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## Smoking Ban Creates Butt Problem

By JEFF SINGLETON

TURNERS FALLS – “I think it’s a good idea, but I also think it’s a bad idea,” according to Jaime Berger, one of the owners of the popular Rendezvous restaurant, bar and music club in Turners Falls. Berger’s comments reflect the complexities of the new regulations approved by the Montague Board of Health. The new rule bans smoking in “open spaces” attached or adjacent to such establishments. They went into effect on July 1.

According to Berger, the smoking ban on the Rendezvous’ front porch makes some sense: it eliminates the need to micromanage smokers who insist on lighting up next to customers eating food. However, now everyone is “piled up” on the sidewalk having a smoke. It is not realistic to expect bar owners to monitor these public areas: “It’s harder to enforce than it might seem.”

Bill Holbrook, the owner of Jake’s on Avenue A, agrees that the new regulation will be difficult for some bars and private clubs. But they work for him. “I spoke in favor of it at the hearing and everyone looked at me like I was crazy,” he said. Jake’s has a large outdoor patio where families, a key part of the bar’s growing business, come to eat. Insensitive smokers can be a big negative:

“We’ve lost a couple of parties but overall gotten extra business

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## Smoke Testing Planned for Gill’s Riverside Sewer System

By DAVID DETMOLD

Peaks in the flow of sewage from the 104 households that make up the Riverside water district, which is pumped under Barton Cove for treatment at the Montague wastewater plant in Montague City at a cost of approximately \$55,000 - \$60,000 a year, are caused by rainfall flowing into the sewer system via roof gutter downspouts and storm drains, through decaying manholes, and from rising groundwater levels after heavy rainstorms infiltrating the sewer system through cracks in the pipes themselves.

Relining all 12,000 feet of sewer pipe in Riverside would cost upwards of \$420,000, Peter Valinski and Mike McManus, consulting engineers from Tighe and Bond told the selectboard on Monday. Valinski added, “It would be difficult to justify that kind of cost,” to the ratepayers of the small sewer and water district.

As an interim measure, the consultants recommended the town highway department, perhaps with guidance from Tighe and Bond engineers, conduct a “smoke test” of the sewer system to determine where unauthorized connections of sump pumps or storm drains or gutter leaders might be contributing

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## VY NUKE TO CLOSE!



*As most of our readers know, for the last 11 years, The Montague Reporter has held a firm editorial opposition to the continued operation of the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant a few miles upstream in Vernon, VT.*

*When news broke Tuesday of its planned closure, we could think of no one more appropriate to write this than our Senior Writer, David Detmold, who tirelessly covered the campaign to close the plant in his years as this paper’s editor. We are pleased to present the news – and his views – on what is surely a major milestone in the history of our region.*

By DAVID DETMOLD

Entergy CEO Leo Denault sat in his darkened office on Loyola Avenue in New Orleans with an abacus and a rusty can of dry beans. He rattled the fingers of his left hand on the glass desk and glanced at his secretary.

“Damn it all. Look at this.”

In his other hand he held a print-out from last week’s *Montague Reporter*.

“Someone sent me this rancid editorial from some jerkwater little burg in Western Massachusetts comparing us to Egyptian storm-troopers laying waste to Cairo.”

Denault glanced at the page. “Only in our case, it’s nuclear waste.”

He rubbed the back of his neck.

“The New York appeals court denied our petition for \$5 million in legal costs from the State of Vermont. Natural gas is kicking our ass. We just laid off 30 workers and the rest may go out on strike any day. The steam condenser is cracked – and that’s going to cost me \$160 million we don’t have. Vermont is going to keep on fighting us tooth and nail. Those people hate us.... Let’s just shut the damn thing down.”

And so the midnight email from Entergy CEO Leo Denault crashed the inboxes of editorial desks across the nation on Tuesday morning, causing widespread doubt and, in Vermont, a tidal wave of barely contained glee. A few morning phone calls confirmed the news:

Denault said Vermont Yankee will close for good at the end of the current fuel cycle. The veteran Entergy financial analyst, promoted to the top slot earlier this year after long time Entergy captain Wayne Leonard was shipped off to a South Sea island for decompression therapy, told ABC news on August 27, “We want to milk our latest \$600 million batch of fuel rods until the last little neutron croaks... er, until the end of the third quarter of 2014. Until then, we will maintain our current corporate policy

of measured layoffs and prudential maintenance protocols at Vermont Yankee.” So said Entergy CEO Leo Denault, bean counter.

Well, let’s celebrate!

We’ve worked for this day ever since GE and a consortium of Vermont utilities first announced plans to build a 500-megawatt nuclear reactor on the banks of the Connecticut River in Vernon almost five decades ago. Although we have immediate concerns that the current workforce at Vermont Yankee remain employed as they go through the long and very costly decommissioning process and try to return the Vernon site to a safe condition, we are also concerned about what will happen if Entergy is allowed by local and federal regulators to leave the nuke mothballed for the next 60 years. That is what Entergy currently proposes to do, and they should not be allowed to get away with it. Sixty years is more than enough time for a shaky corporate entity like Entergy to plead bankruptcy and dump the 624 metric tons of high level nuclear waste they have stored on the river in Vernon onto the backs of the residents and ratepayers of New England.

Today, Entergy lowballs the estimate for decommissioning the site at between \$150 million to \$1.16 billion. But real world experience cleaning up the radioactive mess that has leaked from cracked underground pipes beneath a similar reactor at Haddam, CT – Connecticut Yankee – points up the likelihood of huge cost overruns and years of unanticipated delays before the site can be returned to anything resembling a safe condition.

With absolutely no investment from Entergy, the decommissioning fund for Vermont Yankee stands at about \$576 million today. That is the money local ratepayers paid into the fund before Entergy took control of the nuke in 2002. Entergy has since tried to spin off its decrepit Northeastern nuclear reactors into a separate highly leveraged corporate shell called Enexus. By doing so, Entergy laid bare for all to see their intent to abandon responsibility for the massive long term liabilities of their nuclear reactors, once their money making days are done.

We will deal with these issues in due time. But for now, a long fought victory is at hand and must be savored.

Let’s remember what got us to this day.

There was antinuclear resistance to Vermont Yankee from the start. After the Vermont state legislature approved the project by a one vote margin - - there is a persistent rumor, difficult to verify now, that a nuclear lobbyist was sleeping with one of the Vermont state legisla-

tors, and produced the last needed swing vote that way – and before the reactor was ever built, a half dozen local activists sat in at the site and were arrested for blockading the bulldozers.

Hundreds of marches and thousands of arrests, hundreds of thousands of door to door leaflets, letters to the editor, and town meetings later, the entire upper echelon of Vermont state government, from Senator Bernie Sanders to Governor Peter Shumlin to Attorney General Bill Sorrel to a bi-partisan legislative majority of state senators who voted 26 – 4 in 2010 to shut Vermont Yankee down have put up a solid front in support of closing the reactor. In the face of that determined opposition, Vermont Yankee’s far off corporate masters finally decided to pull the plug on what has clearly become a money losing albatross.

In an era of cheap, hydrofracked natural gas, declining demand, big industrial wind towers, small municipal energy projects and private solar cells on every roof, Entergy could not find enough buyers for its high priced nuclear juice on the New England market to justify keeping their accident prone reactor running.

Leo Denault looked further into the decision rendered by the New York federal appeals court earlier this month and saw it clearly spelled out the State of Vermont’s power to shut his reactor down for cost of power, reliability and environmental concerns. Governor Shumlin has been urging the Public Service Board in ongoing proceedings to do just that.

Entergy read the writing on the wall, and it was We the People who wrote it there.

Thanks are due to everyone who helped, many of whom, departed, we hold in memory now with pride and gratitude. Our Valley will be a little bit safer to live in after Vermont Yankee drops its cadmium control rods into the seething reactor core for the last time – by the end of 2014 – if not sooner.

At that point, we can get on with the business of “cleaning up” (read: isolating from environmental release for the next hundreds of thousands of years) the 3,427 used fuel rods at Vermont Yankee, along with the leaked radioisotopes in the surrounding soil and ground water. We will see to it that an attempt is made to reclaim the site, on the major floodplain of New England, and let the Connecticut River run once more at a normal temperature.

And we will make certain that our river is never again called into unwilling service to cool the daily threat of a nuclear meltdown.

What a relief it will be when that day finally comes.

## Planning Board OKs Marijuana Dispensaries, Seeks Zoning Restrictions

By CHRISTOPHER SAWYER-LAUCANNO

MONTAGUE – The Montague planning board, at their meeting on August 27, agreed that Registered Marijuana Facilities (RMF’s) could open in Montague, but only with greater restrictions on where they are sited. Although there was some talk of imposing a one-year moratorium on the decision, as have some other towns in Franklin County, the members felt that it was better to enact more stringent by-laws now, rather than wait a year. Town Planner Walter Ramsey pointed out that under state law, no town can prohibit a medical marijuana facility from opening in its community. A moratorium only postpones the issue.

To date, seven applicants have applied to open facilities in Franklin County. According to the state the seven who have applied in this county are: A New Leaf, Inc., Baystate Alternative Health Care, Fotia’s Inc, Franklin Holistics Specialty Care, Inc., JM Farm’s Patient Group Inc., MR Absolute Medical Resources Inc. and Patriot Care Corporation.

The state is currently reviewing applications for this Phase 1 round and will make a selection of qualified companies by September 18. Phase 1 applicants will be subject to background checks and be vetted for financial viability. Those who

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## FRTA To Cut Montague–Amherst Bus Route?

By JEFF SINGLETON

MONTAGUE – The Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA) is considering eliminating bus service from Greenfield to Amherst through Montague. The proposal is one of many changes in the FRTA’s fixed route system which serves Greenfield, Montague and a variety of other towns in Franklin County.

According to officials at an August 22 hearing at the John W. Olver Transit Center, the elimination of the Montague- Amherst route is under consideration but no final decision has been made. Officials say they are “listening” to public input.

The current Greenfield-Amherst line, known as Route 23, would be replaced by a new “UMass Connector” running from the Transit Center to Greenfield Community College (GCC) then to South Deerfield. There, passengers wishing to travel to Amherst would connect to an Amherst bus operated by the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA Green 46).

Officials argued that the change was being considered because the current Amherst line is costly (current fares are \$6 for a regular round trip) and “with only two trips per day there is minimal potential for

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## Pet of the Week

### Local Celebrity



### “Brownie”

I am as sweet as the confection that shares my name. Spend just a minute or two with me and you'll see why my previous guardian described me as “very affectionate.”

I came to Dakin when my guardian realized that the young children sharing my home were making me terrified with their loud voices and quick movements. Quiet and serene is more my style (except when there are bugs that need chasing!).

The folks at Dakin were so taken with my charming personality that they chose me to appear on Channel 22's Pet Corner segment. Adopt me and you'll be able to brag about your celebrity cat!

For more information about taking me home, contact the Leverett branch of the Dakin Animal Shelter at 413-548-9898.

## Library News

### Wendell Free Library Playgroup

Sylvia's awesome playgroup is held most Wednesdays 10 to 11:30 a.m. Children, ages newborn to five, and their guardians, are welcome to attend. Sylvia has a sand table and lots of other activities to engage participants. Parents will enjoy socializing with their peers just as much as kids do with each other. The program is co-sponsored by Union #28 Community Partnership for Children and the Wendell Free Library.

### Carnegie Library

#### Millers Falls Library Club: Tuesdays 3:30 p.m.

The Millers Falls Library Club is a free after school and summer program that meets on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. The drop-in sessions are designed for children of all ages. Children's Librarian Linda Hickman runs the activities, which include arts and crafts and snacks. For more information, please call the Carnegie Library, 863-3214

#### Story Time at the Carnegie: Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.

Young children of all ages and their families are invited to come

### Gill: Storytime at the Slate

STORY HOUR Please join us every Friday at 10 a.m. for stories, popcorn, and a hands-on craft project!! We welcome new families! For more information, call 863-2591.

### Montague Center: Evening Crafts

Monday Evenings at Montague Center Library. Children of all ages are invited for informal crafts around 6:30 p.m. with Linda Hickman.

and enjoy stories, crafts, music, activities and snacks with artist Ruth O'Mara.

#### Music and Movement: Moving to Millers

The weekly Music and Movement series with Tom Carroll and Laurie on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. through the end of August. Starting September 5, this weekly series will be held at the Millers Falls Library, keeping its Thursday at 10 a.m. time slot. Young children of all ages and their parents or caregivers are invited to the free program.



Marion LaCoy (center), owner of Twisters, which opened Saturday at the corner of Second Street and Avenue A in Turners Falls, stands behind the counter in her new eatery and ice cream shop. LaCoy is flanked by her assistants, Teresa (left) and Sydney (right).

RECYCLE

### BOTTLES & CANS! Week of September 2nd in Montague



more info? call: 863-2054



JESSICA LARKIN ILLUSTRATION

By FRED CICETTI

*Q. My eyes are dry a lot. Is this something common when you get older?*

If your eyes seem to have become drier than normal to you, you should visit an eye doctor for a check-up. It's always better to have a professional examine you when you experience a troublesome bodily change.

Dry eyes are common in people older than 50 because our production of tears diminishes as we age.

A lack of tears is more common among women, especially after menopause.

The tear film in your eyes has three basic layers: oil, water and mucus. Problems with any of these can cause dry eyes.

The outer layer of the tear film, which is produced by small glands on the edge of your eyelids, contains fatty oils. These smooth the tear surface and slow evaporation of the middle watery layer. If your oil glands don't produce enough oil, the watery layer evaporates too quickly, causing dry eyes.

The middle layer is mostly water with a little bit of salt. This layer, produced by the tear glands, cleanses your eyes. If the tear glands don't make enough of the watery part of tears, you get dry eyes.

The inner layer of mucus helps spread tears evenly over the surface of your eyes. If you don't have

### THE HEALTHY GEEZER

## Dry Eyes Got You Blinking?

enough mucus to cover your eyes, dry spots can form on the front surface of the eye.

Tears are necessary for overall eye health and clear vision. Tears keep eyes moist and wash away debris. They also help protect the eyes from infections.

Dry eye can be caused by an inflammation or any disease that changes tears.

It can be caused by side effects from some medicines including antihistamines, nasal decongestants, tranquilizers, blood pressure medicines, Parkinson's medications, birth control pills and anti-depressants.

Women who are on hormone replacement therapy may experience dry eye symptoms. Allergies are associated with dry eye. Infrequent blinking from staring at a computer or video screen, may also lead to dry eye symptoms.

People who have had LASIK or other refractive surgery, where their corneas have reduced sensation because of incisions or tissue removal, may also experience dry eye. Also, people who wear contact lenses long term are at risk for developing dry eye.

Dry eye can damage the cornea, the clear, protective surface that covers the colored part of the eye, the iris. Permanent loss of vision from dry eye is uncommon.

In our next column, we'll detail some treatments for dry eye.

Questions? Send them to [fred@healthygeezers.com](mailto:fred@healthygeezers.com).

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## Senior Center Activities – September 2 to September 6

### GILL-MONTAGUE

**Gill / Montague Senior Center**, 62 Fifth Street, Turners Falls, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Congregate meals are served Tuesday through Thursday at Noon. Meal reservations must be made one day in advance by 11 a.m. All fitness classes are supported by a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Voluntary donations are accepted. Council on Aging Director is Roberta Potter. For more information, to make meal reservations, or to sign up for programs call 863-9357. Messages can be left on our machine when the center is not open.

#### Monday 9/2

CLOSED - LABOR DAY

#### Tuesday 9/3

12 noon Lunch

1 p.m. Beginning Gentle Yoga

#### Wednesday 9/4

10 a.m. Aerobics

12 noon Lunch

12:45 p.m. Bingo

#### Thursday 9/5

9 a.m. NO Tai Chi

10:30 a.m. to noon Brown Bag

10:30 a.m. SNAP (food stamp) info

12 noon Lunch

1 p.m. Pitch

#### Friday 9/6

10 a.m. Aerobics

10:45 a.m. Chair Yoga

presentation at the Gill/Montague Council on Aging / Senior Center on Tuesday, August 27 at 10 a.m. Conducted by registered dietician Pat Jeans, the focus of this presentation is on reducing the amount of sugar in your daily diet. We will review the importance of reducing the amount of sugar you consume, the impact it has on your body and substitutions you can use when cooking. We will also review how to properly read and understand standard food labels. In addition, we will be providing all participants with samples of healthy food, as well as recipes for healthy dishes. The program is free and open to the public; refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact Chris Wojcik at 774-6318, or the Gill Montague Council on Aging at 863-9357.

### ERVING

**Erving Senior Center**, 1 Care Drive, Erving, is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for activities and congregational meals.

Lunch is at 11:30 a.m., with reservations required 24 hours in advance. Call Mealsite Manager Rebecca Meuse at (413) 423-3308, for meal information and reservations. For information, call Polly Kiely, Senior Center Director, at (413) 423-3649. Transportation can be provided for meals, shopping, or

medical necessity. Call the Center to confirm activities, schedule a ride, or find out when is the next blood pressure clinic.

#### Monday 9/2

CLOSED - LABOR DAY

#### Tuesday 9/3

8:45 a.m. Chair Aerobics

12:30 p.m. Painting

#### Wednesday 9/4

8:45 a.m. Line Dancing

10 a.m. Chair Yoga

10 a.m. Blood Pressure

12 noon Bingo

#### Thursday 9/5

8:15 a.m. Foot Clinic

8:45 a.m. Aerobics

11 a.m. Brown Bag

12 noon Cards

#### Friday 9/6

9 a.m. Bowling

### LEVERETT

For information, contact the Leverett COA at (413) 548-1022, ext. 5, or [coa@leverett.ma.us](mailto:coa@leverett.ma.us).

Take-It-Easy Chair Yoga – Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Town Hall. Drop-in \$4 (first class free).

Senior Lunch – Fridays at noon. Call (413) 367-2694 by Wednesday for a reservation.

### WENDELL

Wendell Senior Center is at 2 Lockes Village Road. Call Nancy Spittle, (978) 544-6760, for hours and upcoming programs. Call the Center for a ride.





## LOCAL BRIEFS

JESSICA LARKIN ILLUSTRATION

Compiled by DON CLEGG

**Twisters**, which briefly occupied the site of Yelena's and Sprinkles, has now opened an ice cream parlor on Avenue A in Turners Falls, across the street from Ce Ce's and Subway at the former location of Holy Smokes. The "creamy" is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., serving 70 varieties of ice cream and a large food selection.

**Fall program registration** is now in progress for classes at the Greenfield YMCA starting September 3rd thru the 13th. Programs for youth include soccer, basketball, swimming, gymnastics, before and after school childcare, parent-child classes and Y full day preschool. Programs for adults include water fitness, water therapy, strength training, diabetic care and cardiac classes, rec. volleyball, swim les-

sons and more. Check out [www.ymcaingreenfield.org](http://www.ymcaingreenfield.org) and click on "brochure" for the details of over 150 classes and programs the 2013-14 program brochure.

J. R. Greene presents "The Valley Before the Quabbin" at the Swift River Valley Historical Society, 40 Elm Street, New Salem on Wednesday, September 4, at 7 p.m. The event is free.

This year GCC will host the **Fifth Annual Community Opportunities Festival** on Thursday, September 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event will take place in the dining commons in the Core Building. This is an opportunity to recruit volunteers for your organization or make GCC students and community members aware of services that you offer. The effort is supported

by GCC and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

The information you need can be found on the registration website at [web.gcc.mass.edu/community-opportunities](http://web.gcc.mass.edu/community-opportunities). Please register by no later than Friday, September 6, for inclusion in this year's festival. Registrations will be processed on a first come, first serve basis. For more info please email [raper@gcc.mass.edu](mailto:raper@gcc.mass.edu).

A photo in Faces & Places of *The Montague Reporter* showed a "Do Not Enter" sign located somewhere in Turners Falls, which was almost completely covered by branches and vine overgrowth. Though no correct answer to this location was submitted to the MR, a concerned reader obviously knew of its location because the sign is now fully visible!

## RiverCulture Funded for Two More Years

By C. SAWYER-LAUÇANNO

**MONTAGUE** – RiverCulture has again received a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to continue their arts and culture programs in Turners Falls.

Montague Planner Walter Ramsey announced that funding for FY '15 will be \$24,400; for FY '16 the amount will be \$22,800. Ramsey said he was extremely pleased that RiverCulture, which has received annual state financial support since 2006, will continue.

Ramsey said that this assurance of funding over the next two years will enable the town to continue its expansion of activities, and to hire a coordinator to replace Lisa Davol who left the position at the end of July. He expected to begin collecting resumes for the position soon.

Among the many duties awaiting the new RiverCulture coordinator will be raising funds from local businesses and individuals, as the

MCC grant does not pay for the entire program. The town has consistently also contributed, and he fully expects they will again.

According to the proposal Ramsey and Davol submitted, the RiverCulture objectives over the next two years include "growing the working artist community downtown, increase use of underutilized storefronts and town owned buildings, create more frequent and consistent attractions/events to draw the public into existing destinations and businesses, encourage after hours activity, keep RiverCulture relevant by being positioned as a convener for the increased cultural activity, and to ease organizational capacity by creating a formulaic event that allows all downtown stakeholders and RiverCulture volunteers to participate in."

Ramsey stressed that a key component of these objectives is to continue and enrich the already successful "Third Thursdays." He

noted that "existing as well as new businesses have started participating in RiverCulture's pilot Third Thursday cultural nights out, and we field many inquiries from artists looking for working space downtown or for events to plug into." Ramsey stressed that the main objective of Third Thursdays is "to get people used to coming downtown on a regular basis for shopping, eating and fun."

Ramsey and RiverCulture are also looking to offer temporarily-vacant storefront space rent-free to artists. The idea is that by doing this storefront studio artists will become rooted in the Turners Falls community after a year of connections and support. They would then either rent the storefront permanently after the year is up, or find another nearby space to set up shop. Another business might then rent the commercial space if the artist decides to move to another spot.

"It's a way of enlivening down-

town as well as showcasing and nourishing local talent," said Ramsey.

Next up for RiverCulture is the selection of an artist to paint the crosswalk on First Street leading from Unity Park to the riverside green strip. Ramsey said that the committee will make a decision within the next two weeks. Five artists submitted designs: one from Turners Falls, one from Lake Pleasant, one from Holyoke, one from Brattleboro and one from Belmont.

Ramsey also pointed out that the grant will enable RiverCulture to continue to market Turners Falls and build partnerships between private and public entities, a key proposed element in the Downtown Livability Study.

That RiverCulture has received funding for eight years is a mark of how successful the program has been. Rarely does the Massachusetts Cultural Council fund projects for more than a few years.

**SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 22**



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### Water Shut Off For Delinquent Water Bills

Beginning Tuesday, September 3, the Turners Falls Water Department will begin shutting water off to properties with water usage bills that are more than 90 days overdue. The original semi-annual bills were mailed on May 1, and were due within 30 days. Payments can be made at the Water Department, 226 Millers Falls Road, or online at [www.turnersfallswater.com](http://www.turnersfallswater.com). (Click "Pay Water Bill" and follow the directions.)

The department is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., though the office will be closed Monday Sept. 2 for Labor Day. A drop box is located to the left of the door.

Questions may be directed to the clerk's office at (413) 863-4542.

### Watershed Council Offers Education Resources for Teachers

**GREENFIELD** – As students gear up for back-to-school, the Connecticut River Watershed Council (CRWC) urges teachers and educators to explore *River of Words along the Connecticut River*, an environmental art and poetry program promoting watershed awareness, literacy and the arts. Visit [row.ctriver.org](http://row.ctriver.org) for more information, including online lesson plans aligned with Common Core State Standards, and teaching strategies for connecting youth to the natural and cultural resources of their local environments.

"It's exciting to see the river through young people's eyes," says Carol Berner of Smith College, the program's coordinator. "Their poems, paintings and parades bring new perspectives to the river's ecosystems. Students are inspiring their communities to pay attention to the environment and protect the health of the river."

Offered in partnership with the Connecticut River Watershed Council, the program draws on internationally recognized models integrating science, literacy and the arts in place-based K-12 curriculum.

CRWC advocates for the entire, four-state Connecticut River watershed, working to protect water – the river, its tributaries, lakes, fish – and the land, plants, and creatures connected to that water to keep them safe now and for future generations. To learn more about CRWC, or to make a contribution to help protect the Connecticut River, visit [www.ctriver.org](http://www.ctriver.org) or call (413) 772-2020 x201.

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A completed application and resume must be delivered to the WPCF no later than 2:00 p.m. on 13 September 2013.

Contact the Montague WPCF at 34 Greenfield Rd., Montague, MA 01351-9522 or at (413) 773-8865.

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## The Legacy of the 1963 March on Washington

50 years ago yesterday, the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. gave what is rightly regarded as one of the more famous speeches in American history. At the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, King, standing in front of the Lincoln Memorial addressed a crowd of somewhere around 300,000, and proclaimed that he had a dream.

Said King: "...We've come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the 'unalienable Rights' of 'Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.' It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note, insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked 'insufficient funds.'"

Neither one speech nor one march changes laws. It took the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to do that. But this speech and the March on Washington awakened the national consciousness like never before to the injustices prevailing in American society. Dr. King inspired hundreds of thousands to join the struggle. The battle for equality was hard fought.

Within 10 months of King's speech, three American civil rights workers in Philadelphia, Mississippi, James Earl Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael "Mickey" Schwerner, were shot at close range on the night of June 21-22, 1964 by members of the Mississippi White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the Neshoba County's Sheriff Office and the Philadelphia Police Department. The three had been working on the "Freedom Summer" campaign, attempting to register African Americans to vote.

Their murders sparked national outrage and a massive federal investigation. Their deaths were not in vain: President Johnson cited their sacrifice as helping to galvanize congress to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

On August 6, 1965 President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act into law. This came just seven months after Dr. King launched a campaign for jus-

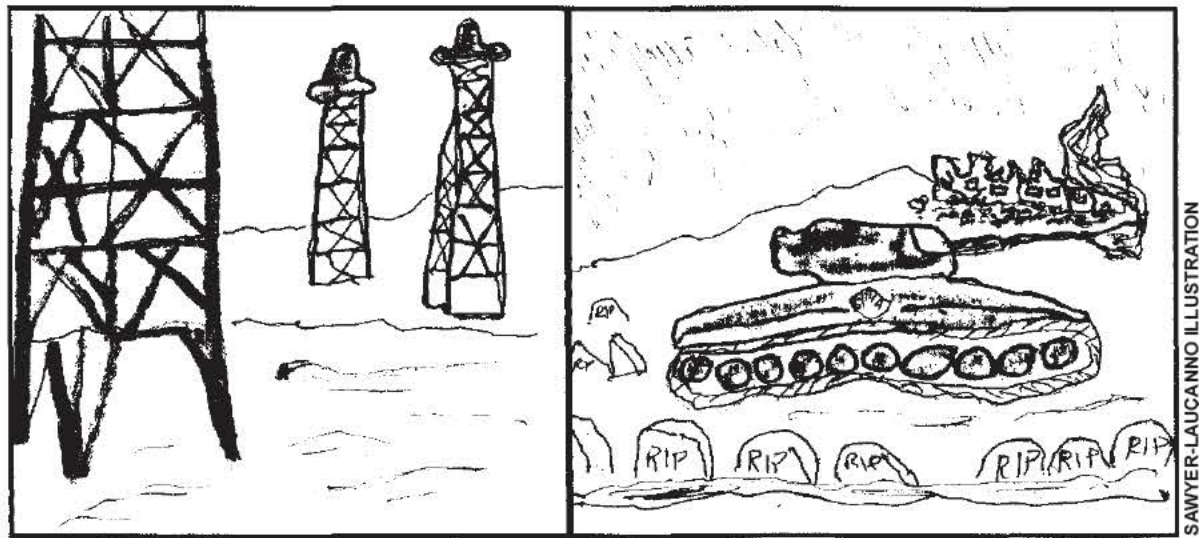
tice in Selma, Alabama, with the aim of pressuring Congress to pass such legislation. In addition to facing arbitrary literacy tests and poll taxes, African Americans in Selma and other southern towns were intimidated, harassed, and assaulted when they sought to register to vote. Civil rights activists met with fierce resistance to their campaign, which attracted national attention on March 7, 1965, when civil rights workers were brutally attacked by white police on a march from Selma to Montgomery.

Johnson introduced the Voting Rights Act that same month, "with the outrage of Selma still fresh." Congress passed the bill in just over four months. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 abolished literacy tests and poll taxes designed to disenfranchise African American voters, and gave the federal government the authority to take over voter registration in counties with a pattern of persistent discrimination. "This law covers many pages," Johnson said before signing the bill, "but the heart of the act is plain. Wherever, by clear and objective standards, States and counties are using regulations, or laws, or tests to deny the right to vote, then they will be struck down."

Today, as a result of the courage of Dr. King and thousands of others we have an African-American president and countless elected officials of color. Both Selma, Alabama and Philadelphia, Mississippi have black mayors. And yet Dr. King's dream, in which he declared the hope that "one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal,'" has not yet been quite realized.

In June, the Supreme Court of the United States overturned a key provision of the Voting Rights Act that required nine southern states to gain federal approval for changing, in any way, election laws or voting criteria. Within hours, legislatures in Texas and North Carolina began to introduce new voting laws. In Texas, Governor Rick Perry announced that a voter identification law that had been blocked by the Voting Rights Act would go into effect immediately, and that restricting would go forward since these maps no longer needed federal approval. North Carolina moved to enact strict voter I.D. laws and curb early voting.

To Attorney General Eric Holder's credit, he last week sued to



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### Letter to the Editor

## Mount Toby Friends Meeting Offers Its Grounds

*Minute concerning burial of persons who are refused burial for political reasons:*

We of Mount Toby Friends Meeting have felt a great sadness for the recent violence in Boston on Patriots Day 2013. We also were appalled that one of the bombers, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, was vilified to the extent that his body was not claimed for many weeks, and in fact many towns and states refused to bury him. This rejection of his remains left no room to see the Spirit, the Divine Light within him, and no

room for redemption. We ask, "Is there anyone who is not deserving of a decent burial and being prayed over?" A burial ground in Virginia was finally found to receive his body after the efforts of one courageous and committed woman.

We wish to thank and commend the courage and decency shown by Peter Stefan, director of Graham Putnam & Mahoney Funeral Parlors in Worcester, MA, who held the body in the face of protests, and Martha Mullen of Virginia, who searched until she found a cemetery willing

to accept the burial. We instruct the Clerk of Meeting to forward this minute to these individuals.

Mount Toby Friends Meeting will witness to the humanity of all persons by offering our Burial Ground to be a sanctuary for those in need of a compassionate burial in similar cases where politics and public outcry against a perpetrator of violence is so strong that burial elsewhere is refused.

— Proposed by Dorrie Merriam, forwarded by Care & Counsel

### Notes From the GMRSD School Committee

## No More Level Four!

By ELLEN BLANCHETTE

Good news came to Gill-Montague Regional School District this week. They have been released from Level 4 status. This determination by Commissioner Mitchell Chester of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) was announced at the school committee meeting held on Tuesday, August 27, by Eva Mitchell, Associate Commissioner at the DESE. Mitchell attended the meeting along with Joan Connolly, plan monitor, also from DESE, who delivered her final Quarterly Report to the school district. This very positive report showed the district had met all the criteria for getting out of Level 4 status. In a letter delivered in person by Mitchell, addressed to Superintendent Michael Sullivan and Joyce Phillips as chair of the school committee, Commissioner Chester stated his decision to remove the district from Level 4 status. He said determination of their new accountability level will be decided in the fall.

At the August 13 meeting, Superintendent Sullivan presented his

operational plan for the district to be submitted to Commissioner Chester of the DESE for their approval. The plan was the final requirement to be met by the district to achieve their goal of exiting Level 4 status. The commissioner sent a letter to Sullivan in July, congratulating him on his new position, and indicating his willingness to remove the district from Level 4 status if they would complete this final step.

In the operational plan, Sullivan listed specific goals to be met and the methods of achieving those goals. These are goals set for teachers, administrators, the school committee and the superintendent, and presents the methods and structures that will support the achievement of these goals. They address classroom intentions, professional development, teacher evaluation and methods of administrative oversight.

Sullivan asked that the school committee approve his letter to the Commissioner. Joyce Phillips, chair, asked members to vote to approve his plan so that it could be submitted in time for the DESE to make their determination before the

August 27 meeting, since officials from the DESE were expected to attend. The school committee voted unanimously to approve the operational plan as presented. They also expressed their appreciation for Sullivan's work. Jane Oakes, vice chair and member from Gill, said it was "an extremely impressive document."

### District Adds 17 New Teachers

Superintendent Sullivan has clearly been quite busy since taking over as superintendent on July 1. In his report to the school committee, On August 13, he described completing the hiring of seventeen teachers, offering "an enthusiastic welcome to them." He reported holding exit interviews, along with Marty Espinola, with four departing teachers. He has been getting to know his administrators and staff, meeting with all supervisors at least once, several times with each administrator, and holding two administrative team meetings.

"I have also been learning about the great work of the Gill-Montague Community School Partnership and observing our vibrant summer school program under the direction of Christine Bates," he said. He expressed very positive impressions of everyone he's met and gave credit to all those who have helped him transition into his new position with special attention to those in the central office and his executive assistant Robin Hamlett.

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### Corrections

In "Faces and Places" on August 22 we listed the wrong officer on the Segway. The officer on the Segway was Officer Dan Miner, not Officer Mike Sevene. We regret the error.

In our August 22 report on the Leverett selectboard, we misstated selectman Shiveley's remark that the cost of broadband would be \$50/month. What Selectman Shively actually said was that based on the figures presented at town meeting, she personally would save \$50/month. We thank Selectman Shively for pointing out our error.



**NOTES FROM THE MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD****Return to Pre-town Meeting, and to Last Week's Dog Complaint**

By PATRICIA PRUITT

The August 26 selectboard meeting returned to the question of Ms. Billeil's dog, Ulysses, whom the BOS ordered restrained at all times. During that hearing a "gentleman in a wheelchair" was referred to as the dog's first bite victim. This week that gentleman, John Wesolowski, appeared before the board to voice his concerns about the dog, telling the BOS he was afraid now to go out on his daily turn around the neighborhood, and that he was doubtful the owners would actually comply or maintain the order to restrain the dog. Wesolowski also wanted to know if there was any check to see if the restraining order was being carried out. He said he would feel reassured if the animal control officer or police told him the dog was properly restrained. He asked to be notified when that check up was made. He also said he had not been notified of last week's hearing. Chair Fairbrother assured Wesolowski that he would request such a check to see if the owner was in compliance, and agreed to notify Wesolowski of the dog's restraint.

WPCF Superintendent Trombley also returned to get approval to apply to the State Revolving Fund (SRF), with a deadline of August 29, for a low interest loan to rehab two of the eight pump stations in town. One is the Poplar Street pump station and the other is the First Street pump station. Trombley explained that the eight pump stations range in age from 30-52 years old and in depth from shallow (8-10 feet) to deep (35 feet). He has selected the Poplar (shallow) and First Street (deep) stations as the two most in need of rehabilitation. After discussion of the seriousness of the need for pump station rehabilitation, the board approved Trombley's application to the SRA unanimously.

His second item of business was listed on the agenda as looking for board authorization to advertise publicly for the vacant laborer position, recently posted for the required time in-house. As a result of the in-house posting, Trombley had had interest from a three-time summer employee whom he was hoping to hire. The board wanted the process to be followed and voted for Trombley to advertise the position publicly. This step will take two more weeks.

Sarah Doyle of the Discovery Center Friends Association sought permission to erect signs for the annual Source to Sea River Clean-up to be posted in Peskeomskut Park and Montague Center Common. Volunteers are needed again this year; this is a very successful clean-up project.

In an earlier selectboard meeting the question was asked by Jeanne Golrick about what ever happened to pre-town meeting meetings? After some discussion, it was agreed that such a meeting would be useful in light of the agenda set for the upcoming special town meeting on September 12. The board voted unanimously to hold a pretown meeting on September 10, in the upstairs meeting room in town hall at 7 p.m.

Frank Abbondanzio asked the board to appoint Judith Lorei to the Cemetery Commission. Lorei was recommended by Library Director and Cemetery Commission member Sue SanSouci. The board approved unanimously.

He also announced the Intent to Request Release of Funds for the 2013 Town of Montague Housing Rehabilitation program Community Development block grant.

Finally he announced the hearings being held by FRTA as part of its plan to change the routes, namely Route 23 through Turners, Montague Center, destination UMass. Amherst. (See article on front page.)

**NOTES FROM THE GILL SELECTBOARD****FirstLight Issues Continue**

By DAVID DETMOLD

The Gill selectboard signed off on the second joint letter in recent weeks with the Gill conservation commission to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission requesting cooperation from FirstLight Power on developing a rigorous, repeatable, and verifiable methodology for the 2013 Full River Reconnaissance Study of the so-called Turners Falls impoundment of the Connecticut River between the Vernon dam and the Turners Falls dam, used by First Light as the "lower reservoir" of the Northfield Mountain pumped hydro facility. The Full River Reconnaissance Study will help to determine the extent of Northfield Mountain's impact on erosion of the riverbanks, and provide the basis for ongoing remediation of that problem. FirstLight is in the midst of a 30-50 year relicensing bid for Northfield Mountain.

The letter was fired off because "FirstLight did not adequately address the issue" of the methodology of the Full River Reconnaissance after the first letter the boards sent out, according to selectboard member Ann Banash.

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clear the initial screening can then move on to Phase 2 of the process, in which a selection committee will review final applications. Ramsey said that none of these applicants have applied directly to Montague for consideration. That will happen, he assumed, after the state's Phase 1 screening was completed.

Ramsey informed the board that the state has a great many restrictions already in place governing how these facilities must operate, but that locally, the town had the right to impose further restrictions. His concern was that under current zoning it would be relatively easy for a medical marijuana dispensary to receive a building permit in Montague without either a site plan review or a special permit. At present, RMF's are classified as being for "retail sales and service use." Accordingly, any building under 5000 square feet would be permitted in most areas of Montague (except residential) without a special permit. State restrictions, however, would somewhat limit the siting. The state Department of Public Health regulations prohibit a dispensary within 500 feet of a school, day care center or playground. Nonetheless, as Ramsey pointed out, that leaves a great many places available for building or renovating a building for this use.

"We're trying to hold their feet to the heating pad, and they say it's too much," added selectboard chair John Ward.

The letter seeks FERC's imprimatur to compel FirstLight to work with stakeholders like the Connecticut River Streambank Erosion Committee to develop Full River Reconnaissance methods that "meet the standard of technically defensible and rigorous scientific investigations with clearly stated goals, objectives and deliverables."

The stakeholders referenced in the letter, including the Gill selectboard and conservation commission, maintain that "FirstLight has stopped collaborating on the plan."

In other news, the board appointed Joyanna Damon and Kristina McComb to the Gill cultural council for three year terms.

Selectboard member Randy Crochier reported that the cooperative health service of Franklin County has received a District Incentive Grant from the state totaling more than \$200,000 over the next three years to support the work of the two year old cooperative, which provides professional health and public nursing services to ten Franklin County

towns, including Gill. The grant will allow "the assessment the town has been paying to grow at a much slower rate," as a member of the public health cooperative, Crochier said.

The repaving of the parking lot at the Gill Elementary School has been completed in record time. "The way everyone worked together to make it happen was really impressive and gratifying," said town administrative assistant Ray Purington, who noted the contract to Lane Construction of Northfield for the paving was awarded on Wednesday, and the job was reported complete on Monday, just five days later. The board credited highway superintendent Mick Laclaire and his crew for the advance work that made the job go so smoothly.

Janet Massuci reported on planned purchases of video and audio equipment to improve the videotaping of town meetings and selectboard meetings. The purchases will be paid for from the town's cable access fund, which has a present balance of more than \$57,500, and will provide lavalier mics, portable speakers, and a new sound mixing board for MCTV volunteers to use while taping town meetings.

Central Business, and Historic Industrial. Under current regulations dispensaries are prohibited in residential and agricultural zones. This would not change.

In addition to the special permit requirement, the board also is seeking to impose further regulations. Among these additional requirements are that the special permit shall lapse within three years of its issuance. The permit would be renewed only after a complete local review of the operation and performance during the time the original permit was held.

The board will hold a hearing on September 24 at 7 p.m. to present the proposed zoning by-law changes to the public. Ultimately, the new amended by-laws will need to be ratified by town meeting. This likely will take place at a special town meeting in January.

**VetNet and Stavros Building Montague Wheelchair Ramps**

Gardening, canning, and sauce-making: for some this is work; for others a tradition of love. But what happens when that tradition is threatened by your inability to get out of your own home? For Ann Ketzenger of Montague that ques-

tion is very personal. "I can get out, but I can't get back into my house. It's too hard getting the wheelchair up the steps. I really miss being outside and in the garden."

Thanks to the help of volunteers from VetNet at Greenfield Community College and the Stavros Home Sweet Home program, help is on the way in the shape of a new and sturdy wheelchair ramp.

"A great group of dedicated

student veterans was looking for a way to make meaningful change in their communities," said Diane O'Hearn, Academic Coordinator for Veterans Services at GCC. "Helping Stavros build wheelchair ramps so people can stay independent in their own homes was a natural."

"These student veterans are amazing – they've done so much work," said Lois Brown, Director

of Home Sweet Home. Through spaghetti dinners and other events, VetNet has raised nearly \$5,000 to help Home Sweet Home buy the lumber and other materials for ramps. And that's not all. "They'll be here on August 30 to help put the ramp together and in place," Ms. Ketzenger said. "I am looking forward to getting my independence back and getting back into my garden!"

"VetNet has truly been a pleasure to work with and now they are committing themselves to raise more money for another ramp in the area," said Ms. Brown. "We are so excited that GCC and the VetNet group are helping people with disabilities in Franklin County."

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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG

## Salvation Army Deals With Dumping Problem

Monday, 8/19

11:30 a.m. Employee called in an ongoing problem with illegal dumping after business hours at Salvation Army. Services rendered.

5:48 p.m. A 31-year-old Turners Falls man was arrested on charges of domestic assault and battery.

6:37 p.m. Two separate reports of burglary/breaking and entering reported on G Street: cash, jewelry, and additional items missing. Investigated.

8:39 p.m. Vehicle vs. deer collision near Farren Care Center. Humans OK; deer had to be euthanized.

Wednesday, 8/21

7:24 a.m. Vehicle reported stolen from Montague Garage; later returned and left in custody of MPD, who arranged its return to owner.

11:22 a.m. Four rings reported stolen from a Millers

Falls Road residence.

4:26 p.m. Owner (or not) of a Third Street property accused of withholding deposit money from a prospective tenant to whom he did not end up renting. Report taken.

6:51 p.m. Following a motor vehicle stop near the Industrial Park, summons were issued to the vehicle operator for operating with a suspended license and no inspection sticker, and to the vehicle owner for allowing an improper person to operate a motor vehicle.

7:46 p.m. Report of ongoing problem with smoke from a neighbor burning green wood on Old Sunderland Road. Services rendered.

Thursday, 8/22

2:08 a.m. 911 call regarding a domestic disturbance in progress in Millers Falls.

12:09 p.m. Report of telephone scam seeking checking account information. Advised of options.

Friday, 8/23

2:11 a.m. Noise complaint on Fourth Street. Services rendered.

5:14 p.m. Video game system reported missing from a Second Street residence after an apparent breaking and entering. Report taken.

6:59 p.m. [REDACTED] was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

Saturday 8/24

12:09 a.m. Officers broke up a large, noisy party consisting of 50+ people at the end of East Chestnut Hill Road.

1:57 a.m. Following a report of a disturbance on Crescent Street, officers stopped a vehicle

and pursued a female who fled from the scene. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was arrested on a default warrant.

11:20 a.m. Burglary/breaking and entering reported on Second Street; medications missing. Report taken.

1:31 p.m. MPD officers were called to assist when a male jumped off of the French King Bridge. Turners Falls Fire Department boat recovered jumper, who survived and was life-flighted to the hospital.

2:40 p.m. Report of a break-in at the Brick House on Third Street. Nothing appeared to be missing. Report taken.

5:39 p.m. Resident of Crescent Street spoken to regarding ongoing noise complaints.

11:41 p.m. Suspicious activity reported near Power-

town Apartments. Report taken.

Sunday 8/25

12:34 a.m. Second call of the evening regarding a domestic disturbance on Fourth Street. Services rendered.

1:44 a.m. Loose cows reported on Wendell Road in front of Senn Excavating.

3:55 a.m. A male was taken into protective custody following a report of possible self-destructive behavior.

8:03 a.m. Caller from L Street reported that his truck was entered and items taken overnight.

12:16 p.m. House and truck reported egged on Montague Street.

6:31 p.m. Tools reported stolen from a back porch on Second Street.

10:35 p.m. Caller requested assistance removing a bat from her spare room.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ERVING POLICE LOG

## Late Summer Party Interrupted By Noise Complaint

Tuesday, 8/20

6 p.m. Criminal complaint issued to [REDACTED], for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Wednesday, 8/21

5:15 p.m. Assisted on scene of medical emergency on North Street.

7:15 p.m. Disturbance at Veterans Park on Moore Street. Found to be youth arguing verbally. Separated same; dispute resolved.

Thursday, 8/22

10:10 a.m. Suspicious activity and open door at Ridge Road residence. Spoke with owner. All set.

4 p.m. Report of roadside disturbance on Ridge Road. Arrested a 28-year-old Erving woman for domestic assault and battery.

Friday, 8/23

9:30 a.m. Disabled motor vehicle on West Main Street. Towed.

3:45 p.m. Report of tractor-trailer unit traveling erratically

westbound on Route 2. Located same. No impairment. Advised of complaint.

8 p.m. Telephone scam reported at Lillians Way. Report taken.

9:15 p.m. Report of suspicious activity at elementary school. Found to be teacher preparing for the start of school.

10 p.m. Arrested [REDACTED] for driving on a revoked registration and with no insurance, and assault and battery on a police officer.

Saturday, 8/24

12 a.m. Dispatched to Mountain Road following report of a dirt bike in the area.

11:30 a.m. Report of a board with nails in it on Route 2 near Dunkin Donuts. Removed same from roadway.

12:38 p.m. Took report of a two-car motor vehicle crash at the intersection of Moore and Pleasant Streets.

1:28 p.m. Report that a male subject jumped off the

French King Bridge. Subject transported to hospital.

9:50 p.m. Noise complaint on North Street. Discovered a party. Spoke with homeowner and advised of complaint.

Sunday, 8/25

5:09 a.m. Disabled motor vehicle on Route 2 and Prospect Street. Towed.

Monday, 8/26

9 a.m. Report of larceny on French King Highway. Under investigation.

11:50 a.m. Assisted Northfield PD with report of breaking & entering on Montague City Road.

1:35 p.m. Report of vehicle blocking Gunn Street driveway. Gone upon arrival.

7:05 p.m. Medical emergency on Mountain Road. Assisted on scene.

Tuesday, 8/27

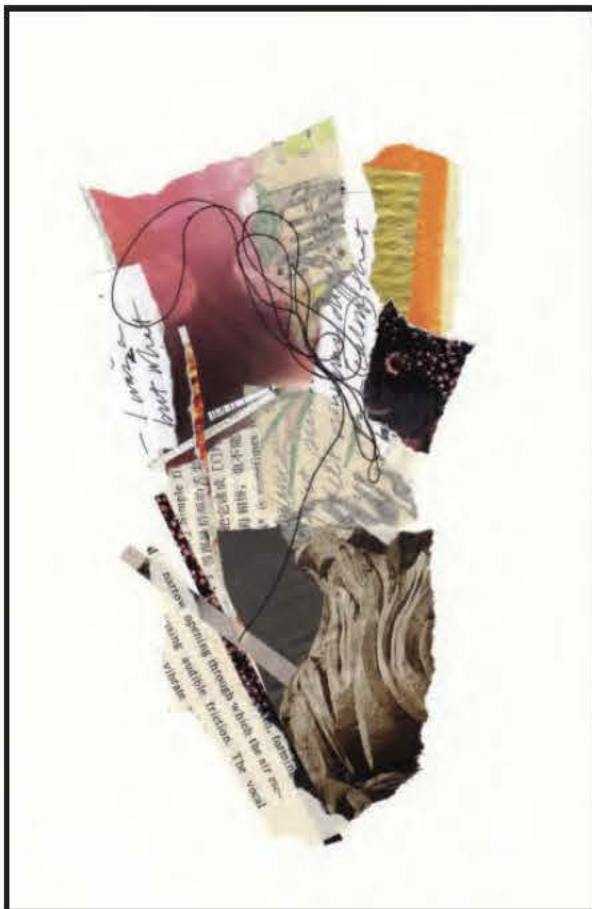
3:02 a.m. Domestic disturbance on West Main Street. Spoke with subjects; found to be verbal only.

## At Nina's Nook...

## TRISH CRAPO SHOW OPENS SEPTEMBER 4

FLOTSAM, photographs and collages by Trish Crapo, will run at Nina's Nook from September 4 to October 12. Inspired by walks on the beach during a dune shack residency on Cape Cod last May, Crapo's compositions represent "a calligraphy written by the sea." There will be a reception with the artist during the Third Thursday in Turners Falls on September 19, from 5 to 8 p.m..

Nina's Nook is at 125A Avenue A in Turners Falls, next to the Black Cow Burger Bar. Hours are W-TH 4 to 6 p.m., Fri-Sat 1 to 6 p.m., and by appointment: (413) 834-8800. Online at [www.ninasnook.com](http://www.ninasnook.com).



TRISH CRAPO COLLAGE

## ... And Third Street Studios

## TRANSFER WORKSHOP WITH ALICIA HUNSICKER

Nina's Nook is also sponsoring a workshop with artist Alicia Hunsicker of Leyden on her xerox transfer method. The artist is looking for 10 people for a workshop on Sunday, October 13 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Max Armen's Third Street Studios. The cost is \$35 including materials.

Workshop participants will learn about a variety of xerox transfer processes and the different ways they can be applied in creating paintings or other kinds of art. Alicia will demonstrate the process she uses in creating her work.

Participants will then be walked through the process as they create their own art. Participants will leave with at least one xerox transfer work of art on heavy archival paper, a materials list and written directions for future projects. This workshop will last approx 3 hours.

Topics covered include: how to use digital technology to create an image; materials and multiple usage explanation; how to apply the xerox onto a variety of surfaces; how to seal the image and layer for use as a painting; and painting techniques in acrylic and oil for use with the xerox transfer method

Please email [naban@verizon.net](mailto:naban@verizon.net) or call (413) 834-8800 to register. The first session filled up in one day!

## Big Brothers Big Sisters of Franklin County Awarded \$20,000 Grant

**GREENFIELD** – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Franklin County (BBBSFC) was awarded in July a \$20,000 Mentoring Matching Grant by Mass Mentoring Partnership of Boston, to be used towards operating costs for this fiscal year. The grant funding came from Gov. Patrick's FY14 budget through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Statewide, the Mentoring Matching

Grants will create and support 1,000 high-quality matches.

In Franklin County, this grant will be used towards supplies for local mentoring programs & match activities, recruitment of new mentors & mentees, and other general operating costs for the agency. This grant is especially important as BBBSFC has recently hired two new part-time case managers who will be starting September 2013. The new case

managers will be recruiting high school mentors ("Bigs") and coordinating the Deerfield Academy and Northfield Mount Hermon mentoring programs. BBBSFC also has a new Dial/Self RISE/AmeriCorp member starting this month who will assist with mentor recruitment, community engagement, and capacity building for BBBSFC.

Mass Mentoring Partnership (MMP) is fueling the movement to expand quality mentoring for youth to meet the needs of communities across Massachusetts. MMP serves more than 200 mentoring programs

statewide supporting 30,000 youth in mentoring relationships. They provide training and technical assistance, networking and professional development, mentor recruitment campaigns, advocacy, resource development & recognition, and mentor-mentee match activities.

BBBSFC received an additional \$1,000 from MMP for two mentor recruitment campaigns: the Red Sox Mentoring Challenge and the Back-to-School Campaign.

On Thursday, August 15, BBBSFC held a recruitment event at the Greenfield Grille in conjunction

with the Red Sox Mentoring Challenge to recruit new adult Bigs. Attendees received goodie bags, free snacks, and a chance to win Red Sox tickets at the event. BBBSFC recruited three potential new Bigs at the event last week. This campaign is ongoing throughout the fall and more information can be found at [www.redsox.com/mentors](http://www.redsox.com/mentors).

The Back-to-School campaign events will be held this fall in collaboration with Greenfield Community College, helping to spread the word that more adult mentors are needed in our communities.

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**BUSES** from page 1

ridership growth." Also, GCC students have requested quicker and more affordable access to Amherst.

The proposed new bus to South Deerfield would run four times a day, as opposed to the current two trips on the Route 23 through Montague. The cost would be only \$1, one third the present rate. However the Greenfield-Montague-Amherst transportation corridor through Montague Center would no longer be served by public transportation. Montague residents would have to travel to Greenfield and GCC before heading to another transfer at South Deerfield.

Several Montague residents who frequently use the current line spoke against the proposed change. One rider suggested that many who work at the University of Massachusetts, the largest employer in the area, will be "stranded" by the elimination of service. She argued that requiring Montague residents traveling to Amherst to go to GCC first was unreasonable.

Another rider suggested that the FRTA consider routing the bus from GCC through Montague down Route 47 to Sunderland Center. In Sunderland passengers could connect to a bus to Amherst that runs every fifteen minutes during the school year. This would reduce costs and increase access for GCC students while leaving Montague in the loop. FRTA officials appeared willing to consider this alternative. "That's why we're having these hearings," said PVRTA Director Tina Cote. "To listen to your ideas."

Cote and assistant Michael Perreault presented a lengthy power point showing the proposed changes in the system. The impetus for the reorganization came from the

decision of Athol to leave FRTA and join the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority. This forced the FRTA to alter the Greenfield-Orange-Athol line, which now ends at Hannaford's supermarket in Orange. This created three hours of extra driving time in the schedule.

"These changes gave us an opportunity to take a look at our fixed route system as a whole to find improvements and efficiencies," according to the power point. Several consultants who worked on the reorganization attended the hearing.

The FRTA is also considering several other changes. The first is to separate Route 21 (the current internal "Greenfield Community Route") into two routes - one circling the city from the transportation center to Franklin Medical Center, Stop and Shop, Leyden Woods and Foster's Market; the other targeted to Big Y supermarket and Greenfield Community College.

Another is to create a new "Corporate Center Shuttle" which would operate between the transit center and the corporate center (home of the Department of Transitional Assistance, the Veterans Outpatient Clinic and Children and Family Service).

The route would also serve the new Franklin County Court House, when completed. Expansion of Route 22 from eight to eleven trips per day is also being considered. This route serves Turners Falls, Millers Falls and Montague Center along with the Farren Care Center in Montague City, from eight to eleven trips per day.

Modifications of trip times for Route 32 to Orange (formerly to Athol) to make better connections with other buses in the new system are also in the offing. Once the

Gill-Turners Falls Bridge reopens, this route will travel from the JWO Transit Center to High St., then to Stop and Shop into Turners Falls. Currently this line runs through Montague City to Turners.

Finally, there was also discussion of eliminating service to several high-rise apartments serving the elderly. Residents of these facilities tend to use FRTA's "demand response" system, which relies on requests for individual service rather than regular "fixed routes."

The hearings also gave FRTA officials an opportunity to briefly describe the system's core financing and some of the long term issues it will be facing. These include the need for new shelters, "amenities" and signage at stops, as well as at the transit center itself. There was discussion, as well, of the potential for extending service to weekends.

Cote estimated that extending the proposed Montague Route 22 and the new Greenfield Route 24 routes to Saturday and Sunday would cost \$240,000 per year (currently the fixed routes are estimated to cost \$1,303,241).

In terms of financing, over half of the transportation authority's budget is financed by the State Department of Medical Assistance to cover a variety of services to clients. Of the remaining \$2.9 million, roughly 66% is financed by federal and state aid. \$415,246 (14.4%) is funded by local assessments to the member towns. Projected annual fixed route fares total \$301,525 (10.5%) while demand response fares are estimated to be \$162,650 (5.7%). "Other" revenues account for the remainder. These estimates, shown in the FRTA power point, are for the current fiscal year (FY'14).

The hearing at the transit center



SAWYER-LAUCANNO PHOTO

*The proposed changes would force riders east of the river to pass through the Greenfield hub and make a transfer to travel north and south.*

was one of four between August 21 and 23 (there were also hearings in South Deerfield and Orange). According to officials at the meeting, "feedback must be submitted to FRTA by September 3."

The FRTA advisory board, which consists of representatives from the member towns, is scheduled to meet on September 19 to make a decision and there is a 30 day public comment period after a

board vote. "Anticipated changes could take effect on Monday, November 4."

Comments may be sent to Tina Cote at [tina@firta.org](mailto:tina@firta.org) or Michael Perreault at [michael@firta.org](mailto:michael@firta.org), (413)774-2262, or (888) 301-2262. You may also wish to contact your town representative on the FRTA board. The representative for Montague is Selectboard Chair Mark Fairbrother.

**GMRSD** from page 4**Nurses Hired**

At the August 13 meeting the school committee voted to approve the hiring of two new nurses for the elementary schools. Carol Varner will be the new full time nurse at Gill Elementary. Anne Mastroto-taro will serve the Montague Elementary School.

The school committee agreed last year that the district needed more full time nursing staff serving the elementary schools and these hires fulfill that goal. Karl Dziura, president of the Gill-Montague Education Association, asked the chair if they could have a vote on the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the nurses so they could take their positions when the staff is due to report for work. The school committee will not meet again until after the staff is due to return.

Because this was not on the agenda, it could not be voted on at this meeting but it was agreed that the superintendent could sign the MOA so the nurses could begin their work and the school committee could vote to approve the MOA at the next meeting.



Superintendent Michael Sullivan and GMRSD Chair Joyce Phillips

**iPads Policy**

Also at the August 13 meeting, after a discussion of the new iPads that were given to school committee members in June, a vote was taken to approve their use by members. The vote in favor was unanimous. Members agreed that the iPads will be very useful in their work, will allow them to move towards going paperless, and will help them have access to more information during meetings and therefore improve


their ability to do their work.

The decision to provide iPads to the school committee members was made by acting superintendent Marty Espinola, who said the purchase came out of the technology budget, not the school committee budget.

The iPads remain the property of the school district, and would be returned to the district when a member no longer served on the school committee.



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from people who bring children. Oh and by the way, I don't know whether you noticed but smoking is not good for you."

But why the new regulations now? According to the Director of the Montague Board of Health, Gina McNeely, the regulations are "long overdue." "We've protected workers inside [eating and drinking establishments] for years now so this is the next step... Because I work there, does this mean I have to be exposed to second hand smoke? That's what this is all about."

McNeely did not portray the new local regulations as a state government initiative but rather stressed the role of an organization called the "Mt. Toby Tobacco Control Coalition" which has been urging health boards to strengthen and extend smoking bans. The Coalition also undertakes sting operations to enforce the law restricting tobacco sales to minors.

As McNeely's comments suggest, the new regulation is primarily justified as an employee health measure. Section D of the new rule states that "it shall be the responsibility of the employer to provide a smoke free environment

for all employees working in an enclosed workplace..." However, the goal of the law is to extend these protections to areas not "enclosed."

As Berger suggested, implementation and enforcement may not be simple. The prohibition applies to "all outdoor areas immediately adjacent and attached to restaurants, bars, taverns and private clubs where and when food and/or beverages are sold, served or otherwise consumed or carried." "Outdoor space" is defined as "an outdoor area, open to the air at all times and cannot be enclosed by a wall or side covering." However, the word "adjacent" is not defined in terms of a specific distance.

McNeely suggested that the health board is being flexible. She cited the example of the Roadhouse Bar in Millers Falls, where the regulation was initially deemed to prohibit smoking at a horseshoe pit on the property. The board is now allowing Roadhouse customers to smoke in that area.

In the case of Jake's, customers are being allowed to smoke in an alley on the opposite side of the building from the customer seating area. Presumably the alley is not considered part of



Rendezvous co-owner Chris Janke poses with the shiny new notice of the ban, displayed on the restaurant's front porch.

the workplace even though it would seem to be an "adjacent" open space.

The Rendezvous has a popular "front porch" area with approximately six tables between the building and the sidewalk. Customers and employees used to be able to smoke on the porch (in theory when no one is eating) but now migrate to the sidewalk. The result is a pile of partially used cigarettes on the sidewalk. This investigative reporter counted nearly twenty cigarette butts in front of another bar after a busy weekend. Is it the job of local establishments to monitor smoking on sidewalks?

"It would maybe help if the town hired a [cigarette] butt cleaner," noted Berger facetiously. In a more serious vein he stressed that the Rendezvous is abiding by the regulation "to the letter of the law."

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rainwater to the sewer system. The selectboard agreed with that recommendation.

The test is "as non toxic as smoke can be," said Valinski. It involves blowing smoke from special smoke candles through the sewer system in sequential manholes, and keeping an eye on where the smoke comes out.

White smoke pouring out of the top of a roof gutter leader will not signal the election of a new pope, but the presence of an unauthorized sewer connection that is costing the district money. These connections can be redirected at a minimal expense to save the district money over the long haul.

A letter to each household will be delivered door to door before a smoke test is conducted.

The engineers warned that smoke may come pouring out in basements with improperly connected drains, or even from underneath garden shrubs or rosebushes, if a pipe running from a household to the sewer line is badly cracked.

The selectboard cited figures indicating that the Riverside district annually discharges about 75% to 150% more sewage than should be expected, based on the amount of water being billed at water meters in Riverside homes.

Some inflow and infiltration of rainwater and groundwater is normal in older sewer systems, but the Tighe and Bond engineers said low cost analysis, like visual inspection of the 65 manholes in the district or a system-wide smoke test, can lay the groundwork for the least expensive fixes to reduce that inflow.



# Erving, Montague Selectboards Discuss Wastewater Issues

By C. SAWYER-LAUÇANNO

On Tuesday evening, August 27, the Erving and Montague selectboards met in joint session to discuss an agreement Erving presented to Montague regarding wastewater rates.

For almost 40 years Erving has pumped sewage from Millers Falls to their waste water treatment facility in Erving. In the past there have been some disagreements over rates and calculation methods. The new agreement seeks to eliminate these problems by converting the town of Montague into an Erving "customer."

In the past, Montague has paid a share of capital expenses for maintaining the Ervingside sewer plant – which processes sewage pumped beneath the Millers River from Millers Falls, along with sewage from the Erving side of the river – in proportion to the amount of flow Montague con-

tributes. The new agreement will eliminate cost sharing, as Montague will now be charged per gallon of pumped sewage.

According to Montague town administrator Frank Abbondanzio, the meeting was very productive. He said that with the redefinition of Montague as a customer, both Erving and Montague can know what to expect for costs (on the Montague side) and revenue (on the Erving side).

The average amount of waste pumped from Millers Falls to Erving each day is 150,000 gallons. At peak, the amount is 530,000 gallons each day.

Abbondanzio said that the town's attorney is currently reviewing the agreement, but that he does not foresee any major difficulties. "It seemed to us quite fair," he noted.

He expected that another meeting will take place in about three weeks to finalize the agreement.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GILL POLICE LOG

## Coydogs On The Prowl

Monday, August 12

7:25 a.m. Complaint of resident driving recklessly on South Cross Road.  
7:45 a.m. Tractor-trailer unit stuck attempting to turn onto Turners Falls-Gill Bridge.  
9:10 a.m. Financial scam reported on Franklin Road.  
1:35 p.m. Warrant service on Main Road resident attempted. Resident has reportedly moved.

Tuesday, August 13

5:10 a.m. Accident reported on Hoe Shop Road. Located operator at Center Road residence.  
8:40 p.m. Assisted Montague PD with unwanted person at Avenue A business.  
9:30 p.m. West Gill Road resident requested assistance with carbon monoxide detector.

Wednesday, August 14

10:15 a.m. Assisted French King Highway resident with domestic issue.  
7:45 p.m. Coydogs reported on Center Road.

Friday, August 16

10:20 a.m. Resident complained of commercial driver operating dangerously.  
2:55 p.m. Coydog complaint on North Cross Road.  
8:10 p.m. Assisted operator of disabled motor vehicle on Main Road.

Saturday, August 17

10:50 a.m. Arrested subject at West Gill Road business.  
5:20 p.m. Complaint of loose cows on Main Road.  
5:50 p.m. Suspicious motor vehicle on North Cross Road.  
Sunday, August 18  
9:45 a.m. Disabled motor vehicle on French King Highway at Barton Cove.

1 p.m. Illegal dumping reported at Walnut Street residence. Under investigation.

Monday, August 19

4:20 p.m. Section 12 arrest of North Cross Road resident.  
Tuesday, August 20  
8:20 a.m. Firearms issue on South Cross Road.

9:30 a.m. License plate reported stolen from Main Road residence.

Wednesday, August 21

12:30 p.m. Restraining order assistance on West Gill Road.

Thursday, August 22

9:05 a.m. Complaint of hens in the roadway on Main Road at Munns Ferry.  
11:30 a.m. Family disturbance on South Cross Road.

2:25 p.m. Minor motor vehicle accident on French King Highway.

4:10 p.m. Assisted Erving PD with domestic incident on State Road.

Friday, August 23

9:45 p.m. Assisted Erving PD with arrest at French King Highway residence.

Saturday, August 24

1:30 p.m. Subject reportedly jumped from French King Bridge.

Sunday, August 25

9:30 a.m. Illegal dumping off Camp Road.

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## Obituaries



**Kathleen M. Bartone**

Ms. Kathleen M. Bartone, 62, of Montague MA and formerly of Milford MA, died Monday (August 19, 2013) at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston MA after a courageous seven-year battle with cancer.

Miss Bartone was born in Milford, the daughter of the late Americo and the late Margaret (O'Rourke) Barton.

Kathy attended St. Mary's school system, graduating in 1969. She received her higher education at Our Lady of the Elms College, class of 1973, an honor student in Social Studies. Finally, she achieved her master's degree in Vocational Education at Westfield Community College. She never ceased advancing her learning in specialized courses throughout life.

As an ardent young athlete, she excelled in softball, basketball, and

field hockey, following through her love of sports and nature in later years as a cyclist, hiker, mountain-climber, and member of local softball leagues.

A great lust for life took her traveling when opportunity presented: to Mexico, Alaska, Canada, Germany, and Europe, and of course, our beloved Cape.

Initially pursuing a career in Social Work in the Amherst area, she progressed into the teaching profession, her technical wizardry and empathic style finding her a niche as computer instructor at Springfield Technical High School, until 2000 and later at Franklin County Tech, until 2006.

She was an unflagging entrepreneur, a cutting-edge wizard who founded "Up&Running Computer Services", operated several on-line businesses, and was a master webpage-designer, creator and editor of a community-networking newsletter, besides being the proprietress of the "Grape Vine Inn" B&B.

But above all, her heart lay in music; an accomplished classical guitarist, bass player in local bands, and a virtuoso pianist, gracing public and private audiences with performances ranging from Bach to New Age to her own in-

spired compositions.

Ever resourceful and upbeat, she managed her own illness with characteristic aplomb and skill to challenge any CEO's duties. A multifaceted paragon, she was as at home in the high tech world as the interpersonal realm. Of her many talents, however, her primary one was her gift of love, an abiding light to her cherished family and friends.

Ms. Bartone is survived by her 3 siblings: Peggy Barton of Hopkinton, Paul Bartone and his wife Jocelyn of Annapolis, MD, and Michael Barton of Milford. Also her nieces and nephew: Dianna Bartone, Christina Bartone and Vince Bartone.

Funeral Services will be held Sunday, September 1 at 1:30 p.m. at the Edwards Memorial Funeral Home, 44 Congress Street, Milford MA. Burial will follow in Hopedale Village Cemetery. Visiting hours will be Saturday, August 31 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Edwards Memorial Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, online at [www.LLS.org](http://www.LLS.org), or by mail The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 9 Erie Drive, Natick, MA 01760.

ference on Mission and Evangelism held in San Antonio, Texas.

On December 2, 1989, Fred and Betty Wilson found their way home to 105 North Leverett Road, Leverett, Massachusetts where they have lived ever since.

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Fred is survived by his devoted wife, Betty, their three children and their spouses: Marg and Jack Kruse, of Leverett, Rus and Pat Wilson and Becky and Art Torres of Shutesbury; six grandchildren and spouses: Anastasia Kruse-Kanyuck and Jeff Kanyuck, Selilah and Joshua Kalev, Henry Wilson, Tani Anaya, Sam and Ben Torres; and seven great-grandchildren: John Kruse-Kanyuck, Taiya and Tim Anaya, Taikoda Wilson, Tsukiko Bhowmik, Noa and Jacob Kalev.

A memorial service will be held at the First Congregational Church of Leverett on Saturday, August 31, 2013 at 10 am with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Church World Service, PO Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515; [www.cwsglobal.org](http://www.cwsglobal.org).

## Dear Clio,



**Dear Clio,**

I'm a 14-year old girl, and I'm getting fat. I weigh 150 lb and am just 5 feet 2. My mom's fat. My dad's fat. My brother is fat. My mom is also a great cook. But I want to go on a diet and mom doesn't take me seriously. She says I've got big bones and I shouldn't get stuck on being skinny.

I'm not stuck on that but I don't want to be fat either. If I eat less at dinner she and dad both tell me to clean up my plate. My mom also gets an attitude like "Is something wrong with the food?" I also want to join a gym but my parents say it costs too much.

What do I do? Please help me.

**Fat Girl**

**Dear Fat Girl,**

The other day I saw a girl walk onto the beach in a string bikini. I would say she was about your height and weight. She looked kind of fat, and she also looked really good. You could tell by the way she carried herself that she knew it, and you could tell by the way the teen-aged boys were looking at her that they knew it, too. My point is that fat and unattractive are not the same thing. There are plenty of beautiful fat women who go on dates and get married and all that. There are also plenty of unattractive skinny people. If you don't believe me, go to the beach and take a look around.

From reading your letter, I would guess that you look beautiful right now, and that's why your parents aren't worried. Still, you are worried, and that makes sense, since we live in a culture that is obsessed with looking skinny. Plus you are fourteen and really want to look your best.

Maybe you know already that fat people don't actually become skinny by not eating. They literally starve themselves, lose weight, then gain it all back and start again. This cycle makes people feel bad about themselves, and it's not good for their bodies either. On the other hand, we all look more attractive when we are healthy. I agree with you that exercising is a great way to get healthy.

Is there any way you could pay for the gym membership yourself? The YMCA in Greenfield costs \$15 a month for teenagers, and anyone 15 or over can join. The parents I know are more supportive when their kids are motivated enough to fill out applications themselves and pay for things with their own money. I am sure that

your parents want you to be healthy. It just seems like their ideas about being healthy are a little different from yours. Once they see that you are serious, I'll bet they will support you.

We definitely need to eat in order to be healthy. I recommend eating your mom's delicious home-cooked food. There are other things you can cut back on. Soda has a lot of calories and no nutritional value. Fruit juice has vitamins in it, but one small glass has more sugar than a serving of ice cream. Drinking water has the added benefit of making your skin look healthier.

If you have the willpower, I would also cut out processed foods, or at least cut back. I am sure that your parents will not say that you should eat more processed snacks. I avoid even processed foods that say "all natural" or "low fat." How can you tell if something is processed? Think about what the food looked like when it came from the farm and what has happened to it since then. If there are 20 ingredients, and you're not sure what half of them are, it's probably better to avoid it. If you cut out soda and processed foods, I think you can eat homemade desserts, and even ice cream, guilt free.

When you start exercising and eating only unprocessed treats and your mom's home cooking, you will soon look healthy with good muscle tone and glowing skin. Now the next step is for you to believe that you look pretty. People who are confident look beautiful. That girl I saw on the beach is a perfect example.

If you are OK with the way you look, other people are going to see the beautiful young woman that you are. So get yourself in good shape – by taking care of yourself, not by starving yourself – and then flaunt it. Get up in the morning and put on something that shows off your curves. You are never really going to look different from the person you are, and that's a good thing! Still, you can have the most attractive version of the body you were born with, if you stay healthy.

It sounds like your parents really care about you. I am sure that they will be on your side as soon as they understand that you are serious. Good luck!

**Yours,  
Clio**

Contact Clio confidentially at  
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## Frederick Russell Wilson, Sr.

Frederick Russell Wilson, Sr. (Fred) completed his journey at about 5 pm on August 22, 2013, lovingly surrounded by much of his immediate family.

Born in Tehran, Iran, on August 17, 1927, the son of Presbyterian missionaries, Margaret Bussdicker Wilson and Ivan Otis Wilson, Fred was a graduate of Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee and of Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey.

Fred married Elizabeth Jane Saint (Betty) of Erie, Pennsylvania on August 31, 1949 and together they embarked on a lifetime of love and service to the Church. In 1950 Fred and Betty were called to Tabriz, Iran as "fraternal workers" by the Presbyterian Church where daughter Margaret Amelia was born in 1951 and son Frederick Russell Wilson, Jr. was born in 1952.

In 1955 – 1956 Fred moved his family to Princeton, New Jersey for a year's furlough to finish his Th.M. at Princeton Theological Seminary. Daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth was born in Princeton in 1956. Fred and Betty moved their family back to Iran in 1956 and

continued their service as fraternal workers until 1960.

In 1960 Fred accepted a position with the Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations (COEMAR) of the Presbyterian Church in Mass Communications Overseas. The family settled in Glen Rock, New Jersey and Fred began the 26 years of commuting to 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York, fondly called the "Godbox". In connection with his overseas responsibilities Fred traveled widely visiting centers of Presbyterian ecumenical work in Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Latin America.

Fred served the Presbyterian Church as Director for Planning and Research under COEMAR from 1967 to 1970; as the South Asia Liaison from 1970 to 1980; and as Associate General Director of the Program Agency from 1980 to 1986; and finally as Director of the Program Agency until 1988. At the same time (from 1961 to 1974) Fred served the World Association for Christian Communication, first as Treasurer and then as President.

Fred and Betty left New Jersey in 1988 to live in Geneva, Switzerland for two years while Fred was Administrator for the World Council of Churches World Con-

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the poetry page

It is difficult  
to get the news from poems  
yet men die miserably every day  
for lack  
of what is found there.

- William Carlos Williams

River Sunset

Shower me not  
With your floods, oh Helios!  
Not for me  
Your copper tone plea.  
Give me instead  
The vague purple hues  
Limned low in the sky  
On the opposite shore.  
They, too, are  
Your parting gift.

Hans Herda

Forgetting Film Stars

Who can put a number  
On that nimble frigate Desire?  
Give me the morning calm  
And my love with me tranquil  
In our bed as smooth as the sea.  
We'll dance a hornpipe  
You never did see  
And step out on land for the day.

Hans Herda

ReTurning

Return turns  
inward as a breach in the wall  
comforts a passageway.  
ebb  
flow  
flux  
and fixity  
purloined by any stream  
placate the nomadic impulse  
A rooster crows before dawn.  
A dog barks  
The gate is open.

Christopher Sawyer-Laucanno

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Stars

Forges of atoms, crushing hydrogen into all other elements, from helium to iron  
Lanterns of the cosmos, from floodlights to table lamps  
Born in bursts of light, burning away their dust clouds.  
Dying in brilliant explosions—  
The nuclear bombs of the universe, outshining entire galaxies.  
Collapsing into neutron stars, the radio towers of the universe,  
Or black holes—eaters of light, chasms of gravity.  
Or  
Blowing off their outer layers,  
shrinking like wet laundry,  
cooling off like hot coals,  
and fading away...

Jonathan Borowsky

LATE

The meeting had already started  
My teammates and coaches were already there, sitting around the table  
Engaged in lively conversation, occasionally teasing each other  
Ferretting out the Lego parts they needed to build the mission models  
Helping each other hunt for more elusive pieces

I was quiet, not knowing what to say,  
Feeling awkward amidst the banter, like the eye of in a hurricane of conversation,  
As I snapped together Lego pieces, thinking of connections to the conversation  
I helped my teammates search for parts  
I grew more comfortable  
I started to join the conversation a little  
I started to join with my group like a Lego fitting onto a mission model

Jonathan Borowsky

Contributors:

Jonathan Borowsky is a seventh-grade poet at Pollard Middle School in Needham, MA. His work comes to us from his grandfather, Robert M. Haddad of Wendell.

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The Millers Falls Library Club: Free after school program. 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: Free *Texas Hold 'em* Poker tournament, with cash prizes.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

Carnegie Library: Children and their families are invited to come enjoy stories, crafts, music, activities and snacks. 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

Between the Uprights, Turners Falls: *Karaoke with Dirty Johnny*. 9 p.m. to midnight. Friday Night Karaoke. Free.

Avenue A & 2nd St., Turners Falls: *Farmers Market*. 2 to 6 p.m.

**EVERY THURSDAY**

Montague Center Library: *Music and Movement with Tom Carroll and Laurie Davidson*. Children and their caregivers are invited. 10 to 11 a.m. Free.

Between the Uprights, Turners Falls: *Open Mic with Dan, Kip,*

*and Schultzy* from Curly Fingers Dupree Band. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

**ART SHOWS:**

Nina's Nook, Turners Falls: *WTF??*, featuring digital photography and collage by *Bruce Kahn*. Through August 31.

**MUSEUM****EXHIBITS:**

Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association: Indian House, open 11 to 4:30 p.m. Weekends in Sept. to Oct 6.

Memorial Hall Museum Music Room, Deerfield. *Poetry to the Earth: The Arts and Crafts Movement in Deerfield*.

**EVENTS:****THURSDAY, AUGUST 29**

COOP Concerts, Energy Park, Greenfield: *Roland LaPierre, Charlie Conant* with Maple Ridge, *Pat & Tex LaMountain Band, Devlin Miles Band*. Free, 6 p.m.

Deja Brew Pub, Wendell: *Blue Pearl*, blues/jazz, 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 30**

Montague Bookmill: *A. Burris Jenkins & Forest Thompson*, \$, 8 p.m.

Arts Block Café, Greenfield: New Orleans Piano Blues and Jazz with *Nelson Lunding*, \$, 8 p.m.

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Nicole Alexandra*, 8 p.m.

Deja Brew Pub, Wendell: *The Atomic Scissors*, 60's & 70's classic rock, 9 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Santina King, Tigerhound, Twin Pines*. Rock/indie. 9:30 p.m., free.

Blue Rock Restaurant and Bar, Shelburne Falls: Jazz Standards with *Lenny Zarcone, Wes Brown & Rob Fletcher*, 6:30 to

9:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 31**

Greenfield Savings Bank, Turners Falls: *Bingo!* 10 to 11:30 a.m. Reservation needed.

Deja Brew Pub, Wendell: *The Wildcat O'Halloran Band*, guitar based blues, 9 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *The Locks*, featuring Ian and Krystal from *Imetajuju*, and *Nasoba*. 9:30 p.m., free.

Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: *Moose & the High Tops*, 9:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

Deja Brew Pub, Wendell: Labor Day Backyard Bash with *Rhythm, Inc*, reggae, 9 p.m.



*Santina King at The Rendezvous on Friday, August 30 at 9 p.m. with Tigerhound and Twin Pines.*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

Nina's Nook new exhibit by Trish Crapo opens.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

Deja Brew Pub, Wendell: *The Roosters*, classic rock dance by Bruce Scofield & Mark Feller, 8 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Falltown String Band*. 8 p.m., free.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

Elliot Street Café, Brattleboro: *Taking Power*: Opening reception for photo exhibit by *Cate Woolner, Lionel Delevingne* and *David Shaw*, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Drew Paton's 1940's Hit Parade*. 7 p.m., free.

Metropolis Wine Bar & Cocktail Lounge, Brattleboro: *SHAG*, 7 to 10 p.m.

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Lisa Marie Ellingsen*, 8 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls:

*Uncle Hal's Crab Grass Band*, funky tonk. Free, 9:30 p.m.

Deja Brew Pub, Wendell: *The Equalites*, reggae, 9:30 p.m.

Pothole Pictures, Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls: *Goodbye Solo*. 91 min. Music before the show: *Paul Crook & Carol DeLorenzo*, Celtic tunes, 7 p.m. Film at 7:30.

John Doe Jr. Records, Greenfield: *Laminated Apes, Tarp* with *Noise Nomads, Brompt Treb* and *Servitor*, 7 to 11:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

Atlas Farm, Deerfield: Kids' Day of Community Service, 11 to 2 p.m.

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Kristin Hoffman* with special guest *Alan Williams*. Deja Brew Pub, Wendell: *The Mark Nomad Band*, dance mix of blues, funk and beyond, 9 p.m.

Pothole Pictures, Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls: *Goodbye Solo*. 91 min. Music before the show: *Rebecca Hartka*, solo cello, 7 p.m. Film at 7:30.

Flywheel, Northampton: *Esther Chlorine, Colorguard, Cruise Whisp*, \$, 8 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: Voo 6th Anniversary Party with *DJ Cool Breeze*. 9:30

p.m., free.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Ray Mason*, 2:30 p.m.

Barnes Gallery, Leverett Crafts & Art Center, Leverett: *Seeds & Friends* Artists Opening Reception, 1 to 4 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *TNT Karaoke*, 8 p.m., free.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: Nick's Sweet '80s Movie Night: *Flight of the Navigator*. 9 p.m., free.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: Nora & Martha's Open Microphone. Signup at 7:30; show at 8 p.m. Free.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

Tunes at Noon, Greenfield Community College, main campus dining commons: *Kayte Grace*, 12 to 1 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Shout Lulu*, southern string band. 8 p.m., free.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

Memorial Hall Museum Music Room, Deerfield. *Poetry to the Earth: The Arts and Crafts Movement in Deerfield*. Lecture and book signing by *Suzanne Flynt*, 7 p.m. Exhibit preview at 6:30 p.m.

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# "I HAVE A DREAM"

*In honor of the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on August 28, 1963, The Montague Reporter invites our readers to revisit the monumental speech delivered that day by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.*

I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation.

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity.

But one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. And so we've come here today to dramatize a shameful condition.

In a sense we've come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the "unalienable Rights" of "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note, insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked "insufficient funds."

But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. And so, we've come to cash this check, a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice.

We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of Now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the

time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. Nineteen sixty-three is not an end, but a beginning. And those who hope that the Negro needed

march ahead.

We cannot turn back.

There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, "When will you be satisfied?" We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality. We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities.

We cannot be satisfied as long as

cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed.

Let us not wallow in the valley of despair, I say to you today, my friends.

And so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that

black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today!

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight; "and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together."

This is our hope, and this is the faith that I go back to the South with.

With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith, we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith, we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

And this will be the day -- this will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning:

*My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.*

*Land where my fathers died, land of the Pilgrim's pride,*

*From every mountainside, let freedom ring!*

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true.

And so let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire.

Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York.

Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania.

Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado.

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California.

But not only that:

Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia.

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee.

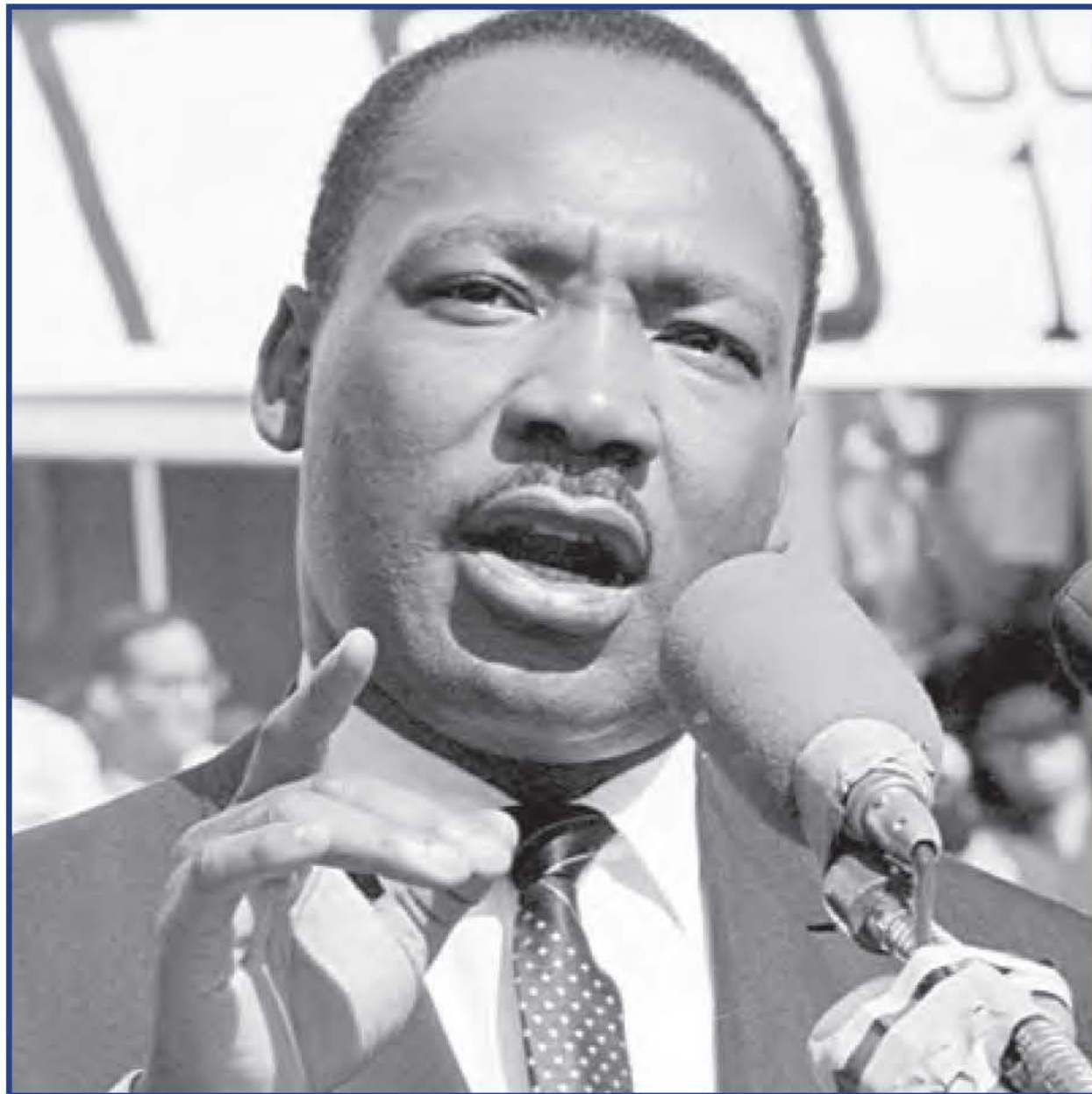
Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi.

From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, and when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual:

*Free at last! Free at last!*

*Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!*



Rev. King, speaking fifty years ago on the National Mall.

to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual.

And there will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny. And they have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom.

We cannot walk alone.

And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always

a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until "justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream."

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow jail cells. And some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering.

Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive. Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to South Carolina, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern

all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today!

I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of "interposition" and "nullification" -- one day right there in Alabama little

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