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11) **Napanoch:** **Peters Market**, **James' General Store**, Brother John's, Napanoch Post Office, Chinese No. 1, VIP Video, **Rické Len's**.
12) **Wawarsing to Kerhonkson:** Wawarsing PO, Citgo Xtra Mart (Wawarsing), Dr. John Lichtenstein, **Exxon (44-55)**, STS Tire, Wide Open, Candlelight, **Stewart's** (Kerhonkson), Swim King, **Mountain View Diner**, Yang's, Sentimental Value, **Kerhonkson PO**.
13) **Also:** Ellenville School, Ulster County Tourist Information Office (Kingston), Ramada Inn (Kingston).

***Locations in bold are "anchor locations" in the zone

From the Editor

"Where am I?" "In the Village." "What do you want?" "Information!" – No. 6 & No. 2 in *The Prisoner*

Paul Julius Reuter went to Paris in 1848 and worked in a news agency. While telegraphy evolved, Reuter founded an institute in Aachen which transferred messages between Brussels and Aachen using carrier pigeons, which were faster than the post train, giving Reuter faster access to stock news from the Paris stock exchange. In 1851, the carrier pigeons were superseded by a direct telegraph link. Reuter next set up an office at the London Stock Exchange.

A telegraph link was established between Britain and the continent through the Channel, and extended to southwest Britain in 1863. There, ships coming from America threw canisters containing news into the sea. The retrieved news was telegraphed to London, arriving there days before the ships, giving Reuter a tremendous advantage over those lacking that same vital information.

(Reuter went on to found Reuters, one of the major financial news agencies of the world. He was made a baron in 1871.)

Information. The lifeblood of business, government, indeed, civilization itself. We ARE what we KNOW! What is our culture if not the current transmission of information between the members of the society, and then subsequently passed down as our collective heritage? For the latter, we have libraries, museums, universities & schools, and vast archives and collections to draw on. For the former, there is the mass media (TV, radio, newspapers, magazines, books) and the greatest invention of our age, the Internet.

Yes, the Internet puts both the greatest volume of, and greatest access speed to, more information for more persons at less cost than any system ever devised. What was once impossible to find (a fact, a quote, a copy of legislation, the recorded sound of voices long dead, etc.), or only available at great cost or after time-consuming travel or research, may often now be at one's fingertips in seconds.

Alas, some material will always be hard to access, or purposely kept so by those who, like Reuter, wish to maintain exclusivity or priority for personal advantage. There will always be those willing to pay for, and charge for, limited access to information worth far more than what idle curiosity can take or leave. Unless you have the bucks, or wish to play that high stakes game, fuggedaboutit.

Yet, even with computer terminals showing up free of charge at local libraries, there are many who lack either the time or desire to stay on top of the information glut. And THAT is the real shame; for at a time when the greatest leveler of class and advantage is available to almost everyone, some simply don't grab the chance to have the same access to nearly all the world's past knowledge as can be found in the most prestigious colleges and libraries, and to the same real-time knowledge that lets tycoons and power-brokers jump at advantageous opportunities literally with the speed of light.

In private business, this may always be so. But in the public arena, we *all* have a stake in expanding the freest and fullest flow of civic information; yet most haven't even scratched that surface. Sadly, even if *all* local government meetings were televised, or *all* the materials that officials have access to were posted, so that one could get it *all* from home, many would CHOOSE to ignore it. The very tools now exist that could finally make a true democracy possible... and some simply don't care. It's not that we want FOR

information; some, alas, simply just don't want IT.



Cover: Saint Jude's Within the Walls, Eastern New York Correctional Facility, Napanoch, Town of Wawarsing, Ulster County, New York, USA, Earth. Celebrating 40 years at Eastern in 2004, the cover shows the original architects' rendering of the exterior of the chapel. See Page 14 for Marion Dumond's historical article, and the fascinating story of how trading stamps, Ed Sullivan, and Whitey Ford, among others, helped make it all possible!

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