and how many meals are needed. The meal and delivery are FREE!

Volunteers are welcomed to call to see what they can do to help. Or they

can just show up at the high school at 7 a.m. Those that cannot make it to the high school can help by donating money or food or make a pie.

Last year there were over 400 participants. They helped prepare the meals, set up tables, serve dinner, deliver dinner and most importantly EAT DINNER! This year the sponsors and volunteers are hoping to serve more people. If you have any questions on how you can help, call Rufus and Charlene. An extra helping hand or pie can go a long way to making this dinner a continuing a success. This year we need additional turkeys cooked.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me either at 645-3420 or e-mail me at drtom16@hotmail.com

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is the scariest movie that you have ever watched?

By David Hart



Devin Rundlett, of Kingfield: "Haunting in Connecticut."



Alex LaRoche, of Kingfield: "Elmo's World."



Chris Corson, of Oakland: "Jaws."



Dan Flynn, of Wareham, Mass.: "Probably The Exorcist."



Terry Wilcox, of Avon: "Either The Exorcist or Dawn of the Dead."

The Frary Home Companion Fat pride —a huge diversity deficit?

By John Frary

This month's election of Chris Christie as governor of N.J. represents a kind of breakthrough and an important victory for Republicans in the intense diversity competition that has preoccupied our political masters for nearly a generation.

Mr. Christie is a man of impressive rotundity. Indeed, if you pasted a couple of iron crosses on his flanks he would resemble a German Zeppelin. The light-weight incumbent, in a desperate attempt to hold on to his job, tried to make an issue of Christie's ample contours in a TV ad. Governor Corzine denied involvement, of course, but in New Jersey a politician's denial is understood to be a confession of guilt. If Corzine hoped that his opponent would crash and burn like the Zeppelin Hindenburg he was seriously mistaken. The obesityans rallied around their own and swept him into office by a substantial margin.

Hard to understand how the Democrat's high-priced consultants could have made such a gross blunder. Haven't they been paying attention to the incessant chatter and hand-wringing about America's rising rates of obesity? Did they completely overlook the existence of this constantly expanding constituency?

Having donated large sums to the philanthropists who dispense beer to the thirsty multitude and labored for years at the dinner table to attain my present ample dimensions, I take a personal interest in broadening the representation of the Broad-beamed. My hope is that the new governor elect will mark the beginning of a new era Fairness to the Fat.

The plain fact, observable to all, is that political figures with Christie-like figures are disgracefully unrepresented in America's public life. Check out the present administration. Leaving aside Janet Napoletano, admittedly a bit of a dumpling, there is not a single cabinet member of real substance. How is that a cabinet that "looks like America?" —a pack of joggers and saladarians by the look of 'em.

The president, his advisors and the whole crowd of czars, czarinas, and commissars around him are not merely slim, they are ostentatiously slim, a

mob of obnoxious show-offs.

Consider the facts, facts plain to every student of history. It's been decades since the Senate had a member with the robust circumference of Homer Capehart (R-IN). Thomas Brackett Reed, Maine's greatest statesman and the most powerful Speaker in the history of the U.S. House of Representatives tipped the scales at 300-plus pounds.

And now the only member with enough heft to make a pair of scales pay serious attention is Jerrold Nadler (D-NY). Sure, the guy's practically circular, but it is laughable to compare him to a man of Reed's majestic stature. The man's a mere blob who looks as if he were poured into his suit and forgot to say "when." And word comes to me that he is a recurrent dieter, ashamed to stand shoulder to shoulder, belly to belly with his fellow trenchermen.

Grover Cleveland, the last Democratic president worth a damn, was nearly up to Reed's standard of corporeal majesty. Compare him with the current emaciated occupant of the Oval Office and compare the results of their respective administrations when all the results are in. There's going to be a lesson to be learned from the comparison, count on it.

William Howard Taft, the only president ever to get stuck in the White House bath-tub, did far less damage to the country than Bush father and son, both hyper-active athletes.

Proportional representation of the generously proportioned is not just a question of correcting a serious diversity deficit. It promises a return to more tranquil times. Shakespeare has Caesar give us sound advice:

"Let me have men about me that are fat, Sleek-headed men and such as sleep a-nights. Yond [Obama] is such a lean and hungry look; He thinks too much: such men are dangerous."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for helping decorate Kingfield

To the editor:

A big thank you to Bud Dunham and Jim Williamson for getting the Christmas trees and putting them up. Also, thank you to Bob Christen for donating the trees.

Anyone wishing to donate money to purchase the Christmas lights as well as fix a few of the electrical outlets can contact Diane Christen.

Diane Christen Kingfield