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#### **Owens says 2012 funding for new customs facility “unclear” Watertown Daily Times - August 24, 2011**

Construction of a new, larger port of entry facility on Wellesley Island — a \$173 million project that was included in the Obama administration’s proposed 2012 budget — is “unclear” at this point, according to Rep. William L. Owens. “It was included in the budget but it hasn’t been acted on yet. That has not gone through the appropriations process. We also have other issues; there are new rules in the House. Various appropriation bills now have limitations associated with them. So it’s unclear whether or not that’s going to get funded,” Mr. Owens, D-Plattsburgh, said Tuesday after a meeting with border officials on the island. The meeting was closed to the press, but Mr. Owens said the group discussed which areas U.S. Customs and Border Protection needs to focus its efforts on, how the congressman’s office can assist the customs agency and whether drones can be integrated into the process of strengthening border patrol, among other issues. For the past few years, Thousand Islands Bridge Authority officials have insisted that more inspection lanes were needed at the Wellesley Island crossing with increased security measures implemented since the 9-11 terrorist attacks. U.S. Customs has beefed up its Wellesley Island staff over the past year to keep all lanes open, but border backups still force Canadian visitors and U.S. citizens entering the country to wait as long as two hours on summer weekends. “Clearly, we are trying to make sure that we can get the border stations up to speed. We monitor the dwell times at the border crossings on a quarterly basis to try to make sure we’re not seeing spikes. You’re going to see some normal spikes, obviously, in the summertime with more traffic coming into the tourist area,” Mr. Owens said. “But we are monitoring that and we’re hoping to improve the processing and the physical facilities at as many of the border stations as we can in the district.” Mr. Owens, who also met with Alexandria town officials Tuesday, said his office hopes to help facilitate economic growth along the Route 12 corridor. “They’ve got some economic development that they’re looking at there. They are looking at potentially running a fresh water system to the development areas and we’re looking at ways we might be able to help to obtain some funding for that,” he said. Mr. Owens said the proposed \$140 million racino project at the Bonnie Castle Recreation Center, Route 12, also would benefit from the extension of the municipal water line. With the help of an entertainment/casino development company, the owners of Bonnie Castle Downs Inc. — Donald E. Cole and his son-in-law, Marc J. Fernandez, Baldwinsville — plan to transform the recreation center into an “upscale racino” with a harness-racing track, a 30,000-square-foot casino and a 125-room hotel. The partners recently applied for the eighth, and last remaining, harness-racing license available in New York state from the state’s Racing and Wagering Board, Mr. Fernandez said. However, when asked if he is in support of the proposed project, which is expected to create 400 full-time jobs in addition to 600 jobs during the construction, Mr. Owens said he would have to make that decision after the community and local officials have concluded whether it would benefit the people of Alexandria. “From my perspective, that’s something that the local folks have to make a decision about. If they decide that’s something that they want, then we’re going to support it,” Mr. Owens said. “Always in these projects you have people who have different opinions on those issues, and we want the local folks to make that decision by going through their appropriate processes — planning boards, zoning boards making those decisions. And if they come to the conclusion that this is a project that they’d like to have, then we want to support it.” The congressman also visited two Clayton venues, Coyote Moon Winery and the Clayton Rotary Club, as part of his tour of the north country Tuesday.

#### **OBPA to apply for federal funds to upgrade international bridge Watertown Daily Times – August 24, 2011**

The Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority intends to submit a grant application for the rehabilitation of the Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge. The application will be for the third round of funding through the

Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER program. TIGER was established through President Barack Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for infrastructure projects that have a significant impact on the nation, metropolitan area or region. The OBPA previously applied for \$27 million in funds for bridge rehabilitation in the first two rounds of TIGER appropriations in 2009 and 2010. The federal Department of Transportation rejected both requests. This year, Congress has authorized \$527 million for projects throughout the country on a competitive basis. "Our first two applications were for the bridge rehabilitation project and that continues to be our main focus," said John A. Rische, the Authority's director of commerce and industrial development. OBPA Executive Director Wade A. Davis said the authority isn't sure what its chances are of receiving the grant money, but there are other funding options open to it. "The bridge rehabilitation going forward will be a mosaic of funding sources," Mr. Davis said. The OBPA is renovating parts of the bridge. "The project that is going on right now was funded with state bonds," Mr. Rische said. "That's allowed us to replace the railings and the decking on the center span." "The project right now will be complete in mid-November," Mr. Davis said. The bridge, completed in 1960, is in need of rehabilitation to extend its functional life. "There's a significant amount of work that remains to be done," Mr. Davis said. "We have an unmet need of \$90 (million) to \$95 million to work on the bridge approaches." The previous applications were made with support from local, state and federal representatives. The authority expects their continued support. "This is a similar application process and the letters of support are still valid," Mr. Davis said. One supporter, Rep. William L. Owens, D-Plattsburgh, will stand behind the authority's application. "Infrastructure projects like this create jobs in the short term and the long term," said Sean R. Magers, Mr. Owens's spokesman. "The more we have infrastructure, the more people can move back and forth with ease and spend money here, and it makes the area more attractive to businesses." "I'd like to thank all the individuals, agencies, business and elected officials that have assisted us with their letters of support," Mr. Davis said. "It really goes to show just how critical this bridge is and that the \$2 billion of goods annually moving across the bridge is very significant to the region." Preliminary applications are due to the Department of Transportation by Oct. 3.

**Obama's \$1.1 million security bus draws attention, criticism**  
**Pittsburgh Post-Gazette – August 21, 2011**

The president coming to your hometown is one thing; his arrival in a monstrous shimmering black bus is another. The U.S. Secret Service's new \$1.1 million behemoth was almost as big an attraction as the president himself during his Midwest back roads tour last week. People pointed at it. Kids gaped at it. And just about everyone was curious about it. The bus has been in the works for years. In the past, the Secret Service leased buses for presidential travel, but had to retrofit them to add security measures and enhanced communications. Then the buses would have to be stripped again -- "at great expense," White House spokesman Jay Carney noted -- once they were no longer needed. Mr. Obama's bus sports large, impenetrable windows and flashing blue and red lights like a police cruiser. It was impossible to miss, especially as it roared down two-lane highways en route to small towns along the president's three-day tour. On Tuesday alone, the bus traveled 216 miles. It has also attracted another kind of attention: Republicans can't stop bringing up its cost, making the bus sound like a boondoggle. In the new age of austerity, a million-dollar bus is an irresistible target -- especially because it was built in Canada, rather than the U.S. "This is an outrage that the taxpayers of this country would have to foot the bill so that the campaigner-in-chief can run around in his Canadian bus and act as if he is interested in creating jobs in our country," Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus said. Other conservatives were snarkier. Dana Loesch, a tea party activist and CNN contributor, wrote on Twitter: "Nothing says, 'Let's tour America and talk about jobs!' [better] than a big, black, hearse mobile of doom." When the Secret Service decided to buy custom-made buses, it wanted a model made only by Quebec-based manufacturer Prevost, agency spokesman Ed Donovan said. "The vehicle had to support the weight of security and communication equipment that we had," he said in an interview. "Our understanding was that that was the only model that could do it." Mr. Donovan said the Secret Service ordering a custom-built bus gave the agency "a level of security that we couldn't achieve by doing it the other way." For a spring 2004 "Yes, America Can" campaign tour through the Midwest, President George W. Bush rode on a bus from the same Canadian manufacturer. Mr. Donovan said the Secret Service has been using buses since at least 1980, when the agency

provided one for President Ronald Reagan's travels. The Secret Service actually ordered two buses like the one Mr. Obama used last week. The other one is for the eventual Republican presidential nominee.

**Dutch man accused in bid to cross border with porn**  
**Buffalo News - August 26, 2011**

A Dutch man was arrested Wednesday after he allegedly crossed the Peace Bridge into Canada with child pornography, Niagara Regional Police report. Benjamin Slappendel, 23, of Dordrecht, Netherlands, was charged with importing child pornography and possession of child pornography. Slappendel was sent to secondary inspection after arriving on the Canadian side of the bridge. That's when authorities found the alleged child pornography and arrested him. He was held pending a bail hearing.

**Harper stirs controversy with military name change**  
**Buffalo News - August 21, 2011**

Canadians were thrilled when Prince William and Kate traveled across the country on their first official trip as a married couple. They barely noticed when their pro-monarchy Conservative prime minister appointed Prince Philip, Queen Elizabeth II's husband, an honorary admiral on his 90th birthday. But Prime Minister Stephen Harper's decision to restore the royal name to the Canadian armed forces and other recent moves to embrace the monarchy have raised hackles in this former British colony that has largely been indifferent to the fact that the queen remains the titular head of state. It's reflective of Harper's broader agenda to shift the country's ideological bearings from center-left to center-right - a project that lays greater stress on such traditional symbols as the monarchy, military, ice hockey and Arctic sovereignty. And there has been resistance to such moves in a traditionally liberal and increasingly diverse country. Last week's decision by Harper to restore the word "Royal" to Canada's air force and navy angered Canadian nationalists who say Harper is out of touch with modern-day Canada even though he received a stronger mandate by gaining a coveted parliamentary majority in May's elections. Former Defense Minister Paul Hellyer, who removed the royal labels from the armed forces in 1968 when he served in Liberal Prime Minister Lester Pearson's government, accused Harper of trying to turn back the clock to a day that doesn't exist anymore. "I'm incredulous," Hellyer said. "Canada should be for Canadians at this stage of our development and we should emphasize our achievements whether they be in the field of art or in the field of armed forces and no longer just try to be a pale imitation of somebody else." Hellyer, 88, said if they were still alive Pearson would be appalled and former Liberal Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau would "probably say something that wouldn't be printable." But the current defense minister, Peter MacKay, defended restoring the royal connection as correcting a 43-year-old mistake. He said veterans' groups actively lobbied Harper's government to restore the former navy and air force names. "It's a recognition of historic ties to England that simply exist. It's a historic fact," MacKay said. Retired Lt. Gen. Angus Watt, a former chief of the air force, said the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Royal Canadian Navy were once special names under which men and women fought and died during World War II and the Korean War. He said Harper's name restoration is simply a matter of recognizing the great pride the military took in those names. "It's just a nice thing to do that really doesn't cost very much. It doesn't change any command relationships, it doesn't alter the operational complexion of the Canadian Forces," Watt said. "It gives men and women in uniform and those who are retired a little bit of a pat on the back that we not only treasure their service but those that went before them." Decades have passed since Canadians abandoned the British Union Jack for the Maple Leaf flag and replaced "God Save the Queen" with "O Canada" as the national anthem. But Harper's Conservatives represent the most pro-monarchy Canadian government since the 1950s, and the prime minister's ambition is to foster a national identity that is more conservative and more aware of its historical roots. Gerry Nicholls, who worked under Harper at a conservative think tank, said the prime minister's long-term goal is to kill the widely entrenched notion that the Liberal Party is the natural party of government in Canada. The Liberals made Canadian independence and autonomy from Britain a key message since World War II - particularly Trudeau's government in the 1970s which fostered pride in Canadian nationalism. "He's trying to roll back the Trudeau revolution," Nicholls said. "Trudeau did a lot of things that upset traditional minded Canadians, introducing more socialism, making government bigger and going after traditions like the military and the monarchy."

Pearson's Liberals removed the royal label from the military in 1968 when Hellyer controversially melded the navy, army and air force under a single command called the Canadian Forces. The Royal Canadian Navy became Maritime Command, the Royal Canadian Air Force became Air Command and the Canadian Army became Land Force Command. The changes led to resignations and caused a severe blow to morale. Military personnel from all three branches were forced to wear the same green uniform. "Paul Hellyer completely stomped on the history and heritage," Watt said. "Everybody hated those green uniforms. The air force and the navy in particular absolutely hated it. Hellyer went too far. He put green uniforms on the navy." Former Conservative Prime Minister Brian Mulroney reversed the single uniform in the 1980s but the traditional names of the navy, air force and army were not reinstated until this week. MacKay said the old names will be restored to the three military branches, resulting in some changes to uniforms, such as the addition of the letter "R" to navy and air force shoulder patches. He said new letterheads and other symbols will be phased in. In Britain, Joe Little, managing editor of Majesty magazine, said there has hardly been any coverage of Canada's military name changes in the U.K., but noted that the Daily Telegraph attributed the move to a renewed interest in the monarchy in Canada following William and Kate's wedding and their highly successful tour last month. Hugo Vickers, a royal historian in London, thinks it's great that Canada wants to be more closely linked with the monarchy. "The one thing that Canada really has over the United States is the queen, and if you didn't have the queen or the monarchy there would be a possibility that Canada would almost be a sub-state of America, that it would lose its identity," Vickers said. But the military name changes have not gone over well with Canadian nationalists, French-speaking Quebecers with long-standing resentment of the British crown, and new citizens of diverse ethnic backgrounds. Military historian Jack Granatstein, who supports Harper on most issues but believes Canada should have its own distinctive identity, called the move regressive. "Canada is not British anymore," he said. In Quebec, Yves-Francois Blanchet, a separatist Parti Quebecois member in the provincial assembly, said it shows that Harper's Conservative government doesn't care about Quebec. "They believe they don't need us," Blanchet said. "It's a lack of consideration, a lack of respect. They simply don't care about how we feel. Maybe they are just more honest than others." Ameya Pendse, 18, of Toronto, a member of the anti-monarchy group Citizens for a Canadian Republic, said many new Canadians taking the oath of citizenship wonder why they are pledging allegiance to the British queen rather than to Canada. Pendse, who was born in the U.S. to Indian parents and is now a Canadian citizen, said Harper is pushing his luck with the recent changes. "It's totally gone too far now. Canadians are noticing. They are overdoing it," he said.

**Jack Layton / Canada opposition chief battled cancer while leading New Democrats - July 18, 1950 - Aug. 22, 2011**

**Pittsburgh Post-Gazette - August 23, 2011**

Jack Layton, a folksy and charismatic political leader who guided his party to become the dominant opposition group in Canada's Parliament while battling severe health problems, died Monday of cancer. He was 61. Mr. Layton hobbled through the campaign earlier this year as he recovered from a broken hip and prostate cancer. Under his upbeat leadership the leftist New Democrats outpolled the Liberals and became the official opposition party for the first time in their 50-year history. The New Democratic Party issued a statement saying Mr. Layton died peacefully Monday morning at his Toronto home, surrounded by family and loved ones. Only weeks ago, a gaunt Mr. Layton shocked Canadians when he held a news conference to announce he was fighting a second bout of cancer. The spring campaign started out looking like a straight battle between Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the Liberals' Michael Ignatieff, with Mr. Layton recovering from prostate cancer and a broken hip. But Mr. Layton's party scored its historic win by garnering 103 seats in the May federal election, up from a previous 37. Mr. Layton's cheerful message, his strong performance in the debates, and his popularity in the French-speaking province of Quebec went over well with voters. He once was voted the politician Canadians would most want to have a beer with. He was a native of Montreal, and a photo of him wearing a Montreal Canadiens hockey jersey and pouring a beer during the hockey playoffs went viral in Quebec. But Mr. Harper's Conservative government won a coveted majority government in part because the left-center vote in Canada split between the Liberals and New Democrats. Mr. Harper said he was deeply saddened by Mr. Layton's death. Mr. Harper, who sometimes plays the piano and sings, said he regretted not getting a chance to "jam" with Mr. Layton, who played the guitar, piano, harmonica and accordion. Canadians

left flowers and cards at the eternal flame on Parliament Hill, where the flag on the peace tower was lowered to half-staff. Anne McGrath, Mr. Layton's chief of staff, said the government will hold a state funeral for Mr. Layton in Toronto on Saturday. Mr. Layton announced in February 2010 that he had been battling prostate cancer but he continued a crowded schedule while getting treatment. Mr. Layton came from a political family. He was the son of a former federal Progressive Conservative Cabinet minister and the grandson of a prominent provincial politician in Quebec. He had said that although his father was a conservative, he truly cared about those less well off. Mr. Layton was a career politician, a former longtime city councilor known to work tirelessly on behalf of the poor and homeless. He was also an early advocate for HIV and AIDS patients. He ran for mayor in Toronto and lost in 1991 after being criticized for living in subsidized housing and for opposing Toronto's ultimately failed bid for the 1996 Summer Olympics.

### **Export initiative can help local companies Plattsburgh Press Republican - August 24, 2011**

The National Export Initiative has a goal to double U.S. exports in five years. At a recent Export and Investment roundtable at the North Country Chamber of Commerce, Peter Perez, deputy assistant secretary for manufacturing for the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration, provided details on the initiative, which took effect in March 2010. Perez said 95 percent of consumers worldwide live outside the United States. They remain a largely untapped market, he said, as only 1 percent of U.S. companies export and most of those do so to only Canada or Mexico. In 2009, exports made up 11 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product, he said. That compared with 25 percent in China, 27 percent in Canada and 41 percent in Germany. "This suggests we've got some work to do," Perez said.

**EXPORT INCREASES** - The initiative aims to improve trade advocacy and export promotion. Perez said the government wants foreign consumers to buy U.S.-manufactured products. It also intends to increase access to credit through the Small Business Administration and the Export-Import Bank, remove barriers to the sale of U.S. goods and services abroad, robustly enforce U.S. trade regulations, and pursue policies that support strong, substantial and balanced growth. Perez said that to double exports during the five-year period, exports need to increase by about 14 percent annually. In 2010, exports increased 17 percent to \$1.83 trillion, 12.5 percent of the gross domestic product. In the first 6 months of 2011, exports increased 15.8 percent. Perez said recent turmoil in the financial markets may drop that figure in the near future.

**SOME FIRMS RESHORED** - The International Trade Administration conducted 35 trade missions worldwide last year. It also arranged for 13,000 foreign buyers to visit the United States for trade shows, which resulted in \$535 million in export success. Perez also talked about the Commerce Department's SelectUSA program, created by a Presidential Executive Order in June. He described it as a one-stop shop for those who want to invest in U.S. companies. The site, [www.selectusa.commerce.gov](http://www.selectusa.commerce.gov), provides foreign and domestic businesses and economic-development agencies a searchable guide of federal programs and services available to businesses that operate in the United States. That includes information on grants, loans, loan guarantees and tax incentives. It also provides information about the advantages of operating a business in the United States. Perez said a number of firms are starting to "reshore" their operations, bringing manufacturing back to the United States. He said rising fuel and transportation costs, workforce and quality-control issues have led companies such as Caterpillar and General Electric to build new plants in America.

**'LOOK FOR EXPORTS'** - The roundtable was attended by 17 members of the local business community. Polled by Perez, five of them said they feel better about their business than they did last year, three planned to add employees and 10 intended to increase their capital investments. U.S. Rep. Bill Owens took part in the roundtable. "My belief is if we're going to look for jobs, we're going to need to look to exports," he said. Owens said he participated in seminars that started 25 years ago to bring Canadian businesspeople to town and show them the various forms of assistance that were available. While the area wants to continue those efforts, the recent roundtable aimed to show how they can now export their products back to Canada and around the world. Owens said he sees future expansion in markets in Southeast Asia. "I see no reason Canadian and U.S. companies should not look" at those markets, he said.

**STILL IN PLACE** - Perez asked attendees what keeps them awake at night. Imperial Industrial Park Manager David Bray said he is concerned about free-trade agreements and the effect on U.S.-content provisions that are

an important reason numerous companies have opened locations in the Plattsburgh area. Owens said most of those provisions are built into state municipal purchasing provisions. He said there was a recent accord between the United State and Canada that keeps U.S.-content provisions in place.

**Large Canadian grain company to use port this fall**  
**Watertown Daily Times – August 23, 2011**

A new customer has agreed to use the Port of Ogdensburg's shipping and storage facilities. "We're happy to say that Richardson International will be using the port," said Wade A. Davis, executive director of the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority, which owns and operates the port. Tracey L. Thompson, Richardson International director of corporate communications, said the company will start renting space at the port this fall. The 50-year-old company is Canada's largest privately owned agribusiness. At the Aug. 3 meeting of the authority's board of directors, John A. Rishe, director of commercial and industrial development, said the company will bring corn and soybeans through the port. Ms. Thompson said though this is the first time her company has used the port, Richardson International is not new to the area. "We've been doing a lot of business in New England states in terms of exporting and importing grains and cereals," she said. "We already have customers and suppliers in Western New York, and this will allow us to better serve them." She also said the company hopes to use its space in Ogdensburg to expand business in the north country. Mr. Davis said the company will store up to 4,000 tons of grains and cereals at the port. "We'll use that port to take delivery of the grain and move it through the Seaway to export areas along the St. Lawrence River," Ms. Thompson said. "It allows us to be closer to any grain we might source from there and our Northern New York customers." Richardson International has port terminals in Hamilton, Ontario, and Sorel-Tracy, Quebec, but none in the U.S. "This will give us a presence and a base on the U.S. side of the river," Ms. Thompson said. "This will ideally help us increase our level of business."

**Honoring 200 years of friendship**  
**Buffalo News - August 21, 2011**

Strolling through Falkner Park on a recent sunny afternoon with her two young children in tow, Youngstown resident Christine Connolly expressed her admiration and appreciation for the recently established United States 1812 Bicentennial Art of Peace Garden. "I think this is beautiful," she said, glancing at the carefully tended roses, bee balm, coneflowers and dozens of other blooming plants in the Main Street park. "This is a wonderful addition to the park," Connolly said. "The peace garden honors those who gave their lives for this country, while also recognizing our peacekeeping initiatives, as well." The handful of ambitious women who created this colorful, yet purposeful, garden would agree. Gaylynn Long, Karen Noonan, Gretchen Duling, Ann Johnston, Janice Bush, Kathy Mahtook and Nancy Greulich took Tracy Lloyd's design and planted a beautiful, three-part garden along the red-brick pathway in the southeastern corner of this popular village park across the street from the Niagara River. The group of eight Youngstown residents took the seeds of an idea from Arlene White of the Binational Economic and Tourism Alliance and, with the blessings of the Youngstown Village Board, began planting the garden in June. The garden was dedicated Saturday in a ceremony drawing dignitaries from both sides of the border. This was fitting, as the goal is to create a cross-border Bicentennial Art of Peace Garden Trail commemorating 200 years of peace since the War of 1812, marking historic sites throughout the Niagara Frontier territory, and eventually, the entire southern Great Lakes. The gesture honors the legacy of friendship between the United States and Canada—which share the longest undefended border in the world. "We are all really pleased with this garden," said Long. "We are enjoying the bounty of the flowers now." Added Duling, one of her fellow gardeners, "We are commemorating 200 years of peace and this is very symbolic. I drive by the garden all of the time, and I usually see someone sitting on the bench, enjoying the garden. It gives you a quiet feeling. It's unique." Youngstown's garden is the fourth such garden established on the American side of the trail, which also includes three launched last year, including those planted behind the Little Yellow House on Center Street in Lewiston; at Niagara University; and at the corner of Dearborn and Hamilton streets in Buffalo's Black Rock section. The Canadian side of the trail includes two gardens dedicated last year: in Grimsby and Amherstburg, Ont. The dedication ceremony for the fifth U. S. 1812 Bicentennial Peace Garden

and “Carvings for a Cause” historic figures Gen. Albert Myer and Buffalo Mayor Ebenezer Walden takes place at 2 p. m. today at the Hull Family Home and Farmstead, 5976 Genesee St., Lancaster. White, who serves as peace garden project coordinator for the Binational Economic and Tourism Alliance, said, “Our goal is to have 30 peace gardens on each side of the border by June of 2012. Then, we will truly have created a Peace Garden Trail.” The Peace Garden Trail project links arts, cultural, heritage, tourism, community and business sectors on both sides of the border, and is promoted by the tourism alliance and the Niagara 1812 Bicentennial Legacy Council. It is modeled on the International Peace Garden concept that originated in Canada in 1990. White said the idea for an 1812 peace garden trail was first formed during brainstorming sessions with arts councils in Buffalo, and in Hamilton and St. Catharines, Ont. “We wanted to bring in arts and culture for the young and old to tell a different story and focus on the 200 years of peace,” she recalled. “And rather than create simple gardens, we wanted to create spaces for cultural events, as well. The gardens are sanctuaries, but also places of celebration, and this isn’t meant to end in 2014 [with the conclusion of the commemoration of the War of 1812]. This is a catalyst to continue the peace theme.” White also spoke of the potential of garden tourism. “We want a variety of gardens on this trail,” she said. “Each one tells a different story and that is what has linked our heritage trails. There is awareness-raising on many different levels.” And, in drawing visitors to the gardens to honor local history, a community may “really turn this into an economic development project,” White said. “This is very, very exciting.” White explained that while there are strict overall guidelines, the development of each garden “is very organic, very local, we don’t dictate the design — it’s whatever is authentic and important to you.” And community partners involved in the project not only design and create the gardens, but they vow to maintain and promote local cultural events planned for the garden sites in the future. White said the binational organization serves to raise sponsorships and partnerships on a higher level for small communities involved in the project. “They do not pay us to be partners in this,” she said. “But we work to connect the gardens with resources, and we will provide signage and promotions and some major programming at these gardens. For instance, we’re looking at creating sort of a traveling road show for the trail, involving theater, poetry, musicians creating 1812 music or artists dealing in that milieu. The gardens could choose what they want to showcase locally.” The first event planned for Youngstown’s 1812 Bicentennial Art of Peace Garden is set for 6 p. m. Sept. 16, when musician, historian and re-enactor Raya Lee presents a multigenerational, multimedia program titled “1812 — Who? What? When? Where? Why?” The event is free, and families are encouraged to attend. It is sponsored by the Village of Youngstown. Long said her group has not received any outside funding to help finance the project and instead has relied on the sale of personalized bricks (donated by Youngstown resident Rick Lohr), placed along the three pathways leading to the garden. The organization is selling the bricks once again, and application forms may be found at Youngstown Village Hall and businesses in the community. She said the group also created and sold floral arrangements during last December’s Youngstown Christmas celebration to help finance the project. Organizers view the establishment and continued maintenance of the garden as a “very collaborative” effort, according to Duling. “We each have a day of the week to water (and weed), and things have just worked like clock work,” she said. “Someone is there every day because we want it to be just as nice as it can be.”

**Many ways to enjoy nature in Montreal**  
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The full bloom is on. Montreal boasts a bounty of gorgeous gardens and urban-style public places. Here's where to take some inspiration in Montreal's great outdoors.

PARC LAFONTAINE - Located in the heart of Montreal's Plateau, Parc Lafontaine provides plenty of picnic tables, playgrounds, soccer fields, softball diamonds, tennis court rentals — available for a nominal fee (bring your own racket) — and impromptu jam sessions (bring your own guitar). The space also features prominent public art and two man-made ponds where sunbathers are never far away on a hot summer day. It's quite a people-watching show. New this season, the park inaugurated Espace La Fontaine, a much-needed makeover to its neglected pavilion, which now combines an art gallery and spiffy new bistro. Parc Lafontaine is bordered by Sherbrooke and Rachel streets, and Papineau and Parc Lafontaine avenues. Visit [www.espacelafontaine.com](http://www.espacelafontaine.com) for more.

**MOUNT ROYAL PARK** - Mount Royal Park, the mountain for which the city was named, provides four-season respite for urban dwellers and visitors alike. The park was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, the landscape architect who also designed New York's Central Park. A short walk to the belvedere offers excellent views of Montreal's downtown and beyond. The city's green gem also offers special activities all year long. Pedal-boat rentals are available on Beaver Lake through Sept. 5 for a fee of \$8 for 30 minutes. A guided walk, "From the Mountain to the River," offers a day-long walk in the Mount Royal woods complete with geographic insight between Mount Royal and the St. Lawrence River. They are held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 25 and Oct. 9 for a fee of \$15. The walk departs from Maison Smith inside the park and winds up in Montreal's Old Port (wear comfortable walking shoes). Reservations are required at (514) 843-8240, Ext. 0. Photography buffs can capture their favorite photos of the park and enter them in "The Mountain in Images" contest. Contest categories include works of public art and buildings; activities and pastimes; fauna of Mount Royal; trees and forests; and light. The deadline is Sept. 17. Contest details are available online. Mount Royal Park is easily accessed at Chemin Remembrance near the corner of Mount Royal Avenue and Avenue du Parc.

**BOTANICAL GARDEN** - Happy Hour is even better when surrounded by nature and Jazz, French songs and world music. It's your last summer chance to enjoy Montreal Botanical Garden's "4 to 8 Cocktail Time" on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through Aug. 27. Tasty tapas are served. Admission is free at the garden patio. Drinks, tapas and admission to the garden costs extra. The Japanese Garden and Pavilion also hosts a number of activities including free tastings of Japanese-style home cooking at 2 p.m. Aug. 28. A tea ceremony is held from 1:30 and 3 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 5. The cost is \$6 for participants and \$3 for observers. The Montreal Bonsai and Penjing Society hosts ongoing creating bonsai demonstrations from 1:30 to 4 p.m. on Sundays. The Montreal Botanical Garden is at 4101 Sherbrooke St. E. Admission costs \$16.50 for adults, \$12.50 for seniors and student, \$8.25 for children 5 to 17 and \$2.50 for children 2 to 4. Call (514) 872-1400 or visit [www.ville.montreal.qc.ca/jardin](http://www.ville.montreal.qc.ca/jardin) for details.

**GOVERNOR'S GARDEN** - The Governor's Garden at Chateau Ramezay reflects a typical working city garden circa the 18th century. The garden features a kitchen garden teaming with rhubarb, white cabbage and Jerusalem artichoke; a small apple and pear tree orchard; and a pleasure garden of yarrow, carnation and sunflower. Upcoming activities in the garden include a free traditional soap-making workshop Aug. 28 where visitors can learn how to make natural soap infused with goat's milk, olive oil and beeswax. The free fall-family activity is "Pick a Peck of Pumpkins" where squash and gourds reign from Sept. 17 through Nov. 6. Garden access and activities are free. In case of bad weather, the activities take place inside the museum at 280 Notre Dame St. E, and admission fees apply. Call (514) 861-3708 or visit [www.chateauramezay.qc.ca](http://www.chateauramezay.qc.ca) for further information.

**MAISON ST. GABRIEL** - A similar New France-style garden can be discovered at Maison St. Gabriel, which soon celebrates its Harvest Festival, day-long special events held from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 4. Events include a concert of traditional New France music, a harvest blessing, an old-time auction and demonstrations by the Olde 78th Fraser Highlanders. Maison St. Gabriel is located at 2146 Place Dublin in Pointe St. Charles. Admission is \$15 a person or \$25 for a family for a day. Call (514) 935-8136 or visit [www.maisonsaint-gabriel.qc.ca](http://www.maisonsaint-gabriel.qc.ca) for details.

**ST. JOSEPH ORATORY** - Finally, a tour of the St. Joseph Oratory always provides a reverential visit. But summer is the best time to stroll the oratory's Gardens of the Way of the Cross. Here, landscaped flowerbeds, a shaded winding pathway, a tranquil reflecting pool and 17 Indiana limestone sculptures depicting the Passion of the Christ highlight this serene visit. Admission is free. The garden is open 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Sept. 5 at 3800 chemin Queen Mary. Call (514) 733-8211 or visit [www.saint-joseph.org](http://www.saint-joseph.org) for more information.

**Author uses 13-year-old to re-create War of 1812**  
**Buffalo News - August 21, 2011**

Inspired by the beautiful Niagara River, which she tries to visit every day in all seasons, local author Norah A. Perez has created a gripping and timely tale for young adults titled, "River Burning, a Novel of the War of 1812." The slim paperback views the confounding war through the eyes of 13-year-old Delaware "Dell" Hawkins, a resourceful frontier girl living with her father on the Niagara River between Youngstown and Lewiston. Dell witnesses the burning of the Niagara Frontier in December 1813 as a revenge attack by the

British and their Mohawk allies. Drawing on actual events, Perez brings local history to life with engaging snippets gleaned from real letters and diaries. Perez, a genteel and engaging grandmother of three, was born and raised in Ontario and has lived in the United States since attending St. Lawrence University, where she met her future husband, Louis Perez. The couple raised three children while living in Youngstown for more than 40 years before moving to the Village of Lewiston nearly a decade ago. Perez started her writing career focusing on adult fiction, winning an international short-story contest at age 16. She continued to write for adults, including television scripts for the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. and Alfred Hitchcock on American television. But she found her niche when her three children were young and she won the prestigious Little Brown Canadian Children's Book Award for "Strange Summer in Stratford," a young adult mystery involving the Shakespeare Festival Theatre in Ontario. Three of Perez's award-winning young adult books have been widely used in school curriculums throughout the United States: "The Slopes of War," focusing on the Battle at Gettysburg; "Breaker," about a boy working in the Pennsylvania coal mines and the strike of 1902; and "One Special Year," a fictionalized account of Youngstown in the year 1900. "River Burning," Perez' sixth young adult fiction work, was published by the Historical Association of Lewiston in anticipation of the commemoration of the War of 1812.

How did the idea for this book originate? - I actually wrote this book about 10 years ago. I was living in Youngstown. I'm a walker, and I'd walk to the river each day, and the reflection of the sun on the water gave me the image of the river on fire. I could see Niagara-on-the-Lake right across the Niagara River so clearly, and I realized the people here could see the burning of Newark [now Niagara-on-the-Lake] in the War of 1812. I soaked up the local history and wrote the book, but no publisher was interested in the War of 1812 then. But 10 years passed, and it happened that Diane Finkbeiner of the Historical Association of Lewiston asked me to write a story about the War of 1812, and I said, "I already wrote one!" The Historical Association published it.

What is it like to write historical fiction for young adults? - My father [Leslie McFarlane] wrote and directed documentary films, and I loved them because they were about something real. I like writing about things that really happened — are really true — but I can fictionalize them. When I write for young adults, I'm not writing down to them, so that adults seem to enjoy the books, too. Ten years ago, when I was doing the research for "River Burning," I was just getting into computers, so there was no online research then, just general reading. I read firsthand accounts and letters to give me little details to weave into the story. I did research at Old Fort Niagara, the libraries and the historical associations. During the war, they [the British] burned the whole Niagara Frontier, and many settlers escaped this area by traveling down Ridge Road. Many ended up in Batavia — some of them walking. The people of Batavia took in many settlers and wounded soldiers. I visited Batavia for research for this book, and they have a very nice museum there, but many don't know this story, and it's nice to be able to give the people of Batavia credit for their help in this war. And an important part of all of this is the peace that we have enjoyed for the past 200 years with Canada. The War of 1812 was very confusing, with a lot of meandering around, but the end result was very positive. The river that divided us unites us.

How did the process of publishing this book differ from the publication of your earlier books? - This was my first experience with digital publishing. I worked with a publisher in Buffalo [Digital@batesjackson], and I've enjoyed the process and am pleased with the results. We already sold out our first printing [of 250 copies] and are in the second printing. They can do it so quickly! It would take at least a year to produce a book with the old process, and you had little control.

What is your writing process like? - I always write a complete novel without any input from anyone, and it gives me a certain freedom. Some of these books can literally take years to write. I know some writers who send an idea to a publishing house and then maybe an outline, but with an assignment, there are certain restrictions — you need to write to please an editor. I write about something I'm just fascinated with, and I don't want to be influenced by anyone's opinions. Some editors just love your work, and others are indifferent to it, and it's a matter of getting it into the right hands. It's kind of a rough situation, but you're doing what you want to do.

Who is the first person to read your work? - The first person to read my finished work is my lifelong agent, Al Hart. He'll say, "I'll send it here or I'll send it there." I trust him. He's a true professional and very discerning. My husband and children read my books after they've been published.

Are you working on anything right now? - I am writing my memoirs right now. I had really wonderful parents. My father was a writer and director, and my mother was the survivor — living with a freelance situation,

especially during the Depression. This is a love story to both of them, and I've been working on it several years now, because it brings up all of the details of the past.

Please tell me more about your literary family. - My father, Leslie McFarlane, was very prolific. He wrote the first 20 Hardy Boys books as a freelancer — he had no regular paychecks during the Depression [the books were written by ghostwriters, all under a pseudonym]. No one knew my father was writing these books — we were all sworn to secrecy. I don't think as a child reading the Hardy Boys, which I loved, that I even made the connection between the books and the man down the hall writing these books. My father considered it hack work, really, but he enlarged the characters and added humor and always did such a professional job. In fact, [McFarlane's name was not revealed] until the 1970s when a reporter wanted to find out who really wrote the Hardy Boys books. My father was astounded to learn just how popular those books were — he never received any royalties. He was just such a professional, and he did such other fine, literary work. My father also wrote for radio and then went to work for the National Film Board of Canada, and that was a big part of our childhood because he wrote and directed about 70 documentary films and traveled all over for this work. He also later wrote for television. He was very professional and adapted to change. And my brother, Brian McFarlane, was quite a famous sportscaster for Canadian Broadcasting Corp. — he was on "Hockey Night in Canada" for many years. He is retired from broadcasting but is still writing.

Where is your book available locally for purchase? - The Book Corner in Niagara Falls, DiCamillo's Bakery in Lewiston, Canterbury Place in Lewiston, the Lewiston Historical Museum, Bob's Olde Books and Barton Hill Hotel and Spa.

### **Top EPA official embraces NY's controversial ballast water rules North Country Public Radio – August 23, 2011**

For the first time, a top official with the US Environmental Protection Agency has publicly embraced New York's tough new ballast water rules. Those regulations, scheduled to go into effect next year, are designed to stop invasions of non-native animals and plants, like zebra mussels and the spiny water flea. Industry groups, members of congress and some Federal officials are pushing back hard, arguing that the regulations set standards that can't be met by existing technology. They want New York's rules scrapped. And they're lobbying the EPA to create national ballast water guidelines that are far less strict. But as Brian Mann reports, the top EPA administrator in New York says new regulations should push the shipping industry to do more to help stop invasives. For months, New York's department of environmental conservation has been hammered by members of commerce and by Federal officials. Critics say New York's ballast water rules – designed to stop invasive species – would shut down commerce in the state's waterways and pinch off shipping access to the Great Lakes. Collister Johnson, who heads the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, spoke with North Country Public Radio earlier this summer. "It is a great concern to the Seaway because it would shut down the Seaway," Johnson said. "It is a great concern to the port of New York and New Jersey because it would shut them down." But during an in-depth interview with NCPR, the Environmental Protection Agency's top administrator for New York and New Jersey praised New York state's ballast water regulations. Judith Enck spoke while on a visit to Paul Smith's College in the Adirondacks. "We've learned a lot from the New York regulations," Enck said. "I really applaud the New York state department of environmental conservation for sticking with the regulations that they have." Those regulations – which haven't yet gone into effect – require every ship passing through New York state waters – from New York harbor to the St. Lawrence Seaway – to install a small wastewater treatment plant in their ballast water tanks. James Tierney is assistant commissioner for water quality with New York's Conservation Department. "You have to put equipment on your ship that kills animals, bacteria, viruses, crustaceans, that might be carried in ballast water," he argued. Opponents of the policy, including Republican congressman Steve LaTourette from Ohio, say that kind of hardware isn't even available yet. "If New York is permitted to go ahead with standards that can't be met by any technology that exists today, you're going to shut down commerce on the Great Lakes." But the EPA's Judith Enck – who helped develop New York state's ballast rules when she served in the Spitzer administration – says the regulations are designed to spur development of new technologies. "If you look at the history of environmental regulation over the last forty years, there have been regulations where companies have said, 'We just don't have the technology to achieve these numbers.' And it has driven innovation and over time dramatic reductions in pollution. Just like

we have seen that with the Clean Air Act, we will see that on the issue of ballast water." The EPA and the Coast Guard are currently developing their own new national guidelines for ballast water and it's unclear how stringent those will be. Industry groups say the current ballast purging method used by ships before they enter New York waters is adequate. But Enck says the industry should expect to do more. "I think the DEC regs are a really fine example of the need for the industry to invest in innovative technologies to deal with this problem. The status quo is not acceptable. We are going to lose major bodies of water because of invasive species that are brought in from distant locations." The EPA's ballast water rules are expected to be unveiled in November.

### **3.4-magnitude quake recorded in northern NY** **Utica Observer – August 25, 2011**

The U.S. Geological Survey says a 3.4-magnitude earthquake has been recorded on the northern edge of New York's Adirondack Park, near the Canadian border. The USGS says the quake occurred at 1:14 p.m. Wednesday at a depth of 3 miles, with the epicenter near the sparsely populated town of Brandon, about 10 miles south of the Canadian border. The Franklin County Sheriff's Department says there were no reports of damage. A quake of magnitude 2.5 to 3 is the smallest usually felt by people. A 4-magnitude quake can cause moderate damage. The quake was detected by the Lamont-Doherty Cooperative Seismographic Network, which has 40 seismographic stations in New York and six other eastern states. The quake came a day after a 5.8-magnitude earthquake shook the East Coast from Georgia to Canada.

## **B. Border Communications**

### **Woodrow Wilson Center – Canada Institute: Keystone XL in the National Interest?**

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The proposed Keystone XL (KXL) pipeline would bring an estimated 700,000 barrels per day of oil from Alberta to U.S. delivery points of Cushing, Oklahoma, and the U.S. Gulf Coast. Up to 25 percent of the pipeline's proposed capacity would be from crude produced on-shore in North Dakota, Montana, and Oklahoma.

While Canada has already approved KXL, the pipeline's construction continues to be hotly debated in the United States. The U.S. Department of State has promised a final decision on the fate of KXL before the end of the calendar year, and is now entering the final National Interest Determination (NID) phase of its permitting process.

Panelists will address the importance of KXL to future U.S. energy security; the economic benefits that can be expected from the project; how many jobs will be created by the construction and subsequent maintenance and use of the pipeline; the effect State's decision might have on Canada U.S. relations; whether the pipeline will affect U.S. gasoline prices; and pipeline integrity issues.

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**Paul Sullivan**, Professor, NDU and Georgetown

**Lucian Pugliesi**, President, Energy Policy Research Foundation

**Luiza Savage**, Maclean's Magazine (moderator)

#### **Panel Two: Assessing the Economic Impact of Keystone XL**

Jon Rozhon, Senior Researcher, Canadian Energy Research Institute

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## NEXUS Grows at Peace Bridge

August 24, 2011

BUFFALO, NY/FORT ERIE, ON – Today the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority (Peace Bridge Authority) announced that overall NEXUS program conveyances are up more than **seven percent** at the Peace Bridge for the first half of 2011, as compared to the same time period one year earlier. Travelers registered over 21,000 additional conveyances at the crossing between January 2011 and June 2011, for a total tally of roughly 314,000 conveyances.

"The NEXUS program at the Peace Bridge continues to gain popularity while expediting the border crossing experience for our participating customers," said **Authority Chairman Anthony Annunziata**. "With the addition of a second peak NEXUS lane for Canada-bound travelers and extended program hours following all Buffalo Sabres home games, the Authority and our partners at Customs are committed to getting the most out of this valuable trusted traveler initiative."

The NEXUS program expedites the border clearance process for low-risk, pre-approved travelers into Canada and the United States. Membership saves travelers time by allowing the use of dedicated Customs inspection lanes at select border crossings – like the Peace Bridge – while complying with all Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) requirements that went into effect June 1, 2009.

"As our soon-to-be-issued cross-border travel issues report suggests, strong participation in trusted-traveler programs like NEXUS is no longer just for those who live in the binational region. NEXUS remains the best form of identification for residents and business travelers in Upstate New York and Southern Ontario, and directly contributes to the long-term growth of our interdependent economies," said **Binational Economic & Tourism Alliance Executive Director Arlene White**. "By enrolling as a trusted traveler, area residents, businesses, commuters and tourists from the Central Great Lakes region and beyond have the ability to eliminate uncertainties at the border and can easily access the great leisure and commercial opportunities our region offers."

The NEXUS program was first piloted in the year 2000 and reached widespread implementation just three years later. This initiative now includes over 550,000 trusted traveler enrollees throughout North America.

"It's exciting to see so many Canadian visitors crossing the border to experience Buffalo's culture, shopping, dining, festivals and sports," said **Visit Buffalo Niagara President & CEO Dottie Gallagher-Cohen**. "More and more travelers are beginning to realize the benefits of the NEXUS program, which allows our guests to reach their U.S. destinations faster."

NEXUS traffic currently accounts for nearly 15 percent of the total passenger vehicle crossings at the Peace Bridge; a percentage that has steadily increased since program inception.

"Niagara Falls, Ontario, and our surrounding locales are teaming with attractions, world-class hotels, dining, exciting nightlife, renowned wine tasting opportunities, and memorable family adventures," said **Niagara Falls Tourism Member Programs Administration Manager Toni Williams**. "So travelers shouldn't let border traffic concerns spoil their next trip to see us. Get signed up for NEXUS and get here faster!"

For more information on the NEXUS program visit [www.peacebridge.com/NEXUS](http://www.peacebridge.com/NEXUS). To learn more about the Binational Economic & Tourism Alliance and its partners visit [www.btapartners.com](http://www.btapartners.com). For additional information on Buffalo Niagara area attractions check out the Visit Buffalo Niagara website at [www.visitbuffaloniagara.com](http://www.visitbuffaloniagara.com). And for Niagara Falls, Ontario, tourism information and attractions visit the Niagara Falls Tourism website at [www.niagarafallstourism.com](http://www.niagarafallstourism.com).

The Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority, a binational authority, has owned and operated the Peace Bridge since 1933. The bridge, which was opened to traffic in 1927, spans the Niagara River between Fort Erie, Ontario, and Buffalo, New York, and is a key international border crossing. The Authority is governed by a 10 member board with an equal number of representatives from Canada

and the United States. As an international compact and in accordance with its enabling legislation, the chairmanship alternates annually between Canada and the United States.

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## **Trusted Traveler Program News**

August 22, 2011

We are pleased to announce that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is partnering with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) on a new Department of Homeland Security initiative announced July 14, 2011, that qualifies some passengers for expedited screening through U.S. airport security checkpoints.

This pilot program will be available to U.S. citizens who are members of CBP's Global Entry, NEXUS, and SENTRI Trusted Traveler programs. The pilot program will provide expedited screening through TSA checkpoints via dedicated screening lanes.

Additional information will be sent out prior to the pilot's implementation, explaining more about the program and the necessary steps you will need to take in order to participate.

For more information and the latest updates, please visit [http://www.tsa.gov/what we do/escreening.shtm](http://www.tsa.gov/what_we_do/escreening.shtm) or contact TSA at (866)289-9673.

Additionally, CBP would like to announce the availability of Global Entry kiosks at select Canadian preclearance locations. Global Entry kiosks are now available at CBP preclearance at the Vancouver International Airport and at Ottawa's MacDonal-Cartier Airport. Global Entry kiosks will be placed at Montreal's Trudeau International Airport and at Toronto's Lester B. Pearson International Airport by September 2011. The placement of Global Entry kiosks at Canadian preclearance locations is the next step in the integration of the Global Entry and NEXUS Trusted Traveler programs.

The integration of the Global Entry and NEXUS programs began in December 2010, when CBP published a Federal Register Notice announcing that NEXUS members could participate in Global Entry. With the deployment of Global Entry kiosks to Canadian preclearance, Global Entry members will be able to take advantage of the program when returning home from Canada. NEXUS members will have the option of using either the Global Entry or NEXUS kiosks in preclearance. Further announcements will be made as necessary.

## **Cross often? Make it simple, use NEXUS**

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### **C. Editorials/Columns**

**Layton made great impact on Canada's politics - By ARTHUR MILNES**  
**Watertown Daily Times – August 25, 2011**

It didn't take long for Jack Layton's impact on Canadian federal politics to be felt in homes, at water coolers and in pubs across the nation. I realized this in 2004 when the Paul Martin Liberals were in power and facing their first test at the polls. Upon the release of the New Democratic Party (NDP, Canada's democratic socialist party) platform that year, I was witness, shortly after, to an intense political argument at a Kingston pub. Near the bar I happened to be at, a bunch of men and women were frothing at their collective mouths at one of Mr. Layton's policies. The NDP had announced that if elected they would institute an inheritance tax on estates worth more than \$1 million. While this seemed sound public policy to me, it didn't surprise me that the well-heeled bunch nearby were in such a lather. Bored with them, I made my way home. But on the way to my house, something important dawned on me: The NDP was back. And we had Jack Layton to thank. When Liberal Jean Chretien came to power in 1993, reducing the Progressive Conservatives to two seats, Canada's New Democrats were also extinguished as a force on the federal scene. The new realignment in Canadian politics featured the Official Opposition and separatist Bloc Quebecois — preoccupied with Quebec-only issues — and the western Canada-based and extremely right wing — for Canada — Reform Party. While the Chretien Liberals embarked on a major program of cuts to government spending and tax increases (a combination many commentators believe our U.S. friends need to emulate today) in order to face up to Canada's out-of-control debt and deficits of the day, opposition to their moves or the articulation of a different vision of Canada's future were lacking. When the Liberals cut, the Reformers said, "Cut more." Meanwhile, the Bloc only cared where Quebec was concerned. The NDP voice — a proud one in Canadian politics since the arrival of J.S. Woodsworth and other pioneers of the Canadian left who first arrived in Ottawa in the 20th century — had been silenced. Over the decades, NDP MPs adorned Canadian parliaments, even though voters did not give them power. The party's roots were strong in western Canada and were influenced, in particular, by the Social Gospel movement with many of its leaders coming from the United Church of Canada. Early leader J.S. Woodsworth, for example, gave voice to the call for public pensions for Canada's elderly. He also stood by his political beliefs, rising in the House of Commons in Ottawa on the eve of war in 1939. A life-long pacifist, he came out against Canada's entry into World War II. He was the sole MP against joining the battle with Britain and France. While MPs disagreed with him — even his own caucus broke with him over the issue — his voice was heard. Afterwards, Prime Minister Mackenzie King stood and described Woodsworth as a "jewel" in Canadian parliamentary life. Later, MPs like M.J. Coldwell, David Lewis, Stanley Knowles, Tommy Douglas — who while premier of rural Saskatchewan, brought in Medicare before Ottawa did — and others continued the tradition. One also recalls the famous photograph of Douglas and Tory Dalton Camp marching arm-in-arm in opposition to the Vietnam War. Later — as I was privileged to learn first-hand while working with former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney on his "Memoirs" — NDP MPs like Ed Broadbent, Svend Robinson and others played important roles in influencing public policy due to their service in the Commons as part of a strong NDP. But in the mid-1990s, perhaps the most conservative time in Canadian history, all this came to a screeching halt. And then along came Jack. Once he became NDP leader, the NDP was, at least, a force to be reckoned with in our politics once again. Regardless of one's political views or party affiliation, most agreed this was a good thing for our political system. Then there was the 2011 election. With the Liberal Party in a crisis of leadership and the governing Conservatives led by a gifted prime minister with the tactical skills of a Bill Clinton, combined with Stephen Harper's being underestimated by the chattering classes, Mr. Layton's time had come. With skill, good humor and hobbling with cane in hand as he battled cancer, Mr. Layton took his case to Canadians. Whether for him or against him, in a political sense, Canadians rightly respected Mr. Layton as they watched him fight — in great pain — to make his case before them. We awoke May 3 to find that we had elected the NDP to serve the next four years as Canada's opposition party. As leader of the party with the second most seats in our Commons, he became leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, the first time in Canadian history that the NDP had risen to such heights. As icing on the cake, Mr. Layton and his party had made a historic breakthrough in Quebec, vanquishing the Bloc Quebecois. The resumption of Parliament on Sept. 19 was eagerly anticipated. But now cancer has claimed Mr. Layton. As to the future of his party, it is in their hands. But thanks to Jack, they have a lot of history to both fill and guide their sails. - **Kingston, Ontario's**, **Arthur Milnes**, who worked with former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney on the latter's best-selling "Memoirs," specializes in writing about political history in Canada and Canadian-American relations. He is a frequent contributor to the *Watertown Daily Times*.

## **D. Citizens Views (write-in letters)**

### **U.S.-Canada relations are friendly, healthy Watertown Daily Times – August 23, 2011**

Arthur Milnes's views published Aug. 1 ("Rekindle FDR's views of cross-border relations") aim to rejuvenate comity and friendship between two good neighbors. He detects a decline following 9-11. Perhaps not. Comparing the 1950s with today, relations at the personal level have improved. Except in winter, our family often used to drive over to Kingston, Ontario, after church for dinner. On occasion, gratuitous unfavorable remarks were heard from waitresses and cashiers regarding President Dwight Eisenhower and the USA. Indeed, one poignantly recalls a Canadian gent whom Dad engaged during an after-dinner stroll flatly stating, "Americans are unwelcome here now." Since returning to this locale, we have had none of that. We enjoy Canada. We visit frequently, having even purchased a Thousand Islands Bridge Authority commuter discount fare card. Although we do use Canadian currency, the car displays New York plates and our diphthong pronunciation is not Canadian. Folks know where we are from. While we tend toward day trips on and along the river, we have visited Ottawa, including the tulip festival and National Arts Centre performances. One could not imagine a more hospitable and friendly host than the Chateau Laurier, plus a great recent dinner with friends and a fun waiter barely a block away. One risks less dignified treatment in New York City. By our measure, border crossings are faster both ways. Documentation is newly required, but a U.S. passport card valid for 10 years is cheap and continuously carried. Thus, spontaneous visits remain not just possible but commonplace and fun. Southbound, the inspector has full data plus a warrant check as one approaches the inspection booth with virtually no inspection exceeding 45 seconds. Impressive. While one wishes Mr. Milnes's worthy goals every success, our baseline may be slightly longer. In the 1950s when Channel 7 first came on the air, both it and CKWS in Kingston signed off daily with a full verse of the neighbor's national anthem followed by one's own. Some folks on both sides of the border certainly had their hearts in the right place, moving me to memorize the first verse of "O Canada." Mr. Milnes might wish to add reinstating a reciprocal salute at sign-off to his list of noble objectives. - *Francis K. Williams - Adams*