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## 2005 FOUR FREEDOMS MEDALS



Brokaw

Evans

Hamilton

Kean

West

# 'Franklin Roosevelt rose to the challenge'

### FDR's ideals are guiding light for Clinton, honorees

By Michael Woyton  
Poughkeepsie Journal

HYDE PARK — Former President Bill Clinton doesn't believe presidents should get awards.

"The job the American people gave me is honor enough," he said. "However, if I was going to pick one to get, I think it would be this one."

Clinton received the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute 2005 Four Freedoms Medal Saturday at a ceremony on the grounds of the Roosevelt estate.

The annual awards are presented to people who embody the four freedoms Roosevelt outlined in 1941 as essential to democracy.

Also receiving medals were:

■ Tom Brokaw, author and former NBC news anchor, for freedom of speech and expression.

■ Cornel West, professor, theologian and author, for freedom of worship.

■ Marsha Evans, president and chief executive officer of the American Red Cross, for freedom from want.

■ Thomas Kean and Lee Hamilton, chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the 9/11 commission, for freedom from fear.

Almost 500 people filled the large white tent next to the presidential museum for the ceremony that, in alternating years, is held in the Netherlands, the Roosevelts' ancestral home.

#### Some are moved

Stephen Leopold of Manhattan, who was attending the ceremony for a second time, said he was moved by the respect the recipients have for FDR's ideals.

"America is such a great country and its greatness in the eyes of the world is because of the vision of Franklin Delano Roosevelt," Leopold said.

Maryanne Wessel of the Town of Poughkeepsie was inspired by the speeches of the medal winners.

"It reminded me of what we have in common," she said. "We have to remind

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Former President Bill Clinton speaks at the 2005 Four Freedoms Medals ceremony Saturday at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park. Clinton received the Four Freedoms Medal.

# Man faces murder rap in shooting

### Another held in city killing

By Michael Woyton  
Poughkeepsie Journal

A City of Poughkeepsie man was arrested and charged late Friday night in the murder of George People Jr., city police said Saturday.

Claude W. Lee, 22, was charged with second-degree murder, a felony, police said.

He allegedly shot People in the head with a handgun Thursday at 5:26 a.m. in the area of Main Street and White Street. The 25-year-old was taken to St. Francis Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, police said.

Police also took into custody an unidentified man, whom police believe was present at the shooting. He is being held on a material witness order signed by Dutchess County Court Judge Gerald V. Hayes, police said.

The unidentified man is being held on \$25,000 bail pending a hearing in county court Monday.

#### Police: No random act

Police said People's death was not a random act.

"There had been a dispute earlier in the evening," Detective Lt. William Siegrist said.

Those involved in the shooting had been in the Main Street area during the night and had prior contact. Police could not say whether Peo-

ple knew his alleged killer.

People's death is the first homicide in the City of Poughkeepsie in nearly a year. Last November, a 17-year-old from the City of Poughkeepsie was fatally stabbed at the intersection of Mansion Street and Winnikee Avenue.

People's mother, Mary Fambrough, has said her son was out with friends Wednesday night and was walking a friend halfway home before heading for her house on Fitchett Street.

Nicknamed June because his birthday was June 25, People had two children. He lived in Georgia, where he worked in a family store, his family said. He visited his family in Poughkeepsie often.

#### NYPD assisted

Lee was arrested Friday in a residence in Saint Albans, Queens County. City of Poughkeepsie police were assisted in the arrest by the New York City Police Department.

Lee also faces unrelated bench warrants from the City of Poughkeepsie Court, including fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a felony, and two counts of third-degree assault and resisting arrest, misdemeanors.

Lee was being held in the city police lockup pending arraignment.

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# U.N. role debated as group turns 60

### Experts: U.S. ties varied over years

By John Davis  
Poughkeepsie Journal

Designed 60 years ago in the wake of the carnage and destruction of two world wars, the United Nations, some say, has fulfilled its primary mission.

That was to prevent World War III.

"We haven't had a world war," said Christopher Kukk, assistant professor of political science at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury. "I think that's pretty good."

Monday is United Nations Day, which this year marks the 60th anniversary of the ratification of the U.N. Charter.

In observance, a community forum takes place today at the Franklin D. Roosevelt estate. Several scholars will

#### Forum set

A community forum marking the ratification of the United Nations Charter in 1945 takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. today at the Henry A. Wallace Center. The center is at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum site on Route 9 in Hyde Park. For information, call the Mid-Hudson World Affairs Council at 845-546-2118.

discuss the track record of the U.N. and the role of President Roosevelt in its founding.

During World War II, Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill led the charge to create an international body that could prevent another major war.

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Evacuation orders were issued in Everglades City. Wilma approaches  
Heavy rain from Hurricane Wilma battered parts of Florida as residents were ordered to evacuate. 3A

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Karen Coner and Deborah Slocum watch chef Tyler Florence of Food Network.

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## SPORTS



Marist quarterback James Luft in action.  
Marist falls to Duquesne  
The Marist College football team suffered a 22-14 loss at the hands of Duquesne in Poughkeepsie. 1H



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# Award: FDR's 'passion' for freedom praised

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our kids to value each day and remember what we fought for all these years."

In accepting his medal, Brokaw said Roosevelt was considered a god in the Brokaw family. Coming to Hyde Park felt like a pilgrimage to his mother, he said.

"As a journalist, I am grateful for this award," Brokaw said. Roosevelt, through a depression and a war, "mobilized bold ideas and invited vigorous debate on those ideas."

"I think Franklin Roosevelt's passion for freedom of expression and the examination of bold ideas has never been more applicable than it is now," he said. "We have to make sure we welcome all parties and all points of view."

West, a professor of religion at Princeton University, said he has worked to safeguard the legacy of religious leaders, such as the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who promoted tolerance

"These were people who gave so much of their minds and hearts and souls to preserve democracy," West said, "which means we fight to ensure our agnostic brothers and sisters and atheist brothers and sisters have the same rights as religious ones and conservative and neo-conservative fellow Americans have the right to worship."

## Inspiration recalled

Evans called Eleanor Roosevelt her role model.

"She was president of the Girl Scouts and was the greatest volunteer of World War II," she said.

Evans accepted her medal on behalf of the 8 million volunteers, staff, blood donors and financial contributors to the American Red Cross.

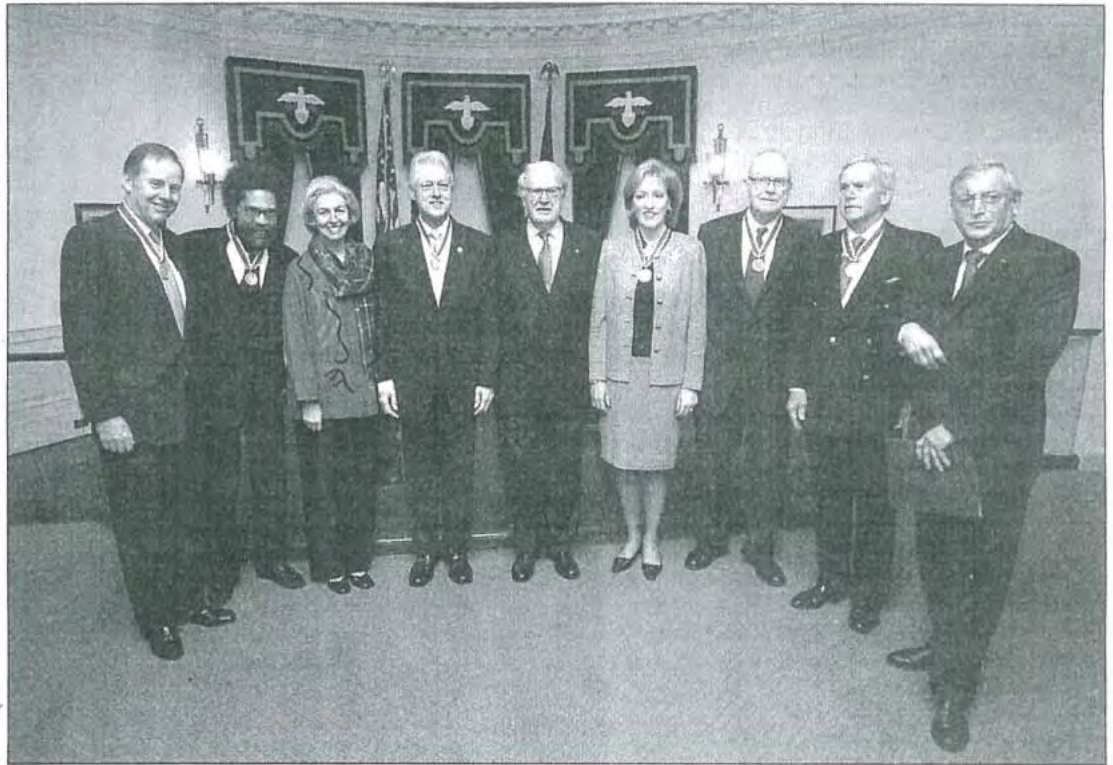
"Want in some form, in some way, will always be with us," Evans said. "But hope is always there."

Kean, former governor of New Jersey, wondered what his father, a Republican congressman during Roosevelt's presidency, would have thought of him receiving an award based on FDR's principles.

"[FDR] was willing to change the structure of government itself ... when those changes were needed," Kean said. "All of us owe the American people no less."

"I think my father would have been very pleased," he said. "And so am I."

Hamilton, who served as a con-



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Four Freedoms Medals winners pose with participants at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library in Hyde Park on Saturday. From left are Thomas Kean; Cornel West; Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, co-chair of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute; former President Bill Clinton; William J. vanden Heuvel, institute co-chair; Marsha Evans; Lee Hamilton; Tom Brokaw; and Willem T. van Gelder, Queens Commissioner, Province of Zeeland, The Netherlands.

gressman from Indiana for 34 years, was thrilled to receive the award, which he accepted on behalf of the entire 9/11 Commission.

When he was first told of the honor, he thought of one of the Norman Rockwell paintings of the four freedoms, with mother and father tucking in a sleeping child.

"That painting reflects the longing of parents everywhere," Hamilton said, for safety and freedom from fear.

"The business of freedom is always unfinished," he said. "You must have an unshakable faith in the freedom you want to defend."

## Saxophone serenade

After being serenaded by saxophonist Jimmy Heath, playing "There Will Never Be Another You," Clinton accepted his medal, which glistened from the stage lights as he spoke.

With his wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., in the audience, he said the award belongs to both of them.

Clinton said there are three simple tests of any president: Did he act to unite the nation; did he point



Saxophonist Jimmy Heath serenades former President Bill Clinton before Clinton was presented the Four Freedoms Medal. At center is William J. vanden Heuvel.

the way to a brighter future, and are the American people better off than when he took office?

"Through the depression and the war, Franklin Roosevelt rose to the challenge, and every question was answered with a resounding 'Yes.'"

Clinton speculated Roosevelt

would be pleased with the diversity in America today but not too happy about the partisanship in the nation's capital.

"I don't think he'd like the way we are divided today," he said.

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