

Here we are at the end of 2010 with a renewed sense of hope for the future of our nation, because Americans have awakened to the reality of encroaching government tyranny, and have risen from their complacency to revisit our Constitution to see if what was happening in Washington D.C. was consistent with our founding principles. They concluded it was not. In next month's Empire State Family News Watch I will discuss what I believe our national and state priorities need to be as we change direction and move once again toward liberty and prosperity. We have only just begun to replace career politicians with citizen legislators, and we must continue the trend until the U.S. Congress has a ruling majority of patriot servant leaders, not a privileged ruling class who believe they are entitled to special treatment as demonstrated recently by New York City Congressman Charlie Rangel. God is raising up a new generation of leaders. It will be up to us to insure that these leaders are men and women who derive their core values from a Judeo-Christian tradition. The Tea Party movement has been great for taking us as far as it has, but we must add to those expressed values an acknowledgement of God, and the belief that it is the duty of nations as well as individuals to acknowledge the sovereignty of God and the reality that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord. Your continued support for this ministry is vital to help us stay in the fight.

### NEW YORK ELECTION RESULTS

At first glance, it would be easy to conclude that the national shift toward Republicans barely touched New York. Democrats swept the statewide offices, winning the governorship and both Senate seats by very large margins, and they took at least 21 of the state's 29 House seats.

But in fact, Republicans took five Congressional districts away from the Democrats, tying New York with Ohio for the biggest shift in House seats. All of the New York districts that switched were traditionally Republican districts that Democrats had captured over the last four years, including some they had little expectation of holding.

.Democrats continued to dominate the State Assembly, but control of the State Senate remained balanced on a knife's edge. Democrats took a 32-to-30 advantage in 2008, the first time they had held a majority since the 1960s.

As of last report, Republicans had won 30 seats and Democrats 29, with three still too close to call. If the Senate is tied, 31-to-31, Democrats will retain control, with the new lieutenant governor, Robert J. Duffy, breaking the tie.

Senate control could be essential to directing the redrawing of legislative districts based on this year's census, a process in which New York is expected to lose two House seats. Mr. Cuomo has said he wants redistricting controlled by a nonpartisan, independent body — an idea that will meet resistance in the Legislature.

**Eric Schneiderman** was elected to serve as New York's next Attorney-General. In his victory speech, he noted that his was a campaign "of activists." This is fitting coming from the man who swore that under his watch Rev.

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### JUDGE ORDERS DEADLINE ON SENATE RACE

In an administrative order, Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman said that all of the undecided Senate elections pending before the Court of Appeals will be heard by Dec. 20.

Gov.-elect Andrew Cuomo said because this deadline is before the start of the new session, the Legislature will be fully functional and ready to face the many challenges the state faces.

The order, which is signed by Chief Administrative Judge Ann Pfau and ordered by Lippman, gives a timeline for the order of action on the pending cases regarding the close elections in the 7th, 37th and 60th Senate Districts

### PRISONERS GET UNEMPLOYMENT

State Labor Commissioner Colleen Gardner announced Tuesday a partnership with the New York State Sheriff's Association to find inmates in county prisons who are filing for unemployment.

"People who already broke the law continue to break the law behind bars," said Gardner.

After a comptroller's report showing cases of unemployment fraud from inside jail was released, the Labor Department began investigating how many inmates were receiving unemployment benefits. With the help of data sharing between state and some county prisons, 84 inmates were caught receiving unemployment while in jail, and 251 payments were placed on hold for further investigation.

Gardner said that by the end of the year the Labor De-

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### **(NY ELECTION RESULTS Cont. )**

Al Sharpton's House of Justice would have "an annex in Albany for the first time in the history of this state." Attorney-General-elect Schneiderman currently serves as a state senator from Manhattan. Based on his record, conservatives can anticipate that he will seek to reshape the Office of Attorney-General into one that promotes a liberal social agenda targeting the pro-life community and entrenching homosexual interests. -NY Times

### **(PRISONERS GET UNEMPLOYMENT CONT.)**

partment expects to have saved \$3 million because of these investigations and \$10 million to \$15 million in following years.

Because the inmates don't have the full access to phones or computers needed to apply for benefits, family members help them claim the money with their Social Security number. This also is considered illegal.

"These people are making criminals out of their friends, criminals out of their family," said District Attorneys Association of the State of New York President Derek P. Champagne.

### **CUOMO OK WITH GAMBLING**

Gov.-elect Andrew Cuomo - who is still the state's top legal representative - voiced his support this morning for Gov. Paterson's deal with a Wisconsin-based Indian tribe to develop a casino in Sullivan County.

"I'm representing the governor in this agreement," the attorney general told reporters this morning. "I don't believe there will be any legal challenges. I believe the governor's on firm legal ground in what he's doing. We don't anticipate any legal challenges. If there are, we'll defend them. I understand the equities that he's weighing and the need for economic development in the Catskills."

Cuomo added: "There's only one governor at a time. This is David Paterson's position and I support him in it."

Paterson, meanwhile, formally announced the deal with the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Band of Mohican Indians today. The governor stopped in Madison County this morning to sign a an agreement with the tribe settling a decades-old land dispute in that county and then headed to Sullivan County to announce the casino development deal.

The agreements must now be approved by the U.S. Department of the Interior - a step which is far from certain given the federal government's previous reluctance to sign off on casinos on properties located outside a tribe's traditional land.

### **SARAH PALIN QUOTES BANUCHI**

In Sarah Palin's new book, "America By Heart—Reflections on Faith, Family and Flag." she quotes many of her favorite writers and thinkers, and among them is Rev. Bill Banuchi! (Who would have thought?) On pages 124 and 125 she quotes Bill's thinking on taking care of those who can't care for themselves.

This just goes to show how we are making an impact far beyond what we may imagine, and why it's so important to stay in the fight.

We must continue to be a prophetic voice calling our nation back to God, and the Biblical principles upon which our freedoms stand.

We're humbled that Governor Palin would think enough of our words to reprint them in her book, and hopeful that others would read them and take them to heart as we pray for the renewal of our "One Nation Under God."

### **COURTS RULE AGAINST CATHOLIC NURSE**

November 23, 2010 ([LifeSiteNews.com](http://LifeSiteNews.com)) – Today the Second Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that a Catholic nurse who was forced by a New York hospital to participate in an abortion does not have the right to sue her employer. Administrators at Mt. Sinai Hospital had threatened Catherine DeCarlo with disciplinary measures in May 2009 if she did not honor a last-minute summons to assist in a scheduled late-term abortion. The hospital insisted on her participation in the procedure on the grounds that it was an "emergency."

Lawyers for DeCarlo, from the Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) however, have pointed out that the procedure was not classified by the hospital as an emergency, and the patient was apparently not in crisis at the time of the surgery.

DeCarlo claims that her participation in the abortion led to serious emotional trauma. She also claims that hospital administrators later attempted to coerce her into signing an agreement to participate in abortions in the future.

The hospital had reportedly known of the Catholic nurse's religious objections to abortion since 2004.

### **GIDEON UPDATE**

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### **SCHEDULING NOW FOR 2011**

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