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# Tales of a Sierra Leone survivor

**By Cathy DeDe**  
Chronicle Managing Editor

Joseph Kaifala is a survivor, a gentle-voiced young man who grew up in Sierra Leone in east Africa amid what he calls the “madness” of a 10-year civil war, from the early 1990s to 2002.

It saw boys his age — some as young as six or seven years old — conscripted as child soldiers who became simultaneously perpetrators and victims of unspeakable violence, mayhem and deprivation.

He addressed approximately 60 boys from five local high schools — Glens Falls, Queensbury, South Glens Falls, Lake George and Hudson Falls — at SUNY Adirondack last Friday evening, Nov. 6, in a program, “Boys United for Peace in a Violent World.”

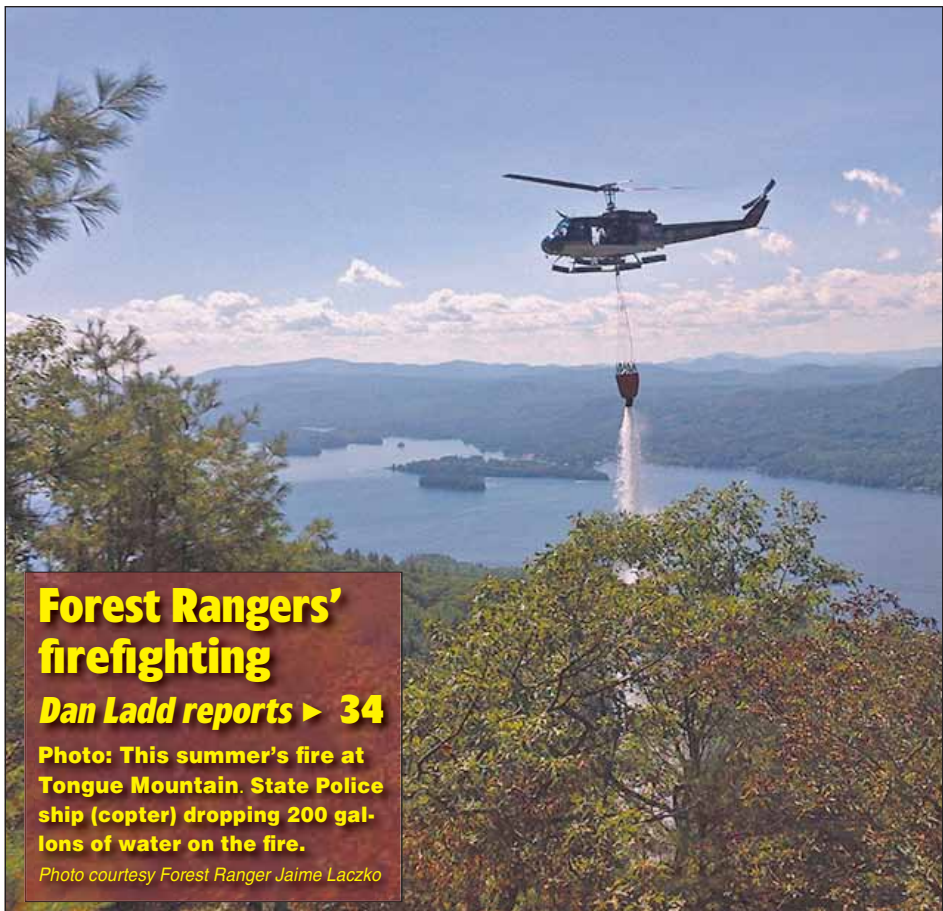
It was organized by the World Awareness Children's Museum with support from Skidmore College and its International Relations program. Assemblyman Dan Stec also was on the panel.

Mr. Kaifala's main topic was the civil war in his country, and the issues of child soldiers

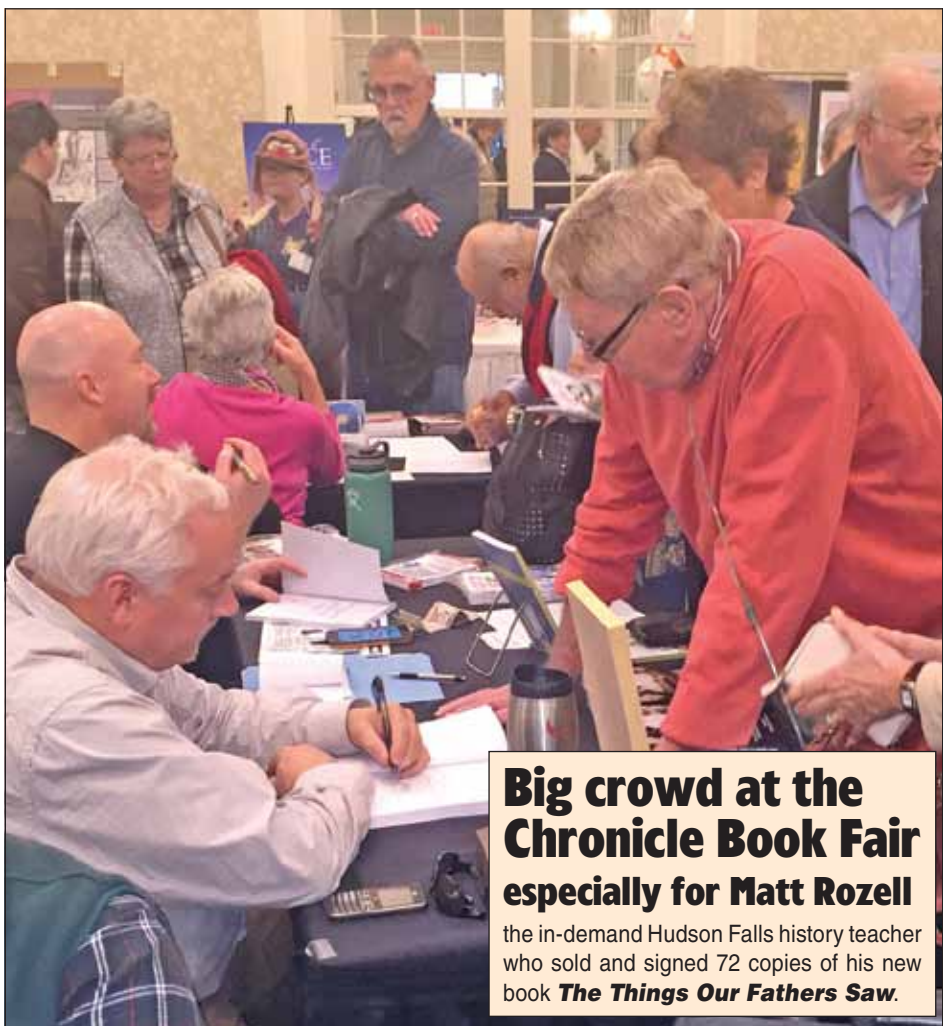
**Told local high school boys of African horrors**

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**Cathy: Wow! Go see GFCT's musical Sweeney Todd ▶ 20**



**Forest Rangers' firefighting**  
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**Photo: This summer's fire at Tongue Mountain. State Police ship (copter) dropping 200 gallons of water on the fire.**  
*Photo courtesy Forest Ranger Jaime Laczko*



**Big crowd at the Chronicle Book Fair especially for Matt Rozell**  
the in-demand Hudson Falls history teacher who sold and signed 72 copies of his new book *The Things Our Fathers Saw*.



**Historian Richard Brookhiser spoke Monday at Crandall Public Library**

# About George Washington

**By Mark Frost**  
Chronicle Editor

Crandall Public Library director Kathy Naftali introduced Richard Brookhiser's talk Monday night and couldn't contain her excitement. “An intellectual in Glens Falls,” she said. “It's really cool.”

Mr. Brookhiser, historian, author of many books, senior editor at the *National Review* magazine, was brought to speak here by the Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra, another part of the weeklong Veterans celebration that the orchestra orchestrated.

His topic was George Washington, about whom he's written numerous books. He said Washington excelled at “solving prob-

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