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A Way to the Other Side



Rendering of proposed Montague Center footbridge by Josh Goldman

BY LEE WICKS

MONTAGUE CENTER - The Wildlife Management area in Montague, nicknamed the 'conversation area' because it's a place where friends and neighbors meet and chat, has been divided for seven years since the bridge that linked the property on each side of the river collapsed. Together the fields at the end of North Street and the area across the river offer winding meanders along the water, woodland paths, swimming holes, abundant bird watching and a paradise for dogs. Walkers on both sides look longingly over the water and wonder if there's a way to get to the other side.

Over the years various efforts to construct something new have failed. A suspension bridge was torn down by the state because it was deemed unsafe. An arched bridge plan was rejected because it did not provide handicapped access. In good weather many people wade across, but in cold weather hikers, skiers and snowshoers cannot use the entire area.

That may all change this summer. With an approved design plan, Montague Center resident Josh Goldman went before Town Meeting this spring and got the go-ahead to raise funds for a footbridge that will take just two weeks to build from start to completion. Goldman helped with the clean up years ago after the old railroad tie bridge failed. He said, "I knew then that it had to be rebuilt." His bridge design was inspired by utility pole bridge construction that has been used by the Forest Service for years.

It will take \$5,000 to get the job done. Goldman said, "We are at about 40% of our goal." The best way to give is to mail checks to Friends of the Sawmill River, c/o PO

Box 266, Montague, MA 01351, or to call him at 413-626-0096. He added, "It's our bridge. We need to build it."

Montague resident Paul Sheron, said, "This is wonderful news. The town has not felt the same since we lost the bridge." Norma Johnson, also from Montague said, "I would love to have access once again. I grew up in the west where every little town had a park. I'd like to see the land with a walking trail all around as it once had." Al Ross said, "My sense is that no motorized vehicles should go there. It should be a nice place for walking, and I hope the bridge is wide enough for a small mower to get over."

In recent years brush has begun to overtake the field making it nearly impassable in summer. The lovely hay fields pictured in the posters around town are but a memory. Who might mow a path or maintain the field is not clear at this point. Town planner and conservation agent Walter Ramsay said, "I am told that in the past small grants were secured by the town to mow the fields or residents volunteered their efforts to mow. The town has permission to mow, and it would be desirable, but there are no immediate plans to do that. The Conservation Commission will be on the lookout for funding opportunities."

Ramsay said he plans to have a conversation with the Conservation Commission chairman and Division of Fish and Wildlife to identify management and access issues at hand.

Though the property is owned by the State, Ralph Taylor, the District Fish and Wildlife Supervisor, said fish and wildlife is not really in the business of managing recreation, so

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The Turners Falls High School Class of 2012



Turners Falls High School Class of 2012 graduates with flowers they received along with their diplomas at ceremonies Friday night.

BY ELLEN BLANCHETTE

TURNERS FALLS - Graduation is a wonderful thing at Turners Falls High School. This year the parking lot was so packed that some cars had to park on the service road and the grass. The gymnasium was filled to the rafters with enthusiastic friends and family. And balloons. The graduates themselves were very emotional, sometimes laughing, cheering, but also wiping away tears as they considered saying goodbye to their classmates and teachers. From the podium, speaker after speaker offered good advice, warm words of encouragement, and some good laughs to the graduates.

Donna Fitzpatrick opened the ceremonies, returning from medical leave to offer an uplifting message to the graduates. She encouraged them to accept the challenges they face and to embrace change, because progress is not possible without change.

Class president Christopher Torres smiled broadly as he took the podium, congratulating his fellow students and parting with these words: "Never rest until your good is better, and your better is your best."

Jesse Langknecht, class salutatorian, offered his thoughts with good humor and spoke of his dream to be an architect, telling his classmates to follow their dreams.

Emily Pollard, valedictorian, said graduation was just a stepping stone, the beginning of their life's journey. She said she appreciated the arts programs at Turners Falls high school and recalled shared memories.

Nadine Ekstrom, interim superintendent, spoke of things to be proud of, and offered some advice as they go out into the world. She noted that of the more than 50 Class of 2012 graduates, 69% are going on to college, 2% are joining the military, and 29% are entering the workforce.

She told the students as they leave to ask, "What are your goals?" She advised them to focus on their goals while understanding that goals will change over time as they mature, and not to be afraid to change direction when necessary.

Then she said that graduation day was bittersweet. "As time goes by," she said, "you will miss your friends. High school years are magical. You've grown up together." Graduates sitting in their blue and white caps and gowns could be seen wiping tears away as they listened,

but the next moment they were cheering with smiles on their faces as Ekstrom thanked them for the memories she had, and wished them "luck, success and happiness."

Joyce Phillips, school committee chair, offered her praise and thanks to the students and teachers, telling students to risk living each day to the fullest. Interim principal Joseph Fleming told them to dream big, and quoted baseball player Satchel Paige: "Don't look back; someone may be gaining on you."

During the ceremony that followed, the graduates walked out in turn through a flower draped trellis, each stepping slowly to the stage where they received their diplomas and shook hands with the administrators, Class of 2012 advisors Sarah Jetzon and Jessica Vachula-Curtis, and guidance counselors Emily Krems and Beth Fortin. Each student in turn embraced the next, moved the tassel from one side to the other, did a little dance of their own design, and then took turns as one went down the steps, while the other waited for the next grad to congratulate. Consistent with the entire evening, the small ceremony was performed with

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Art on Display at Third & Canal Streets



PATRICIA PRUITT PHOTO

BY JOE PARZYCH

TURNERS FALLS - Artists Joe Landry and Jack Nelson have teamed up with the Turners Falls Police Department to channel young people's energy in a positive direction. The newest sculpture on the site of the former Ford Dealership at 3rd Street and Canal is a guitar and two totem poles. The sculptures are made of cement, sand, latex additive and nylon reinforcing fibers mixed with

water. The mixture is then spread over a metal mesh, dried and painted.

"We had various sponsors," Jack Nelson said. "We received a grant from the Mass Cultural Council, the Montague Police Department and others." Some of the "others" include a cement company that donated cement, and Joe Landry and Jack Nelson who bought some of the materials and donated their time. Jack Nelson is well known for

his ceramic work and model building, most notably the Northfield Chateau. Joe Landry has sculptures of a horse and other works of art on display on Montague Road opposite the former Athens Restaurant.

Great Falls Middle School eighth graders created the 24 foot totem pole, and fifth grade students from Full Circle School in Bernardston constructed the 16 foot totem pole.

Too Many Doctors, Just Enough Fun



(L-R) Ethan Shilo-Draper, Alyson Murphy, Maeve Beck, Madison Walenius-Duda, Hugh Schatz-Alison, Maia Castro-Santos, Josie Bonaceto

BY ALEXANDER LEGER-SMALL

GILL - Last Saturday, an after school program started this spring bore its first fruits with the production of *Too Many Doctors*, based on two separate works by Moliere.

The youth community theater ensemble is organized by Amy Gordon and is open to students in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades from Gill, Greenfield and Turners Falls. Gordon,

who had directed the play previously, knew that it would be a chance for these students to step up and shine. And shine they did.

Taking the framework of *The Imaginary Invalid* and mashing it up with *The Doctor in Spite of Himself*, *Too Many Doctors* was a slapstick romp peppered with jabs at hypochondriacs and self important so-and-sos. Staged with the gracious assistance of

the Gill Town Hall and the help of friends and family, *Too Many Doctors* was a strong first showing from the group.

Almost every actor played multiple roles, allowing everyone ample time in the spotlight. Physical comedy was the order of the day and the play was at its best when the actors pushed it right to the limit. Foot stomping was a

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PET OF THE WEEK

Unique Beauty



Juggler

My name is Juggler and I'm an 8 year old female short hair cat in need of a home.

As you can see by my photos, I love posing for the camera! I think my unique beauty is evident in my eyes - I have one "Baby Blue" eye and the other is a "Lipid Hazel" (depending on the light, sometimes it looks tan and other times it looks green).

I am a very friendly, good-natured gal who would get along fine in either an indoor only home or an indoor/outdoor home. I was previously a stray and a very nice lady fed me every day.

Please come down soon and introduce yourself, ok? I know we will hit it off!

For more information on adopting me, contact the Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society at 413-548-9898 or info@dpvhs.org.

NEW SALEM LOIBRARY NEWS

International Day of the Environment

On Saturday, June 9th, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00, a Library for All Seasons will celebrate the International Day of the Environment.

Come join in the E-games. Bring your outdoor equipment, bikes, green minds and hearts to enjoy the nature around the library. Fun activities will include stories, games, and refreshments.

THE BRICK HOUSE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER Seeks Facilitators for Summer Workshop Series

The Summer Workshop Series is a community-driven education project that offers free one-time and ongoing workshops. With offerings for children, youth, parents and other adults, the Summer Workshop Series has something for everyone.

The Brick House is still seeking volunteer facilitators for a number

of workshop topics and are open to suggestions for new workshop topics as well.

Interested people should contact Martha Pskowski, Coordinator of the Summer Workshop Series at martha@brickhousecommunity.org or 413-863-9576.



JESSICA LARKIN ILLUSTRATION

BY FRED CICETTI

LEONIA, NJ - This is a second column about chemotherapy. The first provided general information. This one is about combating side effects of chemotherapy.

Chemotherapy is a treatment of drugs that kill malignant cells, bacteria, viruses and fungi. Chemotherapy has many unpleasant side effect, such as: hair loss, nausea, vomiting, mouth sores, diarrhea, constipation, pain, fatigue, fever, bleeding, bruising, poor appetite, weight loss, and reduced immunity.

Each patient reacts differently to the drugs. Most side effects subside after treatment ends. Many can be prevented or treated. Here are ways to counter three of the nastiest side effects.

Hair Loss

Hair loss is not certain with chemotherapy. Whether you lose hair depends on the medication and dose. Patients usually regrow hair three to ten months after treatment.

While there is no proven way to prevent hair loss, there are steps you can take to reduce the frustration.

Ice packs placed on the head slows blood flow to the scalp. This technique makes it less like-

ly that the drugs will effect your scalp.

Minoxidil (Rogaine) is a topical drug for stimulating hair growth and slowing balding. It hasn't been shown to prevent hair loss from chemotherapy, but there is research demonstrating that it speeds up hair regrowth after treatment.

* Not treating hair with dyes or heat can help hair last longer during treatment.

* It's easier to make the transition to less hair if you start out with it cut short.

* Some people shave their heads; they feel this looks better than losing hair in clumps. And, a shaved head makes wearing a wig easier.

* Before starting treatment, think about possible head coverings.

* Sleep on a satin pillowcase that won't catch hair.

* Use a soft brush and gentle shampoo.

Nausea and Vomiting

There are anti-nausea drugs that are given to chemo patients. Known as anti-emetics, the medications prevent nausea and vomiting and are given intravenously or by pill.

Here are some tips to help with gastrointestinal distress:

* Eat small meals more frequently. Rest after eating.

* Eat a light meal a few hours before treatment.

* Stay away from sweets and fatty foods.

* Drink small amounts of liquids throughout the day.

* Avoid strong odors.

THE HEALTHY GEEZER:

Side Effects of Chemo - Part II

* Meditate.

Mouth Sores

Chemotherapy can have the following oral side effects: pain, dryness, burning, peeling, swelling, infection and taste change. These effects may make it hard to eat and talk.

About a month before beginning chemotherapy, visit your dentist because side effects are more likely in patients with unhealthy mouths. The dentist can clean your teeth, take x-rays, treat any mouth problems and teach you how to prevent oral side effects.

These tips can help prevent and treat a sore mouth:

* Keep your mouth moist by drinking water and sucking on ice chips.

* Chew sugarless gum.

* Clean your mouth, tongue and gums with an extra-soft toothbrush.

* Use a fluoride toothpaste.

* Avoid mouthwash containing alcohol.

* Floss gently.

* Rinse your mouth several times a day with a solution of 1/4 teaspoon each of baking soda and salt in one quart of warm water. Rinse with clear water.

* Always sip a drink with meals.

* Eat soft foods that are easy to chew. Take small bites.

* Avoid toothpicks.

* Avoid acidic, hot or spicy foods.

* Avoid alcoholic beverages and tobacco.

Send your questions to fred@healthygeez.com.

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New barrel stickers for trash pick-up are now available in the Collector/Treasurers' office. The cost for the 6-month sticker is \$78.00. These stickers are good from July 1st, 2012 through December 31, 2012. The Collector/Treasurer's office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Town Hall is closed on Friday.

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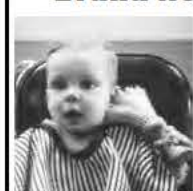
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Senior Center, 62 Fifth Street, Turners Falls, is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Congregate meals are served Tuesday through Thursday at noon. Meal reservations must be made one day in advance by 11:00 a.m. Kerry Togneri is the meal site manager. Council on Aging director is Roberta Potter. All fitness classes are supported by a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Voluntary donations are accepted. For information, meal reservations, or to sign up for programs, call 413-863-9357. Messages can be left on our machine if the center is not open.

Monday, June 11th

10:00 a.m. Aerobics
10:45 a.m. Chair Exercise
1:00 p.m. Knitting Circle

Tuesday, June 12th

9:00 a.m. Walking Group
10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga

Wednesday, June 13th

10:00 a.m. Aerobics

12:45 p.m. Bingo

Thursday, June 14th

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi

1:00 p.m. Pitch

Friday, June 15th

10:00 a.m. Aerobics
10:45 a.m. Chair Exercise
1:00 p.m. Writing Group

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Senior Center, 1 Care Drive, Ervingside, is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for activities and congregate meals. For Center and program information, call Polly Kiely, Senior Center Director, at 413-423-3649. Lunch is daily 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. Transportation can be provided for meals, shopping, or medical necessity. Please call the Senior Center to confirm activities, schedule a ride and to find out when the next blood pressure clinic will be held.

Monday, June 11th

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi
10:00 a.m. Osteo-Exercise
12:00 p.m. Pitch

Tuesday, June 12th

8:45 a.m. Chair Aerobics

9:30 a.m. C.O.A. Meeting

12:30 p.m. Painting

Wednesday, June 13th

8:45 a.m. Line Dancing/Zumba
12:00 p.m. Bingo

Thursday, June 14th

8:45 a.m. Aerobics
10:00 a.m. Posture Perfect
Friday, June 15th

9:00 a.m. Bowling
11:30 a.m. Lunch - Cookout

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For information, contact the Leverett COA at 413-548-1022, ext. 5, or at coa@leverett.ma.us.

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Local Briefs

COMPILED BY DON CLEGG – **Breenapalooza at Nina's Nook.** Eddie Breen of Ipswich, MA, is probably the leading practitioner in the world of piggyback art. He takes "incomplete" paintings found at tag sales and junk shops and inserts nuns, flying jesuses, flame people, politicians or death elephants to change the meaning of the compositions and create his own wild and strange worlds. Eye-poppingly humorous, funny and irreverent, Eddie Breen is a wise-ass having a good time with a paint brush! Opening Reception with the Artist, is Saturday, June 9th, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Nina's Nook is at 125A Avenue A. in Turners Falls.

Deja Brew in Wendell will host **Rebecca Bialecki**, a candidate in the Sept. 6th primary for representative of the 2nd Franklin District on Saturday, June 10th, at 4:00 p.m. The newly reconfigured 2nd Franklin District includes New Salem, Wendell, Warwick, Petersham, Athol, Orange, Templeton, Erving, Gill, and Phillipston.

Montague Reporter readers are writing into the paper warning folks of moose coming out from a swamp on Wendell Depot Road and crossing over to head north on Old Farley Road. Bear sightings in Montague Center, large cat sightings in Gill, and now moose on the loose in Wendell. Go slow and keep your eyes wide open!

Due to the warm spring weather, turtle movements began early this year. Calls and emails are coming in to MassWildlife from people observing turtles in action. Many people are familiar with the story of "The Tortoise and the Hare." Today, there is a race in progress, a race to extinction, with turtles, unfortunately, emerging as the leaders. The major threats to turtles are human-caused, but the good news is that people can work together on turtle conservation issues and help ensure the continued survival of these ancient creatures. The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) has been working to raise awareness of the issues surrounding turtles and to inspire citizens, natural resource managers, sci-

entists and other turtle enthusiasts to address the conservation issues and to help ensure long term survival of turtle species and populations. Now go slow and watch out for turtles.

Peterman's Boards and Bowls has a new home. After 10 years of shipping their locally handcrafted wooden products nationwide from their studio and shipping facility in Turners Falls, MA, one of Oprah's favorites on the famous "O" List is opening a new retail gallery and factory outlet store in the 1736 "Old Red House." Located at 61 French King Highway on the Mohawk Trail, passersby can preview the cherry, spalted and ambrosia maple, ebonized cherry, black walnut and cherry burl bowl and board offerings under the tent set up out front.

The public is invited to the Grand Opening on Saturday, June 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with refreshments and music. Ed Shamo will play classical guitar from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Lenny Zarcone will provide music from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Baystate Franklin Medical Center's "Clinical Notes," a hospital-based women's a cappella chorus, will perform a free concert, Spring into Summer, on Friday, June 15th, from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the hospital's main lobby. The group is under the direction of Kathryn Aubry-McAvoy, a nurse practitioner at Baystate Franklin. Hospital staff, patients, visitors and the public are invited to attend.

Clinical Notes will perform a wide variety of music, including classical, traditional American, spiritual, folk and pop. A number of members of the group will be featured as soloists.

Come and join the officers, members and guests of the Montague Elks #2521 at 1 Elks Avenue in Turners Falls on Thursday, June 14th at 6:30 p.m. for a traditional **Flag Day Ceremony**, which will include the retirement of flags. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks designated June 14th as Flag Day in 1907. In 1911, the Grand Lodge of the Order adopted the observance of Flag Day as mandatory for every Lodge, and the requirement contin-

ues today. To the Elks, the American flag is an emblem used in its ritual; it represents freedom and is a symbol of unity in God, to country, and to fellowman. In 1949, President Harry Truman, himself an Elk, proclaimed June 14th as Flag Day for the nation.

This year's guest speaker is Brian R. San Soucie, Commander of the American Legion Post #178 in Turners Falls and member of the Montague Elks Veteran's Committee. There will be a proper raising and lowering of the flag; to be followed by the proper folding of the flag. If you have any flags in need of retirement, please bring them, folded appropriately, to the lodge to be included in this event. If you need help folding your flag, we will gladly assist you. A complimentary cook-out will be served following the ceremony.

Congratulations to the Turners Falls High School State Baseball Champions! No, not the 2012 team, although we certainly hope they win, but the Turners Falls **High School baseball team of 1942**, who are celebrating their 70-year old win at Fenway Park against Arlington. Seven members of the team and one assistant are still around to hoist a few, which they plan to do this weekend at the French King Restaurant.

Join author and photographer **Mary Holland** on a "Naturalist's Journey through Twelve Months of the Year in New England" on Saturday, June 16th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. at the Great Falls Discovery Center, 2 Avenue A in Turners Falls.

Holland will have a display of natural history artifacts, and you'll have a chance to purchase and have signed your very own copy of "Naturally Curious"! Sponsored by the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center.

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common means for coercion, but fainting, a fight with a cane and the appearance of a giant hypodermic needle helped to underscore the absurdity of Moliere's original works.

The performers deftly handled the smattering of French words that popped up, especially the servants Suzanne and Toinette, played by Maeve Beck and Althea Tierney. Some went the extra mile with accents, most often those who switched between multiple characters. One of my favorite moments was listening to the character Barnsmell played by Ethan Shilo-Draper list his ailments and catch imaginary flies only to run back on stage moments later as a completely different character with another accent to match.

The creative use of costuming and set pieces was engaging and effective, exactly what community theater should be about. The most imaginative scene in the show, where bushes were moved by actors hidden behind them and encircled a traveling party in the forest, goes to show that you don't need big budgets and state-of-the-art effects to convey a sense of setting.

You could tell that the actors

were having a ball the whole time. A particular chase scene with Sganarelle, a wood cutter played by Hugh Schatz-Allison, running into the audience really brought the energy of the show into the whole of the space, making the play that much more enjoyable.

Opportunities for burgeoning actors aren't always readily available, but ACT After School in Gill is filling that void. Whether it was their first time on stage or if some of these performers were seasoned veterans, I couldn't tell. They all handled their lines well, pushing through the rare stutter or flub like pros. And that's what community theater is for: fostering confidence in young performers and letting kids use their imaginations. By the end of the show you could see the sense of accomplishment in these kids' eyes and the satisfaction at having made an audience laugh for an hour. The players successfully transported me away from a dreary, wet Saturday afternoon to a world of fraudulent doctors, mincing hypochondriacs and acerbic house servants. Gill, Montague and all of Franklin County should keep a sharp eye on this group, as I'm sure that there's more great local theater in their futures.



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Sorry, But There is No Information

Once when we were spending three or four days in Prague, we tried to get some information and were directed to a desk in the lobby of a hotel with a sign that said Information Desk. There was a short line, so we waited and chatted. Soon we were at the front of the line: we asked about places to stay and the woman at the information desk pointed to a sign we hadn't noticed that announced, "No Information Here."

Cut through a number of years and places to June 5th at the meeting of the GMRSD School Committee. Add about 45 people, plus committee members and cable camera people and a reporter or two who realize something is up, something big enough to bring 45 young athletes, plus parents, plus folks who have followed the school teams as supporters over the years. Why are they there at the School Committee meeting? Robert Avery, chosen as spokesman for the group, took a seat at the table for a chance to speak in the five-minute public participation time. He asked simply when the assembled peoples' concerns regarding the hiring or not hiring of the current Administrative Director of Athletics to continue in his position, held now for 10 years be discussed. The soon to be departed interim superintendent said she would need to look at her notes. The Chair said no one can speak beyond the five-minute public participation without being on the agenda. Avery continued: "Further we are concerned about the process of hiring a coach and if

judgments have been made not to consider the present coach as a continuing coach." He continued: "We are concerned that the process surrounding the position and person of the current A.D. is not clear and upfront." The Chair advised people to stick to what they know and ignore rumors. Avery continued: "We - all of us - are here because there is no clear information. We are here because the School Committee has the answers or knows who has the answers." The superintendent said Mr. Avery had made a point and the protocols of speaking at the school committee can be the topic of new business at the next meeting, if he will submit to the superintendent his concerns in writing by tomorrow. The Chair told Avery that Schedule B employees are the hiring responsibility of the principals, not the school committee. In short, no information there.

As Athletic Director and Physical Ed. teacher and coach, Gary Mullins has put in a total of 33 years at Turners Falls High School. As one parent put it, administratively the GMRSD District has been in turnover mode since the early nineties, for a variety of reasons. But the Athletic department under Gary Mullins has been a positive stable strength in the district. His teams have been outstanding and many have won state championships. His loyalty to the District and to the students of the district has been constant. After 33 years you'd think someone in the Administration would have that information.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reel Memories

I really enjoy my weekly updates on the goings on in Montague. Keep up the good work.

I read with interest of the pending shoot in the area and was reminded of other Hollywood filmmaker visits to the Valley that provided lasting memories of Western Massachusetts.

I recall when Elizabeth Taylor and her entourage descended upon the Yankee Peddler Inn in Holyoke while shooting *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* and were turned away at the door due to inappropriate attire.

My dad ran the barber shop on

South Main Street in Amherst, just off the campus of UMass, when another film was shot. By the day shooting of *Silent Night, Lonely Night* was to start, all the storefronts were festooned with Christmas décor and the Merry Maple Trees on the Common were twinkling brightly. That morning, the man who owned the small flower shop across the street from dad's shop came scampering into the shop with a grand old New England grin on his face. He told dad that Mr. Bridges had just left his shop having ordered two dozen long-stemmed red roses to be sent to Miss Jones' room at the Howard Johnson Motel. The proprietor asked, with a perfectly straight face, if Miss Jones was Mr. Bridge's wife and was told no, but flowers are a tradition between leading actors on the first day of shooting. The florist allowed that here in Amherst long-stemmed roses are sent by husbands to wives and turned down the honor.

These encounters remain more memorable than the Hollywood projects, themselves!

—Jerry H. Sears
St. Louis, MO

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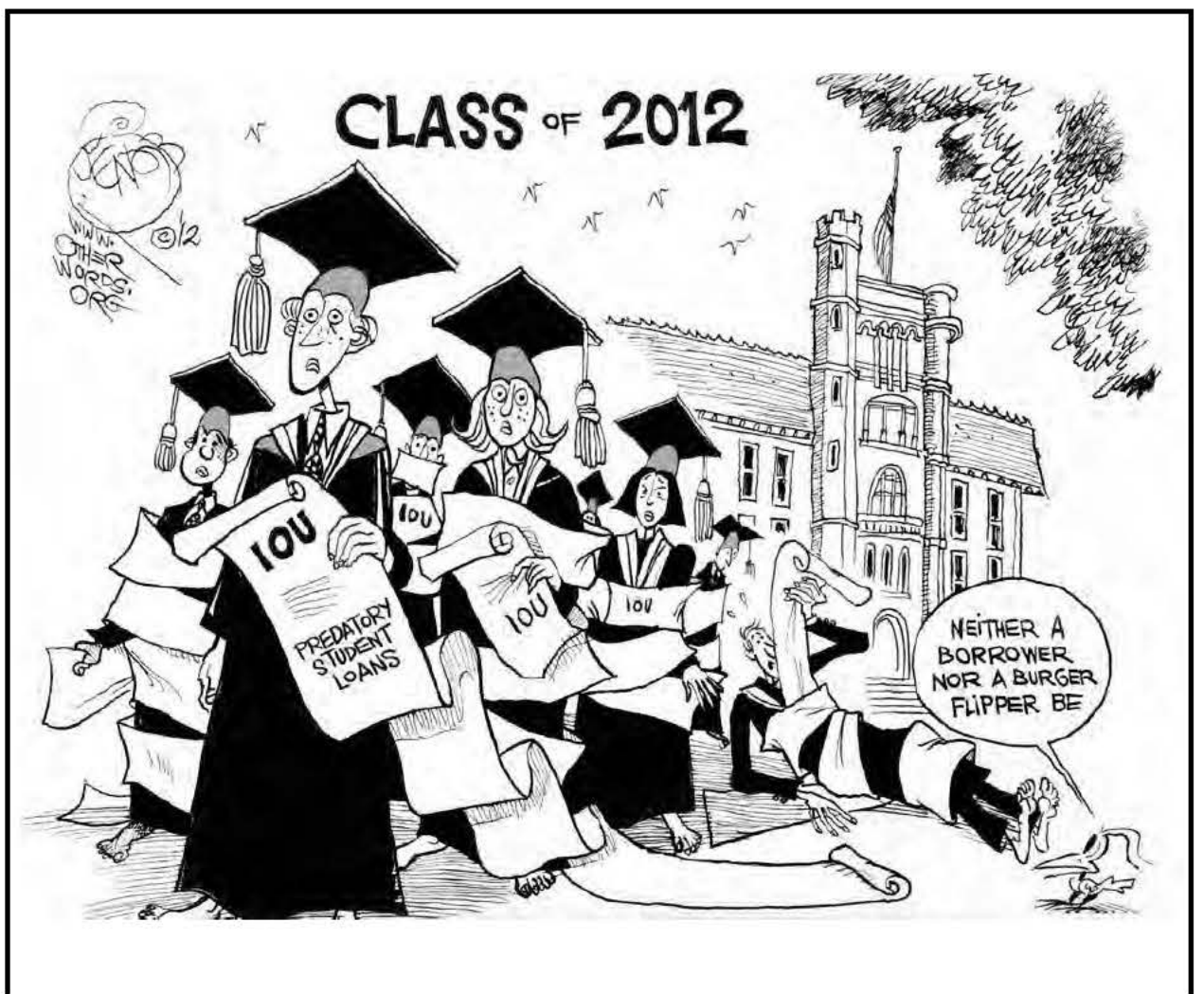
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June 15th is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

June 15th is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Awareness will lead to prevention of this "silent pandemic." Most cases of elder abuse remain undetected. Don't assume someone has already reported a suspicious situation. Elders always have the right to self determination, which means they have the right to make decisions for themselves as long as they have the cognitive ability to do so. Anyone can report suspected abuse, neglect, financial exploitation or self neglect. You do not need to prove that abuse is occurring. Reports are always confidential. Consultations are available if you are unsure if elder abuse or neglect is occurring. Reports are investigated by protective services staff who work with the elder to respect their wishes and self determination. In many cases, simple interventions go a long way to improve a situation. When in doubt, make a call.

In Massachusetts, Elder Protective Services investigate reports of abuse that are physical, emotional, sexual, financial, caretaker neglect as well as self neglect. Elder abuse can happen to anyone. Mistreatment of older people, now referred to as elder abuse, remained a private matter, hidden from public view until 1975 when it was first described in a British scientific journal. Elder abuse is taken far more seriously now and reflects the

growing worldwide concern about human rights, gender equality, domestic violence and the growing number of older persons in the whole population. Regardless of the type of abuse or neglect, it will certainly result in unnecessary suffering, injury or pain, the loss or violation of human rights and/or a decreased quality of life. Abuse or neglect can be unintentional but needs to be attended to when it happens.

In the Commonwealth of MA, reports of elder abuse grow each year. Every day in MA, about 55 reports of elder abuse are received. During the last two weeks of May 2012, there were 1835 cases in active investigation in MA and, of those, 430 new investigations were initiated. In the 30 towns of Franklin County and the North Quabbin area, about 30 to 40 reports of abuse or neglect are filed each month. Older victims usually have fewer support systems and physical, psychological and financial resources. This only magnifies the impact of neglect and abuse. A single incident of mistreatment is more likely to trigger a downward spiral that can result in a loss of independence. Generally speaking, elder abuse is intentional or neglectful acts by a caregiver or a "trusted" individual that harm a vulnerable elder. Dementia is a significant risk factor.

Mental health and substance abuse issues, for both abusers and victims are risk factors as well. Isolation can also be a risk factor. It is estimated that only one in five cases or fewer are reported. Abuse or neglect can go unnoticed over time for many reasons. Societal changes may contribute to the predisposition of some persons to become abusive to elders. Factors such as increased mobility, strained economic times and smaller nuclear families have impacted resources. In many cases, the responsibility of elder care falls to a select few family members.

Assistance is available to those 60 and older who are victims of (physical, emotional, sexual) abuse, neglect, financial exploitation by another person, or are self-neglecting. Contact Franklin County Home Care Corporation at 413-773-5555 or 978-544-2259 to consult or make a report. For night and weekend coverage, call 800-922-2275 from anywhere in Massachusetts. If a situation is life threatening or there is immediate danger, call 911.

—Roseann Martocchia
Executive Director
Franklin County Home
Care Corporation
Turners Falls

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it will be up to the town to maintain the bridge and the property. Mr. Goldman concurred: "There are no formal plans for maintenance at this point."

What does exist is a feeling that the town and its people could pull together and make it work. It is a project that might engage the whole community as donors or volunteers in the nostalgic spirit of an old time barn raising.

But not everyone thinks the bridge is a good idea.

Stanley Scarpati of Montague said, "It's a wildlife management area, not a park. The bridge will increase traffic on North Street, and parking could be a problem. This is just not good planning. It needs more forethought." When Scarpati wants to walk on the other side of the river, he puts on a pair of boots

and wades across.

Anticipating the need for additional parking, Mr. Goldman said the Friends of the Sawmill River are hoping the area at the end of North Street can be cleared to create six spaces. If those are not enough, he said people should be encouraged to park on the Common or in front of the library. Before the old bridge collapsed, drivers sometimes blocked driveways and pulled onto the edges of lawns. This behavior, plus speeding, has caused others to also doubt the wisdom of the new bridge.

The offices of the environmental police are right on Hatchery Road, and Ralph Taylor said he is hoping they can help if people violate the laws pertaining to wildlife areas.

Ramsay said, "I understand concerns about the ecology but there's a balance between restoring the bridge and possibly having more foot traffic versus continuing having the current

traffic cross the river on foot - thus eroding the bank. As far as the impact of more people: It has only been a handful of years since the bridge existed and it was seen as a valuable asset to Montague Center residents. At the time and as I understand, it did not have an adverse impact on the ecology of the area."

When Anna Garbiel sold the land, she saw it as a welcoming place where people could get closer to nature. Along the wooded trails there are still markers where children in the Montague Center elementary school went for nature walks. It is that spirit that Goldman is trying to uphold with this venture.

Those who want to focus on the positive value of this project should think about what they might do to help, make a donation of any size, and thank Goldman for all his efforts, if you see him in town.



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Leverett Voters Approve Broadband Network 462 – 90

On Saturday, June 2nd, Leverett voters overwhelmingly approved a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion override to pay for a fiber-to-the-home network. Slightly more than 39% of the town's eligible voters cast ballots, a fairly large turnout for a single issue question. The 20-year bond measure will increase property taxes by approximately 6%.

On April 28th, Town meeting approved a measure to develop the \$3.6 million municipal broadband initiative that will bring high-speed internet to Leverett.

With this vote, the money will now be guaranteed to bring the initiative to reality. Currently, some residents have only dial-up service, some rely on satellite, while some have no internet connection at all. Phone service, now carried over antiquated copper lines, will also be part of the package.

A private company will install and run the network, but the town will own it. If all goes as planned, every resident in Leverett will have state-of-the-art broadband by 2014.

Below is a list of names of those students who received awards this year in the ceremony at TFHS on Thursday, May 31, 2012. The list is alphabetical, cleared of all tabs and excess paragraph breaks so each student's awards are listed with the name in a single paragraph. Included are a few Junior book awards that were also presented at the ceremony.

CLASS OF 2012
TFHS SENIOR AWARDS

Academic and Athletic Achievement
Dakota Albano: President's Award For Academic Achievement, Senior Most Valuable Players, Track & Field.
Thalia Baltzer: Senior Most Valuable Players, Swimming.
Corey Bassett: President's Award For Academic Achievement.
Daniel Colton: President's Award for Academic Excellence, Senior Most Valuable Players, Unsung Hero Award for the Sport of Tennis.
Christian Connelly: Senior Most Valuable Players, Boy's Tennis.
Jenna Costa: Turners Falls High School, Academic Excellence in Business Education Award, Senior Most Valuable Players, Softball & Volleyball.
Taylor Croteau: Senior Most

Valuable Players, Girl's Basketball & Girl's Soccer.
Haley Fiske: National Honor Society, President's Award for Academic Excellence, Scholastic Merit Awards (Top 5 students in graduating class), Academic Excellence in Life Science Award, American Citizenship Awards: "Students who set a positive example."
Matthew Gibson: Helen C. Reidy Physical Education Award, Excellence in Physical Education, Senior Athletic Award, Class of 1945 Joseph J. Sheff Memorial Awards (Basketball), Senior Most Valuable Players, Baseball & Boys Basketball.
Christopher Gordon: National Honor Society, President's Award for Academic Excellence, Class of 1953 for Excellence in Drama, Miss Alcie Teed Award, Music Boosters Marching Band Awards.
Alicia Hathaway: American Citizenship Awards: "Students who set a positive example."
Viktoria Khasanova: President's Award For Academic Achievement, The Hannah Neville Dedication to the Greenhouse & Gardens Award.
Jesse Langknecht: National Honor Society, President's Award for Academic Excellence, Scholastic Merit Awards (Top 5 students in graduating class), Academic Excellence

in Manufacturing Technology Award, Academic Excellence in Physical Science Award, Music Boosters Marching Band Awards.
Seth Lemieux: Music Boosters Marching Band Awards.
Samuel Letcher: President's Award for Academic Excellence, Scholastic Merit Awards (Top 5 students in graduating class), Senior Most Valuable Players, Boy's Soccer.
Corban Mailloux: National Honor Society, Academic Excellence in Mathematics, President's Award for Academic Excellence, John Philip Sousa Band Award, Music Boosters Marching Band Awards, American Citizenship Awards: "Students who set a positive example."
Jeremy Mankowsky: President's Award for Academic Excellence, Academic Excellence in Business Education Award, Academic Excellence in Physical Education, Ellen T. Wrightson Memorial Award, "To the senior who best exemplifies the Spirit of Turners Falls High School", TFHS Service Award, Marston Baseball Award, "For your all around athletic ability in Baseball and in contributing to the Team Spirit at Turners Falls High School", Senior Most Valuable Players, Football.
Patrick Moretti: President's Awards For Academic Achievement, Music Boosters Marching Band

Awards.
Mary Morris: Senior Most Valuable Players, Girl's Tennis.
Quincy Ortiz: Brian "Bubba" Whiting Memorial Athletic Award.
Haley Ozdarski: National Honor Society, President's Award for Academic Excellence, Scholastic Merit Awards (Top 5 students in graduating class), Helen C. Reidy Physical Education Award, Excellence in Physical Education, Academic Excellence in Social Studies Award, Music Boosters Marching Band Awards, TFHS Service Award, American Citizenship Awards: "Students who set a positive example."
Emily Pollard: The Valedictorian Scholarship Award, National Honor Society, President's Award for Academic Excellence, Scholastic Merit Awards (Top 5 students in graduating class), Academic Excellence In Art Award, Academic Excellence in English, Class of 1947 English Award, Most Valuable Players, Football Cheerleading.
Angelica Renaud: Choral Achievement Award.
Todd Richardson: President's Award For Academic Achievement.
Cameron Savinski: National Honor Society, President's Award For Academic Achievement.
Caroline Sena: National Honor

Society, Music Boosters Marching Band Awards, President's Award For Academic Achievement, Senior Most Valuable Players, Basketball & Competition Cheerleading.
Christopher Torres: Academic Excellence in Communication Technology.
Academic Excellence in French Award, TFHS Service Award, President's Award For Academic Achievement.
Tara Williams: President's Award For Academic Achievement, Special Recognition Award: The First Student from Turners Falls High School to graduate with both a High School Diploma & Associates Degree (Greenfield Community College.)
Shawna Williams: President's Award For Academic Achievement.
Junior Book Awards presented at Senior Awards Night 2012
Brooke Martineau: Bay Path College Book Award.
Timothy Meyer: Rensselaer Medal Scholarship.
Troy Langknecht: Saint Michaels Book Award.
Alyssa Adams: Smith College Book Award.
Christian Sawicki: Williams College Book Award.

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laughs and some tears. Each student received a flower as they left the stage and went back to their seat. When all were seated again, they were told to go out into the audience and give the flowers to the person for whose support they were most grateful. If you weren't tearing up by then, the looks on the faces of the recipients of those flowers said it all.



CLASS OF 2012 GRADUATES
Dakota Albano
Thalia Baltzer
Corey Bassett
Trevor Berman
Brandyn Boroski
Samantha Caouette
Daniel Colton
Christian Connelly
Jenna Costa
Taylor Croteau
Kate Dobosz
Latisha Felton
Gregory Fisher
Haley Fiske *
Matthew Fowler
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Stephanie French
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Matthew Gibson
Christopher Gordon *
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Sara Hanley
Alicia Hathaway
Arielle Hill
Mark Hudyma
Viktoria Khasanova
Jesse Langknecht *
Shelby Lapinski
Samuel Letcher
Corban Mailloux *
Jeremy Mankowsky
Melanie McRae
Breanna Miller
Patrick Moretti
Mary Morris
Quincy Ortiz
Haley Ozdarski *

Katelyn Phillips
Emily Pollard *
Krystal Radzuik
Cassandra Ramos
Brittany Rawson
Angelica Renaud
Todd Richardson
Aria Roberts
Maghen Samal
Cameron Savinski *
Caroline Sena *
Christopher Torres
Kayleigh Turn
Tara Williams
Shawna Williams
Nicolas Yell

*National Honor Society members

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ERVING POLICE LOG

Runaway Reported; Missing Child; Larceny Reported

Tuesday, 5/29
3:45 p.m. Gas alarm at Church Street residence. Erving fire department handled it.
5:20 p.m. Report of runaway from Mountain Road. Report taken.
7:20 p.m. Report of FRITA bus leaking fuel. Found in Box Car Restaurant parking lot. Erving fire department on the scene.
8:50 p.m. False alarm 911 call from Prospect Street. Found to be phone problem.
Wednesday, 5/30
7:47 a.m. 911 hang-up call from Prospect Street. Found to be phone problem due to rain.
11:32 a.m. Report of past larceny from North Street. Report taken.
8:20 p.m. Disturbance at Pratt Street residence. Found to be verbal argument only. Report taken.
Thursday, 5/31
12:15 a.m. Suspicious vehicle on Maple Avenue. Moved same along.
4:55 a.m. Mutual aid to Wendell for motor vehicle crash on Wendell Depot Road.
12:40 p.m. 911 call at North Street residence. Missing child. Located same without incident.
1:20 p.m. Disturbance at Old State Road residence. Verbal only. Report taken.
Friday, 6/1
2 a.m. Arrest of [redacted] and [redacted] for possession of a class D drug, possession of a class D drug to distribute, possession of a class B drug, trafficking in and possession of a class B drug, cocaine, possession of a class A drug, possession to distribute a class A drug, conspiracy to violate drug law, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and no inspection sticker on East Main Street in Erving Center.
3 p.m. Report of annoying phone calls to Prospect Street residence. Spoke with same. Report taken.
Saturday, 6/2
7:50 p.m. [redacted] for operating a motor vehicle after a suspension of license on Route 2.
11:10 p.m. Assisted Gill police with suspicious subject walking Route 2 heading Eastbound.
Sunday, 6/3
10:25 a.m. Alarm sounding at Elementary School. Erving fire on scene.
11:00 a.m. Larceny reported at Mountain Road residence. Report taken. Under investigation.
12:30 p.m. Larceny reported at West Main Street residence. Report taken. Under investigation.
1:15 p.m. Motor vehicle crash reported on Forest Street. Information taken.
3:05 p.m. Assisted Northfield police with possible breaking and entering in process.
Monday, 6/4
8:50 a.m. Report of larceny at Lester Street address. Report taken.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG

Burglary, Breaking & Entering; Larceny; Drug, Narcotics Violation

Tuesday, 5/29
10:32 p.m. Burglary, breaking and entering on Avenue A. Report taken.
Wednesday, 5/30
7:55 a.m. Threatening, harassment on L Street. Advised of options.
8:34 a.m. Assault on Seventh Street. Services rendered.
1:20 p.m. Trespass order at Franklin County Technical School on Industrial Boulevard. Services rendered.
Thursday, 5/31
12:21 p.m. Larceny at Food City on Avenue A. Investigated.
2:21 p.m. General disturbance on L Street. Peace restored.
3:47 p.m. Pedestrian accident on Unity Street. Report taken.
6:28 p.m. Threatening, harassment on Millers Falls Road. Investigated.
6:30 p.m. Threatening, harassment on J Street. Investigated.
8:53 p.m. Neighbor disturbance on Third Street.
Friday, 6/1
8:56 a.m. Warrant arrest of [redacted], on a default warrant.
11:46 a.m. Loud noise disturbance in the vicinity of the riverbank. Services rendered.
2:59 p.m. General disturbance at Hillcrest Elementary School on Griswold Street. Investigated.
6:10 p.m. Domestic disturbance on Avenue A. Investigated.
10:50 p.m. Domestic disturbance on Third Street. Peace restored.
Saturday, 6/2
12:21 a.m. Domestic disturbance on Second Street. Services rendered.
1:39 a.m. Burglary, breaking and entering on Third Street. Services rendered.
1:57 a.m. Domestic disturbance on Third Street. Peace restored.
1:03 p.m. Burglary, breaking and entering on Third Street. Services rendered.
1:06 p.m. Restraining order violation on L Street. Services rendered.
3:34 p.m. Warrant arrest of [redacted] on a straight warrant.
Sunday, 6/3
1:24 a.m. Neighbor disturbance on Central Street. Investigated.
10:29 a.m. Restraining order violation on Central Street. Advised of options.
2:17 p.m. Neighbor disturbance on Grout Circle. Services rendered.
3:18 p.m. Domestic disturbance at Element Brewing Company on West Main Street. Services rendered.
4:53 p.m. Threatening, harassment at Turners Falls High School on Turnpike Road. Services rendered.
5:58 p.m. Cat loose on Turnpike Road. No police service necessary.
Monday, 6/4
10:01 a.m. Harassment reported at Doggie Dips and Clips on East Main Street. Services rendered.
Tuesday, 6/5
7:14 a.m. Burglary, breaking and entering at Swift River Hydro Electric Plant on Canal Street. Advised of options.
7:31 p.m. Drug, narcotics violation on Fourth Street. Services rendered.

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Night Owls on G-M Bridge



An Atlantic Bridge and Engineering ironworker, carrying a torque wrench, tightens I beam bolts to 325 psi (pounds per sq inch) for the new cantilevered sidewalk on the Gill-Montague Bridge. The ironworkers have their lanyards tethered to sliding anchors on the I beam. Get a load of those muscles!

BY JOE PARZYCH

TURNERS FALLS - While all the good folks in Franklin County were fast asleep snug in their beds, last Wednesday night, Atlantic Bridge and Engineering ironworkers were setting I beams in place for the new cantilevered sidewalk. The crew used a mobile Grove hydraulic telescoping crane to set beams for the cantilevered bridge, which has an 8 1/2 ton capacity. The I beams are 25 feet long and weigh about 1000 pounds. This

style of crane is far more versatile and has a quicker set-up as opposed to rigid latticework cranes. The Grove crane has hydraulic outriggers the operator can quickly set to stabilize the machine. A latticework crane must be dismantled during transport over distant moves, while a hydraulic crane can quickly retract the telescoping boom, making it a more versatile machine.

A cantilever is best described as being similar to a diving board. It

has no support out at the end. No buildings in ancient Rome or Greece used this technique. The greatest proponent and pioneer of cantilever technique was Frank Lloyd Wright who fancied himself a great architect and engineer. The fact is, Wright never graduated from any school of architecture nor did he have any engineering education. His most famous work is "Falling Waters," a house he designed in Pennsylvania, cantilevered over a waterfall. Cantilever beams act as pry bars

and tend to lift up or break loose from the structure anchoring it, while the projected portion sinks down, as Falling Waters did. Critics have dubbed the house "Falling in the Waters."

Lloyd's houses had a tendency to leak like sieves. This house was no exception. To preserve the great tourist attraction, the house recently underwent extensive reconstruction by bona fide engineers to rescue it from a watery grave. Even with extensive renovations, the house still continues to suffer from moisture problems created by the spray from the falls.

There is little probability that the Gill Montague Bridge sidewalk will ever be a Falling in the Water replica. Engineers for SPS and Atlantic Bridge and Engineering have calculated to keep the bridge in balance during construction. An SPS employee gave that as the reason the sidewalk and new lane of concrete is being replaced piecemeal so as to maintain balance. Cantilevering the new five foot wide sidewalk will allow the traveled way to be

widened to 24 feet, a gain of three feet.

To safeguard the bridge ironwork, both new and old, epoxy paint replaces the old standby, red lead paint, which now is recognized as hazardous material. Epoxy is not only safer for the environment, but it protects the ironwork far better. The sidewalk portion of the bridge is subject to spray from the dam, which causes rust and deterioration, so it will benefit greatly from the application of epoxy paint.

Rather than use rivets as used in the original construction, the new beams are bolted in place with high strength steel bolts that are 2-3/4 long by 7/8 in diameter and tightened to 325 pounds per square inch. A "Rivet Buster" sheared off the old rivets in preparation for bolting new cantilever beams. Bolts are quicker, easier and stronger than rivet construction.

From all reports, work on the bridge is proceeding on schedule.

JOE PARZYCH PHOTO

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Turners Falls Girls' Softball Team Advances; Men's Baseball and Tennis End Strong Seasons



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Turners Falls pitcher Dakota Smith-Porter on the mound

BY JEFF SINGLETON & CHRIS SAWYER-LAUCANNO

Softball
On June 6th, with rain threatening to descend on players and a lively crowd of supporters, the Turners Falls Indians women's softball team again showed their championship stuff, beating Ware five to one. Turners' ace pitcher Dakota Smith-Porter allowed her opponents only three hits, while her teammates showed that their bats could smoke, even against Ware's formidable pitcher, Veronica Shader. Ware scored their one and only run in the top of the second inning. Turners matched them in the bottom of that inning. Tanisha Sanders, who

lead off the inning, singled, then stole second base. Bouchard next walked Mogran Ozdarski; Breanna Breault, up next, also singled, driving in Sanders.

In the third, Smith-Porter retired the Ware side without giving up a hit. In their half of the inning, Turners again scored when Smith-Porter lined a drive to left field, Brittany York singled, and Ozdarski, who also hit a single drove, in Smith-Porter.

In the fifth the Turners' bats exploded. Jenna Costa started off the inning with a single. York, batting next, knocked the ball deep into the outfield. Due to a throwing error, not only Costa but also York scored, bringing the score to four-one. Sanders followed the base-clearing with a triple. She then scored on a sacrifice fly by Ozdarski.

Turners will meet the winner of the semifinal between Mount Everett and Granby on Saturday at noon for the Western Mass. Division title.

Baseball
Meanwhile the Turners men's baseball team fell to Frontier by a score of 6-5 in their regional semifinal. The Indians, who reached post-season play for the first time in more than a decade, had shut down teams in their two previous playoff games. The Turners defense and pitchers T.J. Mayer and John Ollari had recorder 14 straight scoreless innings, defeating Granby and Franklin Regional Technical School to reach the semifinals.

The streak ended abruptly in the first inning of the game against Frontier, as the Red Hawks jumped on Mayer's fastball for five hits and five runs. At that point the game had the look and feel of a blowout but Turners responded with three runs in the second and reliever Jeremy Mankowsky stymied Frontier with assorted off-speed pitches for the rest of the game. An unearned run in the Frontier fourth proved to be the difference, as a late Turners rally fell one run short.

This season reflects a major turnaround for the men's baseball team, which only two years ago won only two games.

Men's Tennis
In other post-season action, the Turners men's tennis team lost to perennial power South Hadley on Tuesday, June 5th by three matches to two. Led by Senior Chris Connolly the Indians won the first and third singles matches but lost second singles and both of the doubles. "We generally need to win one or both of the doubles matches," said Coach Dave Bulley, "but this time we didn't do it." The match was the second round of division action for Turners, who drew a bye in the first round.

This year the team posted a record of 13-2 and has made the playoffs for the past four years. According to Bulley, the tennis program has been "consistently flying under the radar screen but consistently successful."

Mahar Regional School Committee Response to Wendell Budget Cut

BY KATIE NOLAN

One day after the Wendell town meeting voted to level fund Mahar in fiscal year 2013, the Mahar regional school committee decided to remove \$277,999 for state-mandated dam work from the budget. Instead the regional school will borrow money for the dam removal, cut the emergency power upgrade line item, and fund all other line items as originally planned.

At the June 5th meeting, superintendent, Michael Baldassarre, told the committee they should accept the budget reduction voted in Wendell, but also respect the votes at the New Salem and Petersham town

meetings that fully funded the proposed FY'13 budget. The budget voted at the June 18th Orange town meeting will be irrelevant, because a budget has already been approved by three of the four member towns.

Wendell representative Johanna Bartlett said that Wendell's vote was not simply a vote for a reduction in the budget. "Wendell was sending a message to the school committee," she said. "What

we really wanted was the school committee to go back and look at the budget. I see that message getting lost." Bartlett said that Wendell wanted to give Orange the option to choose a different budget number, "rather than being forced by the other three towns."

Baldassarre noted that a smaller reduction in the budget had been

voted down at the Wendell meeting. Bartlett told the committee that Wendell voters were "concerned about the community" and that Wendell's vote posed the question, "What is the school committee doing to address Orange's concerns?"

Orange representative and school committee chair, Cara Deane, responded, "I do understand your interest in helping Orange," but said that the school committee's finance and facilities subcommittee had been working on making cuts to the FY'13 budget after receiving final revenue information from the state. Deane said the cuts were not going to be all that Orange requested, "but they were going to be substantial." However, she said, "Wendell making a huge cut forced our hand."

Baldassarre contended that amortizing the dam removal cost over seven to ten years by borrowing to pay for it, rather than paying out of the budget "helps Orange." With the change in funding for the dam removal, he said that he was now able to report to Mahar employees, "We have passed a budget and all positions are intact."

In other dam matters, Orange resident and Mahar graduate, Carl Sauter, gave a passionate presentation asking the committee to consider repairing the dam rather than removing it. About six other people attended to support his presentation. The meeting continued with a discussion of the dam options.



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Wendell's Annual Town Meeting

BY JOSH HEINEMANN
After close to an hour of debate on Monday, June 4th, Wendell voters accepted the reasoning of the finance committee over the pleas of Superintendent Michael Baldassarre and pared \$15,565 from Wendell's share of Mahar regional high school's already tightly trimmed budget, bringing Wendell's contribution down to \$349,767.

Baldassarre repeated several times that the reduction would have a serious impact on the school's programs. Because Wendell pays only a small part of the Mahar budget, the \$15,565 reduction would cost the school close to \$300,000, if Orange follows suit with a correspondingly lower appropriation. The school is mandated to remove the small dam on its grounds, which is estimated to cost \$300,000, and Baldassarre said the assessment reduction would only cost Mahar's member towns more as the money would have to be borrowed and then repaid with interest.

He said the school is doing well, had progressed from level 3 underperforming to level 2, that school choice revenue has doubled, and that the proposed budget was already lean, especially considering the 6% rise in health care costs, and salary step and lane raises. He said the Orange finance committee was asking to balance the town's budget on the backs of its students.

Wendell Fin Com members Jim Slavas and Michael Idoine both said the Fin Com recommendation was not a suggestion for a \$300,000 budget decrease for Mahar, but a move to bring the budget back to the Mahar school committee and have them come up with a budget that

Orange can afford. Idoine said the Orange Fin Com did not ask Wendell to make a lower recommendation, but that Orange had already made cuts in its budget and the higher school appropriation would force the town to make even more dire cuts.

Wendell citizen Morgan Mead said he supported the school's full request because one way a financially strapped town can help itself is to educate its citizens so they stay in their community, earn more money and pay more taxes. He said the Orange financial crisis is not a one year problem.

School committee member Dick Baldwin said this vote will not set the budget but will make the Mahar school committee reconsider the Mahar budget.

A hand count of 48 to 8 accepted the Fin Com request for \$349,767.

The rest of the town meeting warrant passed relatively quickly with little discussion. Voters followed the recommendation of the Fin Com and assessors, and used \$281,130 from the stabilization fund to pay for its debt services on the town building projects, the Fiske pond note, Mahar construction, and the property the town office building sits on. Stabilization money was also used to make an extra payment for the building project. Voters authorized using \$40,000 from stabilization to add to the \$70,000 authorized in 2011 for a new stronger dump truck; \$6,000 for a new copier; \$20,000 for improvements to the highway garage parking lot; \$10,000 for repairs to the Fiske pond dam, \$12,500 for town hall repairs and \$3,000 to pave an area in front of the library playground along with the regular annual expenses of

the reserve fund, the insurance reserve fund, the pension reserve fund, the unemployment compensation fund and the sick leave pay stabilization fund. Using stabilization money enabled the expected tax rate to remain down \$18.26 per thousand.

The town is working to make all its annual expenditures at the annual town meeting, a move which Idoine said would save the Fin Com and the Assessors the difficulty of aiming for a moving target.

Voters approved an article to have all fees collected by the clerk and the tax collector go into the general fund, and to raise their salaries accordingly, effective in fiscal 2014. Until then fees, not revenue, will continue to go to the tax collector and the clerk. Idoine said this old method dates from the time when fees were all the compensation they got.

Voters unanimously approved an article supporting a constitutional amendment establishing rights and privileges for living human beings and not for corporate entities, and instructed the clerk to write letters instructing state and federal representatives to work to pass such an amendment.

Voters unanimously approved an article stating that the town of Wendell supports creating an emergency response zone 25 to 50 miles around U.S. reactor sites, and an ingestion pathway zone 50 to 100 miles around nuclear reactor sites. In doing so, and in giving instructions to the NRC to implement those changes, and having nuclear utilities identify evacuation routes and provide information to the public within those zones, Wendell joins over 2700 other organizations and individuals.

NOTES FROM THE MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD

Promoting Positive Youth Development

BY JANEL NOCKLEBY

TURNERS FALLS – In an action packed selectboard meeting on Monday evening, there was no shortage of activists on hand. The most vocal group was from North Street in Montague Center with a wide range of complaints stemming from their close location to the Wildlife Management Area at the end of the dead end street. Additionally, concerned residents presented their cases to the selectboard to further efforts to combat elder abuse and underage drinking and use of tobacco products in Montague.

Mary Melonis, a North Street resident speaking as a representative from her neighborhood, told the selectboard that there have been a lot of parking problems on the "very narrow street" since the conservation area was created several years ago; people frequently park in front of no parking signs, on residents' lawns, and in front of fire hydrants; many disregard leash laws and pooper-scooper bylaws - off-leash dogs roam into people's yards running through gardens and leaving deposits; cars frequently speed on the street where young children live; and there have been overnight campers in the area which is not allowed. If too many cars park there, residents are concerned about emergency vehicle access to the street, explained Melonis.

At least eight other residents of North Street were on hand to elaborate on their concerns. The recent project to re-install a footbridge over the Sawmill River, led by Montague resident Josh Goldman, and previously approved by town meeting and the selectboard, in the Montague Center WMA has increased neighborhood residents' concerns, as they anticipate increased area traffic as land becomes more accessible.

Recently, police started ticketing in areas already designated as no parking, but the selectboard directed further measures be taken to combat the problem.

After hearing the neighborhood's complaints and recommendations, the selectboard asked Tom Bergeron, superintendent of the public works department, to put up speed limit signs for 15 miles per hour, to install seasonal speed bumps, and to make the entire length of North Street a no

parking zone, including a sign stating as much at the entrance of the street. Once this signage is completed, police have been asked by the selectboard to focus on issuing \$20 parking tickets, especially during the summer months, on week-ends, and during popular dog group meet-up times, in order to reduce the number of parking violations. Additionally, at the request of the selectboard, Josh Goldman has agreed to make a sign indicating expected behavior while on North Street and in the WMA and to contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife to have them endorse making the entrance to the WMA, on their property, a no parking zone also.

Residents of North Street in attendance agreed to the no parking designation applying to them as well, stating their guests will park on their lawns as needed.

The selectboard approved the request of the Franklin County Home Care Corporation to sign a public proclamation in honor of this year's World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15th. Each year FCHCC takes steps to increase awareness of the problem of elder abuse, and Roseann Martoccia and Anna Viadero presented the proclamation to the board in an effort to "recognize and celebrate our seniors." Martoccia stated that the FCHCC gets 30 to 40 reports of elder abuse in Franklin County every month. With members of the Gill-Montague Senior Center and Council on Aging also on hand, the selectboard members readily signed the proclamation which in part states, "Montague's senior citizens are valued members of society and it is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and with dignity."

Tyanna Normandin presented to the selectboard data on the perception of youth tobacco use and availability. Normandin is a project coordinator for the 84 Project, "a youth-led movement fighting for a tobacco-free generation in Massachusetts." She explained that "the 84 represents the 84% of Massachusetts teens who choose not to smoke." Normandin's presentation, together with two fellow youth, showed that products other than cigarettes are available to adolescents in cheap, easily accessible, and colorful ways. Snus, or spitless tobacco (which is like putting a teabag of nicotine in your

mouth), blunt cigars, blunt wraps, cigarillos, are all much cheaper, and more accessible, than most people think.

A group of eleven high school students meets weekly in Montague to achieve a tobacco free generation, and Normandin said they surveyed 80 people at the high school and in downtown Turners Falls to understand people's perceptions of these "other" tobacco products. Her recommendation to the selectboard was to increase the price and explore ways to encourage the products be sold in packs, rather than individually, to decrease sales to youth. While influencing price may not be possible, selectboard member Christopher Boutwell, also a Board of Health member, said that the Board of Health may discuss tobacco use in the future, and invited the 84 Project members to join.

Kara McLaughlin of the Gill Montague Community School Partnership presented information regarding underage drinking in the hopes of influencing town policy and implementing practices to prevent underage drinking. She cited "new brain science" that shows that brains continue to develop into the twenties. Those "what were you thinking" moments that most adolescents experience may be a result of the executive function of (good) judgment not being fully developed yet, she said.

"Advertising works," she continued, so she encouraged the town to consider reducing the visibility of alcohol consumption on signs and at town-sponsored events. McLaughlin said these cues send a message to youth as to whether "it is a drinking community or it is not glorified and in everyone's face."

"While drinking rates are dropping, underage drinking is still a leading cause of underage death," McLaughlin continued. "If teenagers start drinking at a young age, they also have a higher chance of addiction as adults," she explained. She commended Montague establishments that serve alcohol for being 100% compliant in not serving to underage people during a recent round of checks.

In related news, before McLaughlin's presentation, the selectboard approved sending liquor license applications to the Massachusetts Alcohol Beverages Control

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Gill Montague School Committee Meeting

BY Ellen Blanchette-

Mark Prince has been officially hired as the new Interim Superintendent for the Gill-Montague regional school district. Joyce Phillips, school committee chair, announced at this week's meeting that they have concluded their negotiations and have an agreement with Prince. He will receive a salary of \$125,000 for the 2012-2013 school year.

Nadine Ekstrom, current interim superintendent, said she will have two meetings with Prince as part of the transition process, before she

leaves for vacation on June 15. She emphasized that she will be available after she leaves and will maintain a connection with Gill-

Montague, remaining available to the new administration should it be necessary. Ekstrom said she still loves the district and is committed to helping with this transition to a new administration. She is trying to resolve as much as possible before she leaves, but doesn't want to rush the process if more time would allow for better outcomes.

Ekstrom reported that Joan Connolly, of the

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, had been in the district that week, and was generally positive in her response to what she saw. She said they walked through and observed every classroom; Ekstrom told Connolly she wished she'd seen the school in September, when Ekstrom first observed the classrooms as she was beginning her job as superintendent. Ekstrom said then Connolly would have seen just how much change and improvement

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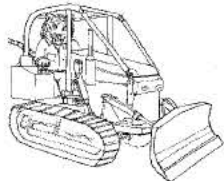
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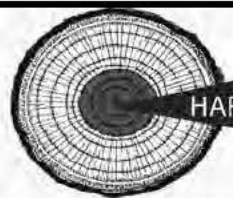
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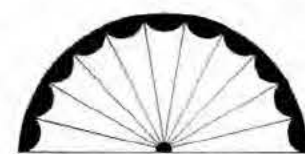
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NOTES FROM THE GILL SELECTBOARD

Sewer Line Budget May Be Up the Creek Without a Paddle

BY EMILY KREMS - An analysis of this year's expenditures on sewage pumped to Montague predicts an \$11,334 deficit in next year's sewer budget.

"There's something going into the sewer system that shouldn't be going there," said Ann Banash, chair of the selectboard. Numbers show that Gill is sending 50% more sewage than the amount of water purchased. "That's ridiculous," said Banash.

What's causing the steep rise in sewer costs?

The selectboard conjectured several likely factors involved. One might be the increased flow from groundwater due to last year's wet season. The board proposed conducting an infiltration study to gather more information. Also due to heavier rains a year ago, residential sump pumps may have increased the volume. The faulty backflow valve is another potential factor, but that has recently been repaired.

Ray Purington, administrative assistant, will request at the special town meeting a transfer to the sewer line item for fiscal year 2013 from the sewer receipts budget, which currently has almost \$60,000. Purington said the town may be able

to take steps to reverse the upward trend in sewer costs, but he "can't present the budget based on hope."

In other news, the selectboard decided to restart the Boston Post Cane tradition using the bicentennial cane from 1992 in lieu of the missing Boston Post Cane. The bicentennial cane is in the town hall's vault and was presented to the oldest person in Gill in the mid-1990's. That individual died at age 105. Said selectboard member, Randy Crochier, "It looks like it brings good luck."

The selectboard commented on a job well done by the students of Gill Elementary School who performed a comedy based on Molière's works last weekend. It was "very well organized all the way around," said Crochier. He gave a special thanks to Amy Gordon for coordinating the production.

Gill resident Rick James, who videotapes selectboard meetings for MCTV, commented that many people are "up in arms" about the construction work on two bridges at once. The Gill Montague bridge and the bridge in Factory Hollow are causing difficulties for drivers, particularly when the bridges shut down at the same time. Banash

assured James that the selectboard had nothing to do with the scheduling of the construction projects and said unfortunately there is no coordination or communication between the two bridges as far as closures. However, she said, the bridge to Turners Falls should only be closed off for 12-15 minutes at a time. She said any complaints can be directed to District 2 in Northampton.

The upcoming Common People Concerts 2012 will run throughout the summer on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on the Gill Common. Banash praised the concert series but adamantly opposed the timing of the first concert on June 19th because it conflicts with the annual town meeting.

The Gill selectboard strongly encourages residents to attend the pre-town meeting on Thursday, June 14th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Gill Elementary School and will include a tour of the Siemens energy savings project as well as a "town meeting 101" session where, according to Banash, "there are no stupid questions." The annual town meeting to discuss the budget will be at the town hall on Tuesday, June 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Partnership is sponsoring the event for the second year in a row (taking the lead from Turners Falls RiverCulture). The selectboard approved placing signs promoting the event and closing Avenue A from First to Fight Streets from noon until midnight.

To get in on the celebration fun as a vendor or participant, contact Hipolito Baez at www.gmpartnership.org or on the partnership's facebook page. The deadline for early bird registration is June 15th.

In an effort to promote positive youth development, there will be no alcohol served at the block party, Baez and McLaughlin explained.

Organizers of the 53rd Montague Old Home Days celebration now have permission from the selectboard to place a sign promoting the event, which will be held at the Montague Center Town Common Saturday, August 18th.

Recognition for Nurses

BY JOANNE PARSONS

TURNERS FALLS - The Farren Care Center Nursing Leadership Team in Turners Falls recently presented four employees with awards, in celebration of National Nurses Week (May 7th – 11th).

The HEAL Award, presented to Lydia Fessenden-Sprague, LPN, is given to a nurse who consistently adheres to the HEAL standards (Hospitality, Empathy, Attitude and Leadership) of the Sisters of Providence Health System.

The Rookie of the Year Award, for a novice nurse who has made

exceptional growth in assessment skills, was awarded to Lauren Isherwood, RN.

Jenny Gabrenas, LPN, received the Excellence of Care Award. This award honors a nurse who consistently goes beyond the standard of care.

The Florence Nightingale Award, for a nurse who consistently interacts professionally with residents, families and staff, was given to Amy Simmons, RN.

The award winners were nominated by their peers.

Congratulations to our winners.

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Commission for two restaurant locations in Turners Falls. New Shady Glen owner Charles Garbiel, submitted his application because he would like to serve local brews and house wine at the diner, such as beer from Element Brewery in Millers Falls. He will be taking the course Training and Intervention Procedures for Servers of Alcohol. In three to four months, Pamela Tierney plans to open a new burger joint called Black Cow Burger Bar on Avenue A in the old Equi's Candy store location, and she also applied for a beer and wine liquor license. Previously, Tierney has been manager at the Thomas Memorial Country Golf and Country Club and the former Starlite Diner in Erving off of Route 2.

In other news, film production crews from the movie *Labor Day* requested extended access rights to

town property and streets from June 8th to June 11th and 12th, due to rain delays; the selectboard approved the request. They will be filming at the Strathmore Mill in Turners Falls and inside the Miller's Pub in Millers Falls.

Superintendent Bob Trombley requested that the selectboard approve the hiring of new Water Pollution Control Facility laborer, Scott Coombs, which they did. Welcome Scott! There are now seven full time employees of the WPCF crew.

The selectboard approved re-appointment of Linda Ackerman and Lynn Reynolds to the Montague Economic Development and Industrial Corporation for terms expiring in 2014.

And in the category of save the date, the Sixth Annual Turners Falls Block Party will be held on Saturday, August 11th. The Gill-Montague School Community

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GILL POLICE LOG

Animal Complaints; Tree Smoldering; Motor Vehicle Accident

Monday, 5/21

5:30 p.m. Parking ticket issued to motor vehicles improperly parked in center of town creating a traffic hazard.
5:44 p.m. Assisted Erving police with motor vehicle accident with injury.
6:55 p.m. Reported suspicious person in the area of Skip's Food Stand on Riverview Drive. Under investigation.
Tuesday, 5/22

4:44 p.m. Assisted resident with domestic situation on North Cross Road.

Wednesday, 5/23

6:05 a.m. Animal complaint on West Gill Road. Cows roaming on the seventh green of the golf course.
2:30 p.m. Assisted Northfield police with motor vehicle accident on Route 10 at Sumner Turner Road.

Thursday, 5/24

8:20 p.m. Domestic disturbance at Walnut Street residence.
Friday, 5/25
4:15 p.m. Reported tractor trailer unit stuck attempting to turn onto the Gill Montague Bridge. Assisted same.
6 p.m. Assisted Bernardston police with arrest of subject.
9:45 p.m. Mobil station employee requested assistance with

unwanted parties hanging around.

Saturday, 5/26

12:55 a.m. Assisted Erving police with injured party.
1:15 a.m. Assisted Montague Police department with domestic situation in Millers Falls.
9:15 a.m. Animal complaint area of Stoughton Place. Dog owner located.
9:35 p.m. Medical call on Hoe Shop Road.
Tuesday, 5/29
11:45 a.m. Assisted with

funeral at Riverside Cemetery.

9:05 p.m. Burglar alarm sounding at the Wagon Wheel. Under investigation.

Wednesday, 5/30

6 a.m. Reported tree on wires, smoldering on the Northfield Mount Hermon Campus.
12 p.m. Subject arrested on Center Road for domestic violence.
Thursday, 5/31
9:30 a.m. Motor vehicle accident on Main Road. No injuries.



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Where: Turners Falls High School Pool

Multiple levels offered, including Parent/Child.

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Registration Deadline: Friday, June 22

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Fees: Montague Residents - Guppies (Novice) / Minnows (Intermediates) = \$115.00,

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Where: Turners Falls High School Tennis Courts

We use USA's *Quick Start Tennis* format.

Session I: June 25 - July 20

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 15

Session II: July 23 - August 17

Registration Deadline: Friday, July 13

Fees: Montague Residents = \$40/session, Non-residents = \$45/session

PLAYPAL Program

Who: Ages 18 mos. - 3 years

When: July 3 - August 9, Tuesday's & Thursday's 10:00am - 11:00am

Where: Unity Park

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Registration Deadline: Friday, June 22

One-Pitch Softball Tournament - Saturday, July 21; Unity Park

Who: Adult Softball Teams

Fees: \$150.00/team

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 13

Youth Wiffle-Ball Tourney - Saturday, July 28; Unity Park

Who: Youth ages Under 12 - 18

Divisions: U12 - 12 & Under, U15 - 15 & Under, U18 - 18 & Under

When: Saturday, July 28. Games begin at 10:00am

Fees: \$20.00/team

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 20

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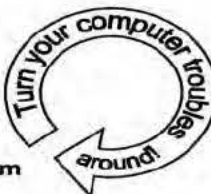


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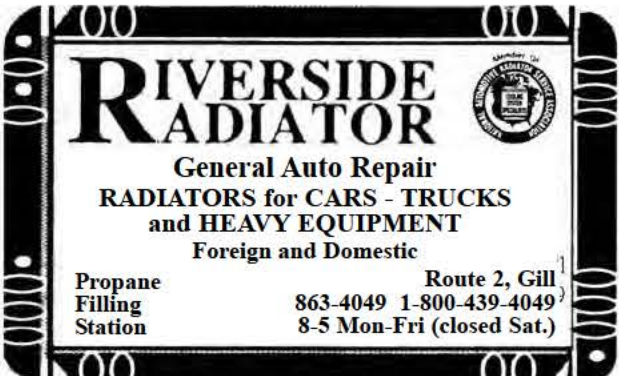
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"There will never be jobs as long as it's cheaper to ship them overseas," I say, deciding that it is better to act like I have nothing to hide.

"Yes, well—" Agent Woods raises an eyebrow, then pulls out a phone from his pocket. I watch him as he concentrates on the screen for a moment. He nods, then looks up at me. "Now I don't work for the company whose technology you — allegedly — stole. And I don't work for the bank. You stole from them, too, if you were the one to hack their computers."

I decide not to reply.

"I do work for the federal government, and, at this point, your organization is a threat to national security. When we find the doppelganger, it will not go well for you."

He waits, then seems to give up on getting an answer from me.

"This might be your last chance to cooperate. We know that Jason Adams is calling the shots. If you are ready to testify against him, we can clear you of any charges and help you get rid of the doppelganger. Then the whole thing is over."

"Sorry. I can't do that."

"That's what I thought you would say."

"Where's your partner?" I ask, surprised at my own boldness.

"Massachusetts."

The long drive gives me time to think. It's not quite bedtime when I get back, and I go straight to Leah's house. She doesn't seem too surprised to see me and invites me in. I am not totally sure I can trust her, but I take the risk. I tell her my plan, as much as I have one so far. She is surprised. However, I can tell she is also nervous about the doppelganger and wants it gone. If I get caught at Ferry Meadow, everyone will be in trouble.

Leah doesn't say much but calls Marissa on the phone. "Can you wait until she gets here?" she asks.

"Sure," I say.

We hear Marissa's car from down the street. There is so little traffic in this town we both know it will be Marissa before we see her. Leah's idea is that Marissa, who is a park ranger and has a truck, can get me far out into the woods where no one will see me. They have a spot in mind, too. "But we'll still need another person," Marissa says.

It's obvious how much she does not want to be the one to help me get rid of the doppelganger. "OK, we'll think about that part," Leah says. "It can wait a couple days, can't it?"

"I guess," I say. Then I add, "Thanks."

They both nod, and then I decide to go home.

When I go outside, I scan the street for any cars and see none. There are no cars on my street either. I am not surprised to find my front door lock broken. Agent Walsh must have come in just before his partner approached me in Philadelphia, hoping to find me in two places at once.

The door still closes, so I decide to deal with getting a new lock in the morning. In the meantime I look around my house. Everything is more or less in the right place, but I can tell that someone has been inside. I wonder when they will come to see me again and feel more sure than ever that it is dangerous to have two of me living in this town.

—Continued Next Issue

The Truth About the 'Base Tan'

Sun Safety Tips from the Skin Cancer Foundation

The beginning of the summer season is the perfect time to discuss sun safety. The 'base tan' myth: the somewhat common misconception that a tan provides skin protection from the sun, when in reality it causes skin damage. Those tempted to kick off summer by getting a 'base tan' should be aware that there is no such thing as a safe, healthy or protective tan. The misconception is dangerous; even for those who never burn, prolonged exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation can lead to skin aging (including wrinkles, lines and age spots) as well as skin cancer. In fact, about 65 % of melanomas and 90 % of non-melanoma skin cancers are associated with sun exposure.

"Whether obtained by lying out in the sun or using a tanning bed, a tan damages your skin," says Perry Robins, MD, President of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "A tan is the body's response to damaged DNA in the skin cells - the skin darkens in order to prevent more damage but the person's risk of skin cancer is already increased."

Since sunburns are also associated with higher risks of skin cancer, especially melanoma (the most dangerous form of skin cancer), it's important to avoid both tans and sunburns. This summer and all year long, The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends the following skin cancer prevention strategies:

- Seek the shade, especially between 10 AM and 4 PM.
- Do not burn.
- Avoid tanning and UV tanning booths.
- Cover up with clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat

and UV-blocking sunglasses.

· Use a broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher every day. For extended outdoor activity, use a water-resistant, broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher.

· Apply 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sunscreen to your entire body 30 minutes before going outside.

Reapply every two hours or immediately after swimming or excessive sweating.

· Keep newborns out of the sun. Sunscreens should be used on babies over the age of six months.

· Examine your skin head-to-toe every month.

For more information, visit www.SkinCancer.org.

SCHOOL from page 8

there was in the classrooms. Overall, Connolly liked what she saw, and recognized the changes that are reflected in the accelerated improvement plan. Some tweaking will be needed based on some observed deficits that the district will address. Professional development needs to be finalized for the coming school year, and data collection and development of teacher evaluations, which is in process.

Ekstrom commented on her

experience at the high school graduation the week before, saying it was a proud moment for Gill-Montague.

Marty Espinola will be in charge of the district administration during the time that Ekstrom is on vacation. Her tenure ends on June 30 but she has vacation time available and will leave on June 15. Prince will take over as superintendent on July 1.

The next regular Gill-Montague school committee meeting will be on June 12th.



MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH Regulation Restricting the Sale of Tobacco and Nicotine Delivery Products

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday June 20th, 2012 at 6:00 PM

at the Montague Town Hall, 1 Avenue A,

Turners Falls, MA 01376

in the second floor meeting room for replacement of the town's current regulation entitled

"Montague Board of Health Regulations Affecting Smoking in Certain Places and Youth Access to Tobacco"

with new regulations entitled "Regulation of the Montague Board of Health Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products and Nicotine Delivery Products."

Final comments will be accepted until June 28th, 2012 at 5:00 PM.

The Board will vote on July 18th, 2012 relative to adopting the new regulations.

Copies of the proposed regulations may be picked up at the Board of Health office in town hall.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LEVERETT POLICE LOG

Breaking & Entering; Larceny; Drug, Narcotics Violation

Wednesday, 5/9

6:08 p.m. Assisted Shutesbury police with a report of rifle shots in the area of Shore Drive. Nothing found.

Friday, 5/11

4:05 p.m. Motor vehicle accident on Jackson Hill Road. Car slid into guardrail. No injuries.

Saturday, 5/12

1 p.m. Assisted Shutesbury police with a report of breaking and entering into a motor vehicle at Lake Wyola. After investigation, Shutesbury police arrested two individuals.

Monday, 5/14

6:55 p.m. Assisted Shutesbury police with a domestic situation on Pelham Hill Road.

Wednesday, 5/16

1:20 p.m. Cave Hill Road resident reported possible credit card fraud. Report taken. After

investigation, officer able to retrieve subjects money from offending company.

3:35 p.m. Richardson Road resident reported ATV's operating on restricted land under power lines in the area. Under investigation.

Saturday, 5/19

12:07 p.m. Report of a bear in the yard of a Depot Road residence. Owner unable to drive it away. Bear left after officer's arrival.

Sunday, 5/21

7:30 a.m. Skerry Road resident reported a breaking and entering into his home on 5/19/12. Laptop computer taken. Under investigation.

Monday, 5/21

8:20 p.m. Minor motor vehicle accident on Long Plain Rd. Car vs. deer. Deer gone on arrival.

Wednesday, 5/23

8:17 p.m. Assisted Shutesbury with operating under the influence arrest.

Thursday, 5/24

8:49 a.m. Assisted Sunderland police with a domestic disturbance at Cliffside Apartments. 6:34 p.m. One car accident on Dudleyville Road on 5/18/12. Car vs. deer and car vs. tree. en struck a tree. Operator sought treatment for minor injuries. No citation issued.

8:55 p.m. Assisted Shutesbury police with a domestic situation at a Pelham Hill Road residence.

Friday, 5/25

3:15 p.m. Report of a possible disturbance in front of the Leverett Congregational Church. Officer spoke with subjects involved. Issue settled.

Monday, 5/28

11:17 a.m. Assisted Sunderland police with a suicidal subject at Cliffside Apartments. Subject transported to Franklin Medical Center.

Tuesday, 5/29

2:10 p.m. Motor vehicle accident on Hubbard Hill Road. Car skidded on the dirt road and driver lost control of his vehicle striking a tree. Operator received minor injuries but refused treatment. Operator cited for speed.

Wednesday, 5/30

7 p.m. Motor vehicle accident on Shutesbury Road. Driver dropped a cell phone and attempted to pick it up. Sideswiped a tree. Driver drove home, no injuries. 10:35 p.m. Report of a domestic disturbance at a Long Plain Road residence. All verbal. Issue settled.

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WEDNESDAYS through SUNDAYS UNTIL JUNE 17th
Fish Ladder at Unity Park, Turners Falls: Come see *migrating fish* navigate the fish ladder in Turners Falls, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
Avenue A, Turners: *Great Falls Farmers Market*, 2 - 6 p.m.

Winterland, Greenfield: *TNT Karaoke*, 9 p.m.

EVERY THURSDAY
Between the Uprights, Turners Falls: *Acoustic open mic* with Dan, Kip & Shultzzy from *Curly Fingers DuPree* hosting. 8:30 - 11:30 p.m.

Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: *Open Mic Night*, 9 p.m.

EVERY FRIDAY and SATURDAY
Montague Inn: *TNT Karaoke*, 8:30 p.m.

ART SHOWS:

NOW through JUNE 30th
Wendell Free Library: Watercolors by *Jean Kozlowski* of Northfield.

NOW through JUNE 16th
Paper City Studios, Holyoke: *Hidden in Plain View* featuring works by *Nina Rossi* and *Ariel Jones* & others.

NOW through JULY 1st
Salmon Falls Artisans Showroom, Shelburne Falls: *ARTx5: Group Show*.

LOCAL EVENTS:

THURSDAY, JUNE 7th
Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: *Traveling Thirsty Thursday* with *Lazer 99.3*, 5 p.m.

Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: *Ruby's Complaint*, 7 p.m. Free.

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *The Collected Poets Series*, with *Alexandria Peary* & *Wally Swist*, 7 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Falltown Sting Band*, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *The Relics*, 8-10 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8th
Great Falls Discovery Center: *The Sky Blue Boys* perform at the *Great Falls Coffeehouse*. 7 p.m.

Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls: *Pothole Pictures* presents, *Special Riverfest Weekend*, documentary *Green Fire*, the life of *Aldo Leopold*, father of the modern sustainability movement. Film: 7:30 p.m. Music: 7 p.m. with *Doug Creighton* & *Bob Snope*.

Arts Block Café, Greenfield: *Chandler Travis*, 8 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Hobson's Razor*, 8 p.m.

Montague Bookmill: *Ray Mason*, 8 p.m.

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Glenn Roth*, 8 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Mend the Pocket*, jazz, 9:30 p.m. Free.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9th
Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Renewable Energy*, activities exploring water, wind, & solar power. And a craft! 10 a.m.

The Night Kitchen, Montague: *The Carl Clements Quartet*, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls: *Pothole Pictures* presents, *The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill*. Film: 7:30 p.m. Music: 7 p.m. with *Daniel Hales* & *the Frost Heaves*.

1794 Meetinghouse, New Salem: *Southern Rail*, 7:30 p.m.

Nina's Nook, Turners Falls: *Breenapalooza*, *Eddie Breen*, piggyback artist, opening Reception, 5-7 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: After Promageddon Party with *Nexus* 9 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Freres & Pere (Roland) Lapierre*, 9:30 p.m. Free.

Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: *Yarn*, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10th
Leverett Town Hall: Carpool to the *Rattlesnake Gutter Trust's Annual Meeting, Reception & Field Trip*. 1 - 3 p.m.

Montague Bookmill: *Cat Cat Tiger Cat*, *Erin Durant*, 8 p.m.



Southern Rail plays the 1794 Meetinghouse on Saturday, June 9th at 7:30 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Steve Crow*, *Peter Kim* & *Joe Fitzpatrick*, 7:30 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *TNT Karaoke*, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Free.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12th
Montague Bookmill: *Open Mouth Night*, *Ralph White*, *Ruth Garbus*, *Frozen Corn*, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13th
Industrial Park, Turners Falls: *Montague Bicycle Race*, *The Montague Training Criterium Bicycle Race*. At the Montague Industrial Park on the inner loop. Two Races. 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Swift River School Band Concert*, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14th
Deja Brew, Wendell: *Dance Party with DJ Bobby Falco*, 8-10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 22, 29
SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 23, 30
SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 24, and JULY 1st
Shea Theater, Turners Falls: *New Renaissance Players* presents *The Norman Conquests*.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15th
Baystate Franklin Medical Center, Greenfield: *Clinical Notes*, a hospital-based women's a cappella chorus, free

Spring into Summer, 12 - 1 p.m.

Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Watershed Poets*, a talk about the natural world & our local poets *Dickinson, Stevens, Tuckerman*. 6 p.m. Free.

The Night Kitchen, Montague: *The Alex Snyderman Trio*, featuring *Miro Sprague, Alec Darien*. 6:30 & 8 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Fireseed*, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Josh Levangie & The Mud, Blood & Beer Band*, 9 - 11 p.m.

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Pamela Means*, 8 p.m.

Montague Bookmill: *Duo Orfeo*, 7:30 p.m.

Arts Block Café, Greenfield: *Erin Harpe*, 9:30 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *Josh Levangie & The Mud, Blood & Beer Band*, 9-11 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16th
Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Matt Durfee*, 12 p.m.

Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Naturally Curious*: Author & photographer *Mary Holland*, a Naturalist's Journey through Twelve Months in New England. 1 p.m. Free.

Erving Library: *International Folk Dance*, 1 p.m.

Peterman's Boards & Bowls, Gill: *Grand Opening*, with music 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Wendell Free Library: *The Screaming Skull*, 7:30 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *The Wildcat O'Halloran Band*, 9 - 11 p.m.

Montague Bookmill: *Tiny Radars Bookmill Residency Series*, *The Novels*, *The Michael J Epstein Memorial Library*, 8 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Rockit Queer*, 9:30 p.m.

Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: 99 North, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17th
Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Ray Mason*, 2 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Sunday Locals: Sandy Bailey & friends*, 6 p.m.

Arts Block Café, Greenfield: *Jim Kaminsky*, 7:30 p.m.

Memorial Hall Theater POTHOLE PICTURES

Friday, June 8th
Green Fire, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 9th
The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill, 7:30 p.m.

Music 1/2 hour before movie:
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Deja Brew, Wendell: *John Sheldon*, 8-10 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 18th
Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Bingo*, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19th
Gill Congregational Church: *Gill Commons Concerts, Vrbsky Trio*, 8 p.m.



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An example of a creative cross-walk in North Adams

Call for Artistic Crosswalk Designs

BY SHIRA HILLEL
TURNERS FALLS – Turners Falls RiverCulture is requesting proposals for artistic crosswalk designs for the main intersection in downtown Turners Falls, across Avenue A at Third Street, in front of the Gallery at Hallmark. The award for the winning design is \$1,500. The crosswalk will be painted on the street in July.

The purpose of crosswalks is to alert people of the crossway for foot traffic that is visible to both pedestrians and oncoming vehicle traffic. Crosswalks are re-painted every year. However, there is no reason that crosswalks have to retain the simple white line design that we are all familiar with.

Competition artists may use leftover street paint that is not compatible with the town's current street sprayer. Available colors are white, yellow and blue. If the artist chooses to use other colors, they will have to be purchased separately by using their award money. "The extra side-

walk paint could be used, instead of simply being thrown out and wasted, because they don't work with the new sprayers. Also, people get to keep more of the money if they use that paint," said Lisa Davol, RiverCulture director.

The artist may sketch out the design on the street and work with RiverCulture to enlist volunteers to help paint.

The public will vote on the winning proposal at Feast for the Arts on June 30th, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Kazmier's in Turners. The selectboard and highway department will have final approval of chosen designs to ensure they meet safety requirements.

RiverCulture aims to strengthen the creative and cultural industries and enhance the overall quality of life that Turners Falls has to offer residents and visitors.

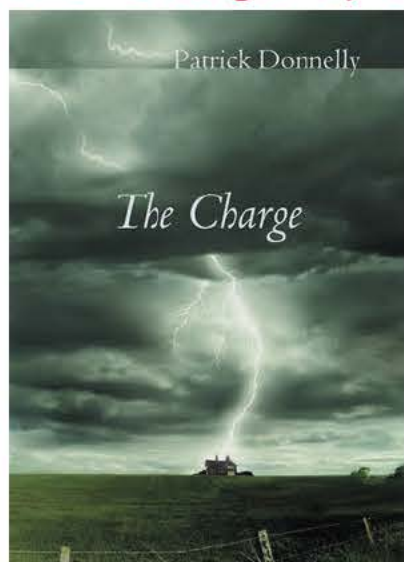
Downtown Turners is rich in 19th century brick architecture and home to a contemporary photography gallery, theater, natural history museum, artist studios, a beautiful scenic riverside bike path, fine

dining, performance venues, and a funky and eclectic cultural scene. Cultural activities in Turners Falls include street festivals, public art, performances, exhibits and lectures by internationally-known photographers, lectures on the cultural and natural history of the Connecticut River, outdoor concerts in the Park, art exhibits, soapbox derby, pumpkin festival, crafts fairs, Laundromat fashion show, a downtown Block Party, public art installations, and literary events.

"RiverCulture wanted to do more projects that were not just one-time events, but projects that would remain in the town as a permanent fixture and would be an indication of the town's playful attitude and atmosphere," explained Davol.

The deadline to submit design images via email is June 27th. For more information, visit: www.turnersfall-riverculture.com.

The Charge by Patrick Donnelly: A Book Review



BY P.H. CROSBY – I press poetry books on my friends regularly, but rarely with any luck in getting them to stop, read, reflect, and savor the way a good book of poetry demands. Perhaps it's because I read them in the early morning hours, when the light is still too faint to go walking, that I find it less difficult to get into the space of a poem, easing out of the fog of sleep, holding off distractions of the pending day, and just reading what these humans at their particular point in time made of the curious, enchanting, alarming world around them. Whether it's an old saw from a dusty volume on a shelf in the back hallway, a sought-out sonnet in a text from my English major days, a passage turned to again and again in favorites from Hopkins to Roethke, or a page in a brand-new, slim, glossy volume by a

recently published poet's first book, the experience of reading good poetry for me is like dipping one's face in a clear fresh spring and gulping water.

Case in point: Patrick Donnelly's *The Charge*. I picked up this book at the 2011 Massachusetts Poetry Festival in Salem, not because I knew anything about the poet, but just because I didn't want to leave the festival – a rich, two-day annual event filled with readings, workshops, panels and audiences sharing a passion for the power of language – without putting at least a little of my money where my mouth was and actually paying a poet for their work. The book had a nice cover and the author ran a workshop on "How to Read a Poem" that I enjoyed. The poems were mostly no more than a page each. I put down my \$14.00 and took them home.

Donnelly's poems are direct, explicit, bitter and joyous by turn, and they are not for everyone. But I myself, having lost a much-loved brother to complications from AIDS in 2002, was gratified to hear again the joyful, vulnerable, wistful, voracious and tender voice of a gay man in love with his city, his garden and his friends, and at war with pending ill health and terror of its consequences.

Donnelly's powers of observation are acute, and his inclination to note and celebrate even the most commonplace visions, like "a poet's white shirt," is doubtless prompted in part by the knowledge that he

himself does not know how much longer he will be here to see them: "Nothing the poet at the podium has read/ is as achieved as his white shirt, which is white,/ so white its very shadows are Antarctic,/ a pronouncement of magnificent power,/ able to make immaculate/ a few yards of cloth in this dirty world."

"Publish this Word! and let me worship it," he says of the Biblical lines introducing the tale of the Prodigal Son, which he marvels at for their "thrill" and suggestive power. Every day, whether it's making his way to a social service office by subway, or sitting on his city porch, he sees or hears something to marvel at: "At every stop, the doors pull apart/ to reveal people hesitating shyly/ as if they need to understand/ and approve the goings-on inside/ before committing to anything rash."

At the welfare office: "... (sorry, 'job center' -) ... The Sign at Window One / reads: the clock is ticking..."

And back home: "Wind chimes, thunder, dog-bark./ Neighbor's voice, tired and soft:/ Yeah, bark at God./ see where that gets you."

Of his disease, he comments wryly: "how quaint to die of this they'll think in 2030/ how nostalgically sepia-timed and old-timey."

But he is not afraid to show that he is frightened, too. He sees a plant plunked by an optimistic neighbor into a patch of backyard dirt rimmed by slabs of concrete and wonders: "How will it live in these ruins?/ How will I?"

He mourns friend after friend in the nineties: "This is how we live now:/ the light going out/ in one pair of eyes after another."

and writes savagely in "Riddle": "What can't be seen,/ but strikes you blind?"/ "What doesn't breathe,/ but takes your breath away?/ What can't be touched,/ but will be felt?/ What travels with love,/ but is hated?"

But his poems never stop being full of joy. There is the lovely and comical "Psalm for Moving Day", and the delightful "After a Long Time Away" where: "Everything is glad of me./ The radio plays only flutes.../ churches open their double doors.../ Plants think up fresh leaves.../ The checks I write clear quietly and completely/ in and out of the twilight, water-cool/ vaults of my blue marble bank..."

The threat of illness and daily reminders of his own mortality have clearly heightened his spiritual awareness, but he still firmly resists the unhelpful forms some religious overtures take: "Dear Jesus.../ come quickly, collect your flock,/ and teach them.../ not to burden the last of life/ with thick and graceless cer-

tainty."

Instead, working out at the gym, next to a pumped-up and forbidding stranger in biker garb who he surmises is fighting the same battle – though perhaps as a result of needle use, not homosexual activity – his prayer is: "Oh God/ help us to lift it/ to go on lifting it,/ the heavy burden of Your light."

And he is always ready to: "... fall into full prostration of amazement/ to have a house at all,/ to have a body and be alive/ to live in it."

When you turn the last page, you sit for a minute and think of all the creativity and passion of those lives that have been lost, and all the beauty that those early deaths bequeathed us in varied and mysterious ways, and then you turn back to the first page of this book by a living, breathing poet who has survived, and you start reading again.

Patrick Donnelly currently resides in South Deerfield and has readings coming up at the Esselon Café in Hadley September 30th and Mocha Maya's in Shelburne Falls October 4th.

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