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## WHIPPS LEE STRIKES AT ANDREWS AT BOWLING ALLEY DEBATE



Denise Andrews



Susannah Whipps Lee

BY DAVID DETMOLD

**ERVING** – On the attack from the opening bell, Republican challenger Susannah Whipps Lee, chair of the Athol selectboard and co-owner of Whipps, Inc., a sewage treatment equipment company located in Athol, went after first-term incumbent Denise Andrews (D-Orange) in the last scheduled debate for the candidates for 2nd Franklin District state representative. The center of political gravity for the district, which used to include Greenfield, has shifted east toward Athol and Templeton, and the French King Bowling Alley offered a chance for the candidates to reach out to and address concerns of voters in towns at the western edge of the newly-drawn district, in Gill, Erving and Wendell.

Independent Richard Shober, a graphic designer from Templeton, failed to show for the last debate, citing a conflict with his work schedule.

Whipps Lee began by saying voters would choose between candi-

dates on November 6th who had “nothing in common.” She noted she had grown up and spent her working life in the district, in contrast to Andrews, who worked at Proctor and Gamble for 25 years before returning to her native Orange to start up a consulting business with an emphasis on corporate inclusion and diversity awareness.

Whipps Lee said, “I don’t throw money at government agencies with no accountability. I believe in open, transparent government,” another swipe at Andrews, for her early vote against recording committee votes and requiring 24 hours’ notice before legislative votes are scheduled.

Andrews has said she took that vote during her first week in office, and would vote differently if the matter came up again.

After characterizing herself as a seventh generation Athol native, who has served on the friends of the senior center and the historical commis-

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## THE NASA PEOPLE USE NONVIOLENCE TO CONFRONT 50 YEARS OF WAR ON NATIVE LANDS IN COLOMBIA

BY KATIE NOLAN

**GREENFIELD** – In Ligna Pulido’s description, the Nasa indigenous reserve in Colombia’s southwest Cauca province could be Eden, with Pacific Ocean frontage, high Andes mountains, lush forests, abundant minerals, plenty of rivers and lakes, inhabited by the Nasa, a communitarian and peaceful indigenous people.

But this Eden is full of snakes: it is the epicenter of a five-decade-long war between the US-financed Colombian military and the FARC anti-government insurgents, and the site of escalating claims from large landowners, agribusiness and mining interests, with Monsanto slithering on the sidelines, looking for profits.

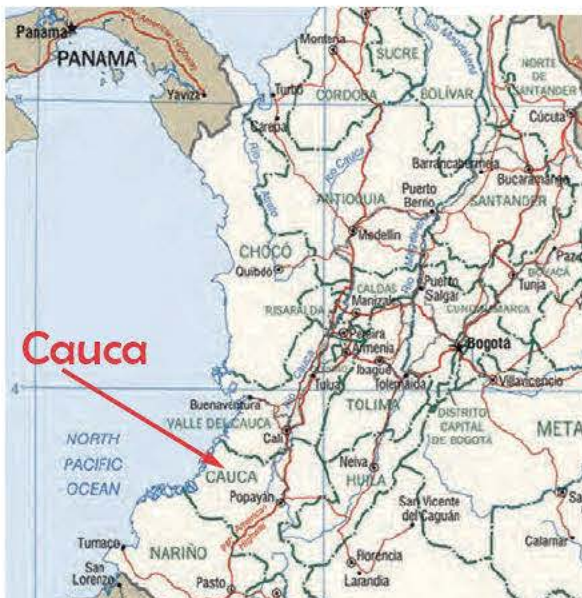
On October 25th, Pulido showed slides of her green and beautiful homeland in northern Cauca to an audience of about 30 at Greenfield Community College, in a talk arranged by Witness for Peace New England and GCC’s Peace Studies program.

Pulido, a calm, confident speaker, talked about the strength of the indigenous community, where the



DETMOLD PHOTO

Ligna Pulido, a spokesperson for the Nasa people of Colombia, spoke at Greenfield Community College on Thursday, October 25th.



Cauca is now the epicenter of the 50 year war in Colombia

tribal government holds title to the land and decisions are made in a participatory manner through local councils. According to Pulido, the Nasa consider themselves “sons and daughters of Mother Earth.” Their foundation myth holds that the stars fell in love with the lake, resulting in harmony out of which were born the Nasa people, one of 102

indigenous groups in Colombia today.

In contrast to the lovely green vision of the Nasa reserve, Pulido also showed photos of a child shot through the head by the military while playing in a park, rural homes blown up by FARC propane bombs, and refugees moving from their violent and militarized homeland to cities. She told the story of 16 Nasa children kidnapped by the FARC to become child soldiers, attacked by Colombian military helicopters, the children dying along with the FARC members. She said the militarization of the daily lives of the indigenous people has reconfigured their minds to focus on fear and

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## GOING TO BAT FOR CHIROPTERA



Little Brown Bat

BY SHIRA HILLEL

**GREENFIELD** – Bat woman Caroline Glaser is a licensed bat rehabilitator who cares for injured, orphaned or sick bats until she can release them back into the wild. She runs a one-woman bat rescue operation out of one room of her Greenfield home.

Each bat that comes to

Glaser arrives with an interesting back story. She told of one brown bat that had got caught in fly paper. She had to bathe him in mineral oil to remove the adhesive, then bathe him again with Dawn dish detergent to remove the mineral oil. After that she kept the bat for a few days until she could determine he

wasn’t sick from ingesting the poison.

Bats are the only mammals naturally capable of true and sustained flight. In Western culture, the bat is often a symbol of the night and its foreboding nature. They have long been associated with witchcraft and black magic. Because bats are nocturnal mammals that can fly, this gives them an ambiguous, not easily categorized status.

A large portion of bats migrate to winter hibernation dens, some pass into torpor in cold weather, rousing and feeding when warm weather allows for insects to be active. Others retreat to caves for winter and hibernate for six months.

Glaser is quick to dispel urban myths about bats, such as bats entangling themselves in people’s hair or being a high-risk carrier of rabies. One likely source of this belief is that insect-eating bats seeking prey may dive toward people, who attract mosquitoes and gnats, explained Glaser. Also, “less than one-half of one percent of bats are infected with the rabies virus,” she said.

However, she said that the bats people tend to come in

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## The Barefoot Truth Says Farewell



PHOTO: CHRIS FARRELL

The Barefoot Truth comes to Northampton for a farewell show at the Calvin next Saturday.

BY MARVIN SHEDD

“For all good reasons, change is coming,” a line from a song by the group Barefoot Truth, has taken on new meaning to the many fans of the popular band from Mystic, CT. In a case of life imitating art, Barefoot Truth has decided to take a break after nine years sharing the stage, and considerable touring over the last five years. Touring which took them all over New England, up and down the East coast, and on

occasional forays into the Midwest. They have played to legions of loyal and committed fans in venues large and small.

Barefoot Truth started in 2003 when Will Evans and Jay Driscoll met and began writing songs together. Originally titled Barefoot, because of their proclivity for performing sans shoes, the band would soon undergo a name change in a most unusual way. Unbeknownst to Evans and Driscoll, there

was a pop band from Texas who already went by the name Barefoot. The manager of the Texas band was none other than Joe Simpson, father of pop stars Jessica and Ashlee Simpson. Upon learning of the Connecticut band, Simpson promptly sent a letter threatening legal action. Evans and Driscoll decided to add Truth to the end of their name and the rest, as they say, is history.

Over the next three years, see FAREWELL page 3



## PET OF THE WEEK

### Still Hoping



### Domino

My name is Domino, a two-year-old male cat, and my name fits me well 'cause I've been knocked down a few times in my life. I first came to Dakin as a stray from Springfield and I've tried a couple homes since then, but I just haven't found my perfect family yet. I really do like people; I'm known for my playful and affectionate nature. I can get along just fine with other cats, but dogs make me very nervous and I'd prefer not to live with them. If you have room in your heart to give a sweet guy another chance at lasting love, please don't wait: come on in and meet me today!

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

## SLATE LIBRARY NEWS

### Additional Hours Begin in November

The Slate Memorial Library in Gill will have additional open hours beginning in November.

As of November 7th, the library will be open every Wednesday

from 3 to 7 p.m.!

Stop by and check out all the library has to offer! There are books, DVDs, audiobooks, and kits for kids.

## THE LEVERETT LIBRARY

### Art Exhibit: Susan Valentine, Secrets of the Garden

In the past couple of years, starting at the tender age of 56, I've discovered that I'm well suited to painting.

For the past year I've been focusing on "flower portraits" in oils on canvas or board. I'm excited to be holding my first solo show, which will be up for November and December, at my home town library.

Come see my first solo art show, *Secrets of the Garden*, portraits of some of the main characters in my garden!

Opening Reception is Sunday, November 4th from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

The show will be up for the months of November and December. The Leverett Library is located at 75 Montague Road.



Susan Valentine, Daisy, oil on canvas



JESSICA LARKIN ILLUSTRATION

BY FRED CICETTI

LEONIA, NJ – Q. I'm getting fed up with my bifocals. What are my options?

This subject is important to many seniors, so I'm going to do a series of columns on the topic. I'll start with my personal history, since it is a perfect example of the universal problem of correcting faulty vision as we age.

I started wearing eyeglasses when I was 24. When I reached my early 40s, I noticed that my right arm was getting too short to hold books at the proper reading distance.

I was getting *presbyopia*, a natural condition that makes it more difficult to focus on near objects. This is the time when people who've never worn glasses before start getting cheap readers at the drug store.

However, I already had a problem that I was correcting with prescription lenses. My ophthalmolo-

gist told me I needed bifocals, glasses with lenses that have a correction on the top section for my previously existing conditions and one below to help me with my presbyopia.

I hated my bifocals. The lenses had semi-circular inserts for focusing up close, and I could see the lines that separated the lenses. It made me squirrely.

My doctor assured me that, in time, I wouldn't notice the lines and I would love my bifocals. After a month of agony, my brain made the lines disappear. While it was amazing to me, I have never loved my bifocals.

Whenever I would go downstairs, my eyes would drop below the lenses and my brain would receive conflicting messages. I stumbled more than a few times.

If I needed to focus up close to see anything above my head, I had to crane my neck back into an uncomfortable position. Try installing venetian blinds with bifocals.

When it was time to get a stronger prescription, I asked my doctor if I had any other options. He recommended progressive lenses that have a smooth transition



PHOTO BY JEAN M.

A child's sandal was discovered in the leaves by the Great Falls Discovery Center. If you know who lost it, contact (413) 923-8999.



LINDA HICKMAN PHOTO

TURNERS FALLS – Two young princesses exchanged temporary tattoos at the very popular annual Halloween Party at the Carnegie Library on Saturday, October 27th.

## THE HEALTHY GEEZER:

### I Hate Bifocals. So, What are My Options?

Everything was sharp. No lines. No eyeglass frames to get in the way. I was so happy. But...

I came to learn that I don't make a lot of tears. You need tears to keep your soft contacts from drying. After a few hours, my contacts felt like potato chips. I tried fake tear drops. No luck. I gave up and went back to my bifocals.

My doctor tells me that the newer soft contacts are better than the ones I tried 15 years ago. He could be right, but I don't relish going back to cleaning solutions and sticking my finger in my eyes again. I had enough.

Then came computers. Should I look straight at them with my upper lenses or look at the screen with my inserts? Neither worked well.

My doctor suggested trifocals. Trifocals are lenses with corrections for distance, intermediate vision, and up close. No way. I could picture myself turning into a bobblehead toy.

I retrieved my old bifocals and discovered that the old up-close correction on them now worked perfectly for the middle distance. So I kept them on my desk whenever I worked on the computer.

But I wasn't happy with two pairs of glasses, one of them with two corrections. I decided to try contact lenses and tested several brands.

Hard contacts were not an option; they hurt. Soft contact lenses gave me the best vision I've had since I was a child. Comfortable.

To be continued ...

Send your questions to  
fred@healthygeezers.com.

## Great Falls Middle School

### Students of the Week

#### Grade 6

Brandon Swenor

#### Grade 7

Kaylee Jackson

John Driscoll

#### Grade 8

Jeruel Lopez

## Town of Gill Winter

### Parking Ban In Effect

As snowstorm season approaches, the town of Gill has issued this reminder:

The town-wide winter parking ban is in effect as of November 1st, and there is no on-street parking allowed between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. through April 15th.

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## SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES – November 5th to November 9th

### GILL-MONTAGUE

Gill/Montague Senior Center, 62 Fifth Street, Turners Falls, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Congregate meals are served Tuesday through Thursday at noon. Meal reservations must be made one day in advance by 11 a.m. The Meal Site Manager is Kerry Togneri.

All fitness classes are supported by a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Voluntary donations are accepted. Council on Aging Director is Roberta Potter. For more information, to make meal reservations, or to sign up for programs call 863-9357. Leave a message if the center is not open.

### Monday, November 5th

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

### Tuesday, November 6th

Senior Center Closed – Election Day

### Wednesday, November 7th

10:00 a.m. Aerobics  
12:45 p.m. Bingo

### Thursday, November 8th

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi  
10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation  
1:00 p.m. Pitch

### Friday, November 9th

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

### ERVING

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

For information, call Polly Kiely, Senior Center Director, at 413-423-3649. Transportation can be provided for meals, shopping, or medical necessity. Call the Center to confirm activities, schedule a ride, and find out when will be the next blood pressure clinic.

### Monday, November 5th

9:00 a.m. Fitness Class  
12:30 Quilting

### Tuesday, November 6th

9:00 a.m. Aerobics  
10:30 a.m. Brown Bag Program  
12:30 p.m. Painting  
**Wednesday, November 7th**  
9:00 a.m. Dance Classes  
10:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic.  
10:15 a.m. Weight Loss Group  
12:00 Bingo

### Thursday, November 8th

8:30 a.m. Foot Clinic  
9:00 a.m. Aerobics  
10:00 a.m. Posture Perfect  
**Friday, November 9th**  
9:00 a.m. Bowling  
11:30 a.m. Out to Lunch

### LEVERETT Senior Activities

• Take-It-Easy Chair Yoga – Wednesdays, 10 a.m. at the Town Hall. Drop-in \$4 (first class free).  
• Senior Lunch – Fridays, 12 p.m. Call (413) 367-2694 by Wednesday for a reservation.  
For information, contact the Leverett COA at (413) 548-1022, ext. 5, or coa@leverett.ma.us.

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





## Local Briefs

JESSICA LARIN ILLUSTRATION

**COMPILED BY DON CLEGG** – The Pioneer Valley Institute hosts the 16th annual **Gem, Mineral & Fossil show and sale** on Saturday, November 10th, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's show will be held in the new dining commons on the main campus of the Greenfield Community College. Admission is free.

There will be amazing mineral, fossil and gemstones from around the world, as well as local jewelry on sale at great prices. The Jurassic Roadshow will be back with its displays and kids activities. Bring your 'unknown' specimens along and let experts tell you what they are.

At 1 p.m. Dr. Paul Olson from Columbia University will present "Dinosaurs," a multi-media program for kids and adults. Olson is one of the world's foremost experts on the Mesozoic Age. To learn more about PVI and its programs, visit [web.gcc.mass.edu/pvi/](http://web.gcc.mass.edu/pvi/)

**Fete Noel** will be held on Saturday, November 10th, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Montague Congregational Church, 4 North Street, Montague Center. There will be homemade candy, baked goods, crafts, gently used winter clothing and lunch featuring corn chowder. All proceeds benefit local and world missions. For more info please call Ann at 367-2812.

**"Good Cents"** free financial workshop for parents with young children will be held Monday, November 5th for 6 to 8 p.m. at the Swift River School, 201 Wendell Road in New Salem.

Community Network for Children is partnering with

Community Action to offer this workshop to any who would like to work on getting a firmer grip on the financial aspects of life. Raising a family can be a financial challenge. Learn some basic ways to develop and manage a budget, tame your debt, and increase your savings.

This parent and caregiver workshop is free, along with a free pizza dinner and childcare. Pre-registration is required. Contact Gillian Budine, Community Network for Children Coordinator, at [budine@erving.com](mailto:budine@erving.com), or call (978) 544-5157 to register.

The **Turners Falls High School** football team continued their winning ways with a 21 – 6 victory over Mohawk on Friday, October 26th. TFHS has now improved to a 6 win and 2 loss record for the season. On Friday, November 2nd, TFHS takes on a very tough opponent in an away game at Mahar, with kick-off at 7 p.m.

The Town of Montague was home to another winning high school football team on Friday, October 26th, when **Franklin County Tech** defeated Dean Tech. with a 38 – 6 victory. Their next game is at home on Saturday, November 3rd, at 1 p.m. versus Palmer High School.

The Greenfield Community College Chorus will give a free performance of **"Three Centuries of Sacred Music"** at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, L Street, in Turners Falls on Sunday, November 11th, starting at 3 p.m.

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### FAREWELL from page 1

the two friends honed their craft by playing as often as they could and recorded two full length albums: *Changes in the Weather* and *Walk Softly*. In 2006, while playing the Iron Horse Music Hall, they met bassist Andy Wrba and invited him to join the band. Harmonica player Garrett Duffy was next to join and, in 2007, Turners Falls native John "Wayno" Wayneovich, who had played keyboard on a couple of tracks on *Walk Softly*, filled out the lineup. With the band complete and college behind them, they started playing music virtually full time before larger and larger crowds.

Aided by social networks and the internet music site Pandora, the band built a solid fan base. Barefoot Truth doesn't fit easily into one genre of music, never wanted to. Their website describes them as a roots rock-funky-folk groove machine, but even that doesn't do them justice. Many of their songs have an undeniable reggae beat, while the riffs emanating from Wayno's keyboard would lead the discerning listener to believe he is unmistakably influenced by jazz pianist Jamie Cullum, among others.

Each member of the band could stand on their own; they are all multi-instrumentalists. In addition to the strong vocals and tight musicianship on display at a Barefoot Truth show, the listener is immediately struck by the stage presence these guys have. From two guys playing the same guitar at the same time (yes, it is possible!) to breaking out into an impromptu rendition of the *Office* theme song, these guys are totally at home on stage, enjoying themselves, and it's infectious.

Most of their set list is original material, but it will occasionally feature a standard like Van Morrison's "Crazy Love" or John Mayer's "Waiting on the World to

Change." They often close their shows with The Band's "The Weight." At ease with hard-driving rock 'n' roll, they also capture their audience's attention with original ballads like "Reach," "Best of Everything" and "The Harvest," where the band's chief songwriter, Will Evans, writes about life's journey with style and grace.

In 2009 the band recorded *Threads*, reaching number 21 on the I-tunes album charts, no mean feat for an independent band with no record label. Their next album, *Carry Us On*, made it all the way to number ten, placing them ahead of The Beatles but one behind Kermit the Frog.

In addition to being accomplished songwriters and musicians, the band has a knack for marketing. They promoted *Carry Us On* with a series of videos, one of which was filmed in an anti-gravity machine. When Will became ill on the road and ended up in the hospital, the band turned it into a promotional opportunity producing a video from his hospital bed in which he declared, straight out of Monty Python: "I'm not dead yet."

In their relatively short time together, Barefoot Truth has enjoyed much success. Their songs have been used in commercials and on the video game Rockband. While filming the video for "Roll If Ya Fall," they had a chance encounter with Steven Tyler of Aerosmith, and they were surprised to have Bruce Springsteen approach them after a show in Lake Placid, NY. They have shared stages with Ray Lamontagne, Grace Potter, and Michael Franti & Spearhead, among others, and in 2008 the band played between Bruce Hornsby and Crosby, Stills & Nash at one of the pre-inaugural balls for President-elect Obama.

I've been fortunate to be at many Barefoot Truth performances over the last couple of years, and while I have great respect for their musicianship, I am most impressed with the commitment they show to each other and to the

many fans who turn up for their shows. Each walks away feeling they are part of the Barefoot Truth family. The members of Barefoot Truth have remained true to their values; they care about each other and the many loyal fans who have followed the band on their nine-year journey.

That journey is winding down for Barefoot Truth. Fans from across the country are making plans to be in attendance at one of three remaining Barefoot Truth shows: November 9th at the legendary Higher Ground in Burlington, VT; November 10th at the Calvin Theater in Northampton; and November 11th at the Royale in Boston. Originally scheduled for the Sinclair in Harvard Square, the venue was changed due to the demand for tickets.

The weekend promises to be bittersweet for the band and fans alike, as it marks the end of a good run. One thing is certain, however: we've not heard the last of these five talented musicians. Equally certain: the music of Barefoot Truth will live on.



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#### Medical Emergencies

Tuesday, 10/23

5:09 p.m. Citation issued on Pratt Street to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for operating a motor vehicle with revoked registration and no insurance.

Thursday, 10/25

4:15 p.m. Motorist reported a sick fox on Route 2 in the area

of the French King [REDACTED]

Restaurant. Unable to locate same.

8:15 p.m. Medical emergency on Pratt Street. Assisted on scene.

Friday, 10/26

1:00 p.m. Report of harassing text messages.

Saturday, 10/27

12:15 a.m. Arrested on Swamp

Road, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for

probation warrant.

1:15 a.m. Assisted Gill Police at Chappell Drive with domestic disturbance.

1:00 p.m. Abandoned bicycle on Mountain Road.

Confiscated same.

1:11 p.m. Report of unwanted male subject at Swamp Road residence. Same gone upon

arrival.

Sunday, 10/28

11:05 a.m. Alarm at elementary school. Checked same; building secure, was staff member.

11:28 a.m. Report of single gun shot in area behind Lillian's Way. Unfounded.

Monday, 10/29

9:20 a.m. Medical emergency on Pratt Street. Assisted ambulance.

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The outcome of many races, including the top of the ticket toss-up between Mitt Romney and Barack Obama, and the closely-fought contest for US Senator from Massachusetts between incumbent Scott Brown and challenger Elizabeth Warren, remains up in the air until at least Tuesday night, November 6th. (Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. throughout the Commonwealth.) But the winner of at least one race – for U.S. Representative for the 2nd Congressional District of Massachusetts – is pretty much a foregone conclusion. Jim McGovern (D-Worcester) is running unopposed, in a district that has expanded to include all five towns in our coverage area.

To gain a better sense of the political philosophy of the man who will soon represent us in Congress, we offer below the remarks McGovern made last week at the funeral of the late Senator George McGovern. No relation, Jim McGovern served as an intern in George McGovern's office from 1977 to 1980, in his introduction to Washington. His political views were shaped by the man who lost the race for president in the largest landslide since Franklin Roosevelt swamped Alf Landon in 1936.

But as the seven-term Worcester Democrat might say, "Don't Blame Us, We're from Massachusetts."

## McGovern's Legacy

BY JIM MCGOVERN

**SIOUX FALLS, SD** – When Eleanor Roosevelt died, Adlai Stevenson said, "I lost more than a friend – I lost an inspiration." That's the way I feel today.

Deep down I know George McGovern is in a better place. He's with Eleanor; he's with Terry and Steve. Who knows – he may even be president.

But for so many of us it is difficult to say good-bye. It was always comforting to know he was around – reminding us we can do better. Making it seem possible that we could end all wars, eliminate hunger and poverty, and create a world where all God's children are respected, valued and loved.

In 1972, as a 7th grader in Massachusetts, I did what I could to elect him president of the United States. I will remind you all: he did win Massachusetts!

I later was an intern in his Senate office. I had the privilege to work with the incredible staff he assembled in Washington and South Dakota, some of the finest people I have ever known.

We weren't related – it was just a coincidence we both had the same last name. But people would often tell me they were long-time supporters of my Dad. They always seemed a little shocked when I told them my dad owns a liquor store in Worcester, Massachusetts. I urged them to keep supporting him.

For 35 years I have been honored to call Senator McGovern my most treasured friend. And I loved him very much.

George McGovern was a great man, but more importantly he was a very, very good one.

He had about him a kind of bedrock decency. He was generous and kind. He was funny. He lacked pretension and had no patience for cynicism. He was passionate and principled, but not dogmatic or self-righteous.

He loved his family and his friends; he loved his faith; he loved American history, big Newfoundland dogs, and a good steak. He loved this great state of South Dakota – and My God, did he love his country.

Even after the 1972 campaign, even after losing 49 states, even after losing his Senate seat in 1980, he maintained his optimism, his faith in democratic government, his belief that America's best days were always ahead.

Through intellect and drive and education he became a war hero, a

PhD, a congressman, a senator, an ambassador, and the presidential nominee of his party. But he wasn't a "Don't you know who I am?" kind of guy. We can all hear him now, in that slow, precise cadence, saying to someone who knew perfectly well who he was, "You know, Fred, I ran for president against Richard Nixon in 1972."

Which is not to say he was without pride. This is a man who jumped out of an airplane at the age of 88, for Pete's sake. And while he did so to raise awareness on the issue of childhood hunger, I think he also wanted to prove that the old pilot of the Dakota Queen still had a little of that fearless fly-boy in him.

He had a way with words – "Come home, America," and "Don't throw away your conscience." He was eloquent and moving. But his actions were even more powerful.

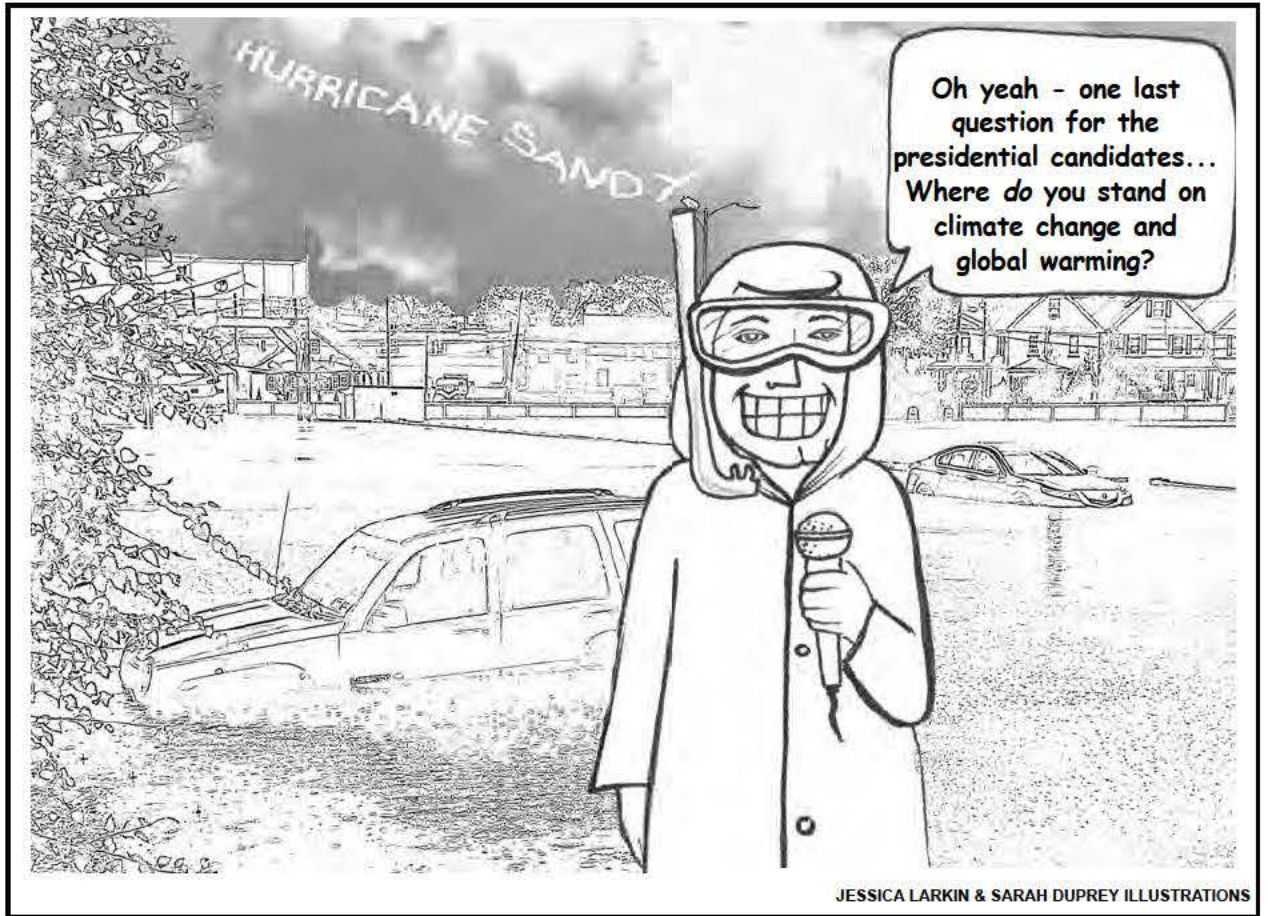
There are millions and millions all around the world who are being fed, who are not starving to death, and who have hope because of George McGovern's actions.

Perhaps because he witnessed firsthand the horrors of war, because he knew its costs, he was a tireless champion for peace. Not because he blindly opposed all wars, but because he knew that war always represents a failure of human imagination. Even when some had the audacity to question this war hero's patriotism, he refused to accept old men dreaming up new wars for young men to die in.

To Ann, Susan, and Mary – and to all the grandchildren – thank you for sharing him with us, even though I know it wasn't always easy.

To the people of South Dakota, thank you for giving our nation and the world this incredible public servant.

As his colleague Senator William Fulbright said late in the 1972 campaign, he wanted a McGovern presidency "because George is such an ordinary man... I don't mean ordinary in any negative sense, but the presidency was designed for ordinary men – not for a succession of so many larger-than-life men on horseback. If George McGovern were president, he wouldn't stand for a CIA or FBI pushing people around the way they do now, or the Pentagon building and buying what it pleased. He wouldn't stand for price fixing or these outrages against people who work for wages and pay their taxes. And you can be damned sure he



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## An Ill Wind Blows Solarize Montague Some Good

### Participants within Reach of 10% Price Reduction for New Photovoltaic Systems

**BY SALLY PICK** – You now have until this Sunday, November 4th, to participate with the Solarize Montague program, as the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) and the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) announced the cutoff deadline for the program (Solarize Mass) has been extended four more days due to the effects of Hurricane Sandy on the Commonwealth.

In Montague, that means residents have until Sunday to boost the entire town to Tier 4 pricing, lowering prices for new residential and business solar systems significantly for everyone who signs up for the program. As of Tuesday, Montague has already achieved 140 kW of new solar contracted under the program.

That leaves a gap of only 10 kW – or about one or two new residential systems – to make it to Tier 4 pricing and a 10% cost reduction for everyone who has entered the program in town! There are enough people ready to sign up to make this happen.

For you to secure a place in the Solarize Montague program and possibly move us into Tier 4 prices, the town's contractor, NorthEast Solar of Hadley, needs the following:

- 1) A quote (a contract is not necessary, but will do the trick) signed and dated on or before Sunday, November 4th.
- 2) A \$200 deposit payable to NorthEast Solar Design Associates or by credit card.

Please call them this week at

(413) 247-6045, if you need to arrange to sign or drop off your signed quote or contract and deposit. (A deposit is not applicable for people getting the no cost "lease" or Power Purchase Contract option.)

You can contact NE Solar by email at: zach@northeastsolar.biz. Or call me, Sally Pick, the community solar coach, at 413-559-7257 to find out how you can still get in under the wire.

Thanks to all involved for making the program a terrific community collaboration. Until this week, I didn't think getting to Tier 4 prices would be possible, but it's well within our reach now, and we have four more days to translate so many people's enthusiasm into 150 kW of new Green energy for our town.

## In Pursuit of Math Excellence at U-28

BY KATIE NOLAN

**ERVING** – On Friday, October 26th, Union 28 teachers took a day out of the classroom to explore the state's new curriculum framework for mathematics.

While the elementary students from the five U-28 towns had a day off, Mike Flynn, a second grade teacher for 14 years, 2008 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year, 2009 National Education Association/Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence recipient, 2010 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching recipient, and currently lecturer at Mount Holyoke College, guided the U-28 staff through the math curriculum.

With an interactive style, Flynn continually asked for input and feedback from the teachers, keeping them intensely engaged. Flynn emphasized that elementary students need to develop mathematical understanding, not just "math magic" and memorized formulas that give "the illusion of understanding that looks good on the surface."

In one example, Flynn divided the teachers into two groups, one to solve a math problem by the formula method and the other group by any

method they wanted. The addition problem  $3,998 + 3,998 = ?$  flashed on the screen. Before the formula group could even write the numbers down to add them conventionally, the "any method" group was yelling out the answer (7,996), having converted the problem mentally to  $4,000 \text{ plus } 4,000 \text{ minus } 4$ .

Flynn compared using a formula approach to mathematical problem solving to driving to a destination in Boston (pre-GPS) after memorizing a set of directions with a series of distances and left and right turns, to having time to explore the city and create a mental map that allows the

driver to navigate confidently. The goal of the new Massachusetts curriculum is to have elementary students not only learn basic math skills, but also to explore mathematics deeply, learning to be problem solvers who can find creative ways to navigate mathematical questions.

After Flynn's initial presentation, teachers broke out into small groups to consider critical areas for each grade level and report back to the larger group about their work. In an after-lunch session, math teacher leaders guided grade-level groups to apply the new state math standards to their current classroom practices.



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Erving Elementary School teachers Debra Maslauskas and Susan Maki and Leverett Elementary School teacher Aris Etheridge discuss math curriculum at Union 28's October 26 curriculum day.

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**BAT** from page 1

contact with are often not the healthy ones. A healthy bat usually flies around and avoids humans. "If a bat is on the ground, something is wrong, while a flying bat is usually healthy and poses zero danger," explained Glaser.

Children should not touch bats. If you must pick one up, wear thick gloves, she advised.

Glaser emphasizes the ecological benefits of bats. Bats perform three essential services for the environment, she said: pollination, seed dispersal, and insect control.

The majority of bat species are insectivores. With the appearance of insect-borne diseases like West Nile virus, their insect control capability is as crucial as ever.

Bats consume insect pests, reducing the need for pesticides. Bats enhance human agriculture by

feeding on insects that devastate crops, such as the potato beetle. "The fewer the bats, the more agriculture will have to use pesticides, which will further harm the bats," commented Glaser.

Bats also perform the critical services of pollinating flowering plants and seed dispersal. Glaser said the fruit bats of South America are responsible for spreading the bulk of the seeds in rain forests.

"I want people to understand that bats are beneficial to us; they are not dangerous," she emphasized.

Glaser noted bats are fairly easy to care for. "Bats are incredibly smart. A bat recognizes gentle handling, a calm voice and that you are trying to help them."

**Threats**

While owls are a natural preda-

tor of bats, bats suffer from many other threats as well. They are often poisoned by pesticides, or killed by panicked people who find them in their homes.

Big brown bats and little brown bats are common in the northeast region. Big brown bats have acclimated well to human structures. They tend to like attics and barns, and usually eat beetles and other crop pests. Little brown bats like crevices and tend to stay in caves and mines; they mostly feed on mosquitoes. They have been affected more by the recently emerging, lethal white nose syndrome, since the fungus responsible for that plague flourishes in the cold of caves.

White nose syndrome is a condition associated with the recent deaths of more than a million bats in the northeastern United States.

The disease is named after a white fungus found growing on the muzzles, ears, and wings of afflicted bats. Mortality rates of 95% have been observed in some hibernacula. Glaser noted the little brown bat population will take decades to recover from this decimation, since females only give birth to one baby per year.

**The "blind as a bat" myth**

Bat echolocation is a perceptual system whereby bats emit ultrasonic sounds specifically to produce echoes.

By comparing the outgoing pulse with the returning echoes, the bat's brain and auditory nervous system produce detailed images of the bat's surroundings. This allows bats to detect, localize and even classify their prey in complete darkness. At 130 decibels in inten-

sity, bat calls are some of the most intense, airborne animal sounds.

Although some bats have poor vision, none of them are blind. They also have high-quality senses of smell and hearing. Bats hunt at night, reducing competition with birds, and travel large distances of up to 500 miles while foraging for food.

Glaser has received specialized training in bat rehabilitation at a center called Batworld in Texas. Glaser keeps her wards until they pass her "fly test." She only releases a bat back into the wild once she has observed five minutes of sustained flight.

If you find a bat, call Caroline Glaser at: (203) 233-3650  
Happy Halloween!

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sion, and helped to create 60 jobs in Athol at her company, Whipps Lee said, "When a qualified woman has to go to New Jersey to find a job instead of working in this district," that is an indication that the local economy is lagging.

It is also an indication that Whipps Lee does not intend to let voters forget that last winter Andrews briefly took a fulltime job as head of global human resources for pharmaceutical giant Novartis, while continuing to serve her constituents as state rep.

In contrast, Andrews took the high road at the debate, emphasizing her priorities of bringing new jobs to the district, strong constituent service, and support to homeowners facing foreclosures. "We need 600 new jobs, we've already got 200," Andrews said, citing recent expansions at Rodney Hunt, Walmart, and the Athol Commons.

"We need to step up and improve the fundamentals to provide good jobs and strong economic development, and good leadership that brings the results we need," said Andrews. She cited her background of 25 years in business, "complex problem-solving skills," and two years at the statehouse in Boston as enabling her to provide experienced leadership on issues that matter to the district.

For her part, Whipps Lee hit the issue of jobs over and over again, in response to almost every question, hammering home the point that rates for unemployment and home foreclosures in the 2nd Franklin exceed those for the Commonwealth as a whole. "Jobs will bring better public safety and education," she added.

Andrews agreed. "Jobs is the number one priority to lift everyone's life. We need tech work. Manufacturing is starting to come back. We have generations of skilled mechanics ready to reenter the workforce." She said the

Commonwealth had emphasized tax incentives for businesses starting up or expanding in gateway cities that met certain criteria, but now, "It's time for the rural model to take effect."

She added, "We're on a 10-year plan; we need investment and leadership to bring it to fruition in the North Quabbin district."

Whipps Lee shot back, "We don't have 10 years. We need jobs now. There is no shortage of welders and machinists. We have stacks of qualified people looking for work. There's a shortage of jobs." She promised to "get out and talk to existing businesses and see how to help them expand. We need results, not rhetoric."

Andrews, in turn, promised, "I'll be up close and personal in trying to bring a better company to the district, and expand existing ones." She alluded to "36 bills" she had ready to file to "promote job growth and improve our district."

Whipps Lee said she would like to see Athol, with a renovated library as a centerpiece, begin to "look more like Brattleboro someday," with "cute restaurants and nice shops." A state rep should be able to "go out and show people what our best features are," to attract more investment to the area, she said.

Andrews emphasized education as the key to building a strong, 21st century workforce in the district, and talked up her support of accessible health care for all.

She said, "The farm-to-school program is a very important opportunity for farmers to have contracts with our schools, and kids to have better nutrition." She called that initiative a win for all.

Andrews promised to continue working with Erving Paper in its financial reorganization and its drive to reduce energy costs by extending a natural gas line to the mill, in order to keep that major employer competitive.

Both Andrews and Whipps Lee

cited Vermont Yankee as the major environmental threat to the area. "Vermont Yankee is not properly managed and must be shut down responsibly," said Andrews, while Whipps Lee said the reactor in Vernon, VT has "never been dealt with properly or managed well. We need a safe and proper shutdown if that is what is going to happen."

When discussion turned to the discredited complaint Andrews made some months ago on behalf of an unnamed constituent to the Athol police that Whipps Lee had made a cocaine purchase at her home and been given special treatment by the Athol police, charges the Athol police chief has called baseless, Whipps Lee demanded an apology, and Andrews said she was awaiting the results of an investigation by the attorney general into the matter.

"The issue is getting more airtime than it should," said Andrews, who added, "I asked the attorney general to come in and get to the bottom of things."

"It's a closed investigation," said Whipps Lee, referring to the internal probe by the Athol police. "I've never done anything wrong. There's never been an apology. When you do something wrong, you should apologize. When it was discovered our state rep was working in New Jersey, there was never an apology to our district."

She called both matters examples of Andrews' "poor judgment."

Andrews reiterated, "I will reserve comment and judgment

until the [attorney general's] investigation is done."

And, presumably, until the election is over.

After Whipps Lee spoke of "stacks of qualified people" looking for work, moderator Andres Caamano missed the chance to follow up with a question about whether "binders of women" were also on file.

But when talk turned to the problems facing women in the district, both candidates leaped to their defense.

"I will work on equal rights until I breathe my last breath," said Andrews. She pointed out that men die sooner than women, statistically, and senior women therefore need programs to support them in their later years.

She said women over 45 face discrimination in the workplace, along with women in general, all requiring state policies in response. "Harassment still happens, if you're cute and pretty," said Andrews, "but if you're smart, it's not cool."

Andrews said she has been privileged to serve on Governor Deval Patrick's advisory council on diversity awareness.

Whipps Lee said fear was the biggest thing holding women back. "I grew up with a lot of strong women. There are women taking care of their husbands now, and bringing home a paycheck. I don't join women's groups. Labels hold us back."

And, once again, Whipps Lee

stressed her commitment to improving the economy in the North Quabbin as the key to improved lives for all constituents.

"Gay people need jobs," she said. "Straight people need jobs. White people need jobs. Black people need jobs. It's not about the letter after my name, it's about the heart you put into it."

The hour and a half debate, with about 40 people in the audience, was videotaped for rebroadcast by Montague Community Television. It took place in a low ceilinged back room at the bowling alley, decorated for Hallowe'en, under weirdly glowing fluorescent light, with cobwebbed walls and ghoulish scrim for a backdrop.

In this strange setting, the audience looked like extras who somehow failed to get cast in a rerun of *The Munsters*. They remained grimaced throughout the proceedings, aware that in this final debate, one of the candidates' hopes had come to Erving to die, but unsure, yet, which candidacy would survive.



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3:32 p.m. Assault reported on Davis Street, Turners Falls.

**Wednesday, 10/24**

12:06 a.m. Vandalism reported on Newton Street, Millers Falls.

2:53 p.m. Assault reported at Third and L Streets, Turners Falls.

8:29 p.m. Assault reported on Central Street, Turners Falls.

11:14 p.m. Fight reported at Cumberland Farms, Montague Street, Turners Falls.

**Thursday, 10/25**

1:02 p.m. Larceny reported on South Ferry Road, Montague.

6:12 p.m. Assault reported on

Fourth Street in Turners Falls.

11:09 p.m. Burglary reported and investigated on Farren Avenue, Turners Falls.

**Friday, 10/26**

7:04 a.m. Larceny reported at Lightlife Foods, Industrial Boulevard, Turners Falls.

**Saturday, 10/27**

12:26 a.m. Larceny reported at Between the Uprights, Avenue A, Turners Falls.

7:48 p.m. Burglary reported on Fourth Street, Turners Falls.

11:58 p.m. Assault reported on Second Street, Turners Falls.

**Monday, 10/29**

9:17 a.m. Vandalism reported at Avenue A, Turners Falls.

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# Opera and Popcorn

BY LEE WICKS

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These are world-wide, real-time, live productions with multiple cameras that literally place you in the

scene, as opposed to filming from a fixed point. A production of *Romeo and Juliet* was shot from above the doomed lovers' bed. On the final haunting notes of *Tristan and Isolde*, the camera panned in on Isolde's face. There she was, grief stricken and lovely, and filling the entire screen.

It is not the same as a live performance, and it is not the same as traditional films of operas. This is a new medium entirely. The subtitles are easy to read. The story and music envelop, and an art form that can seem hard to approach becomes accessible. The movie theater audience bursts into applause during the curtain calls. At the end of tragic operas, the audience moves from the theater slowly, clutching tissues, stunned by the emotional impact of it all.

During long intermissions, the HD productions take the audience behind the scenes to watch the Met's amazing technical crew build sets and position lights. Burly men with resonant Brooklyn accents haul tons of scenery with meticulous care, and

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MARY AZARIAN WOODBLOCK

BY LESLIE BROWN

**MONTAGUE CITY** – The recent hurricane gave us yet another reminder of the power of Mother Nature.

Prepare we did. Lawn chairs were stored. Woodpiles, the air conditioner and the grill covered with tarps. We closed the skylight and the cellar windows, primed the woodstove, and checked the battery-operated lantern and radio. We made one last foray to the store for foodstuffs which could be consumed without cooking.

Then we waited, listening to the weather coverage on television and radio. We waited some more.

On Monday afternoon the winds and rain arrived. Despite the dire warnings, Western Mass largely escaped a big hit, experiencing at

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# Waiting for Sandy

worst high winds and power outages. Other communities and states did not fare so well, despite major preparations and evacuations. You either were in the direct path of the storm, or you weren't.

Regardless of satellite systems and advanced technology, what happens, happens.

In some ways, gardening is much the same. The gardener prepares the soil, puts in plants and seeds, waters and weeds as necessary, and then waits. Seasons are dry or too wet, warm or too hot. Crops have a good year or they are challenged by conditions and pests.

Most of us New England gardeners plant a variety of cold- and heat-loving crops, in part because these are the foods and flowers we love and in part as a hedge against Mother Nature. Whatever we do, in any given season some crops flourish and others do not.

Still, most of us joyfully order new seeds each winter, and plan for an even more successful season next year.

So, the long battle with invasive weeds in the daffodil bed. The greatest scourge seemed to be the bitter-sweet, which produced two new stems for each one I snipped.

The bed also had a few bits of multiflora rose and honeysuckle, but nothing that couldn't be managed. Treatments of vinegar and salt ensued, followed by a covering of tarps to bake the entire area.

Last month I uncovered the bed to find all annuals dead, and little bitter-sweet. To my great dismay, however, the honeysuckle and roses did not succumb to the insults. In fact, they seemed to be thriving with the warmth and protection. I have been reduced to taking on the nightmare with my spade and plenty of elbow grease.

Still, I am determined. A package of many colored lilies for naturalizing awaits planting. It is still my fond hope that these will take hold and eventually spread throughout the bed. We'll have to keep managing the invaders, I know, but I hope the beautiful flowering plants will win



Sandy departs from the Connecticut River Valley on Tuesday.

out in the end.

Such optimism may seem contrary to our human experience, but it's also probably what sets us apart from the other animals. Despite what in some ways we know to the contrary, we keep trying. We are resilient in spite of troubles. After damaging storms, we begin to repair. Even when a crop fails, we try again.

The truth is,

we don't want to spend long hours in the company of nay-sayers. We look always for improvements and future success. This tendency works well in general, and keeps us gardeners returning to the task each new year. We are a hopeful lot.

We'll keep this in mind when we go to the ballot box next week.

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nobody sets foot on stage until every joint and electrical connection have been secured. There are even scenery painters standing ready to touch up a flat that got scratched in positioning. The intermissions also include interviews with the performers, and they provide a reminder of how multi-cultural the world of opera has become, as they send messages around the world in their native languages.

Peter Gelb, the general director at the Met, began these broadcasts five years ago to bring opera to a wider audience. They are shown in malls, local theaters, at schools, and on huge screens in Times Square, all in an effort to share this extraordinary art form at a reasonable price, and to entice a younger audience.

There is certainly more gray than brown hair at the HD performances, but when the camera pans the audience at the Met, there are young people. Perhaps they saw an HD performance and set out to experience opera live. I've also seen groups of young people in the audience here. What an amazing opportunity for college students studying music, or art history, or exploring how the works of Shakespeare have been translated into music.

It is obvious by now that I am a fan. Opera found my heart in 1991, just as America was getting ready to invade Iraq. I stayed up one night watching news about what might happen during the invasion. The predictions were dire. Then one of those late night ads came on to promote a tape from the Three Tenors Concert that had been held in Rome that summer. If I'd been asked to name a tenor then, I might have come up with Caruso; that was the extent of my ignorance. When Luciano Pavarotti began to sing "Nessun dorma," I responded with greed.

Something stirred me about this art form that brings music, voice, literature, poetry and drama together. This music reminded me that there is something noble in the human spirit that transcends war.

This week I am anxious about the upcoming

election. I listen to opera and remind myself that the music and beauty will be here whatever happens. A handful of composers left a legacy of work that deals with every human emotion, and new composers are creating a legacy for the future. Opera covers all the "deadly sins," and also reflects the best of human nature in scenes where kings forgive their enemies, fathers mourn lost daughters, and the world ends in a fiery conflagration and is reborn in a rising river.

Few people are neutral about opera; it elicits hate and unabashed love. Until the HD performances, few would risk spending so much to see something they might not like. With the local HD productions, there's a chance now to give it a try. In Shelburne Falls there are also wonderful restaurants for those who want to stay in town for dinner or just stop for some coffee after the show. The shows are held on Saturday afternoons, sometimes with an encore performance mid-week in the evening. You can buy tickets online, a good idea since performances can sell out. Hot buttered popcorn is for sale at the top of the stairs. The entire season is listed at [www.metopera.org](http://www.metopera.org), with video clips of upcoming productions.

Here is the remaining 2012-2013 season schedule:

Adès's *The Tempest* – Met Premiere: November 10th, 2012, 12:55 pm ; U.S. Encore: Wednesday, November 28th, at 6:30 p.m. local time.

Mozart's *La Clemenza di Tito* – December 1st, 12:55 p.m.; U.S. Encore:

Wednesday, December 19th, at 6:30 p.m. local time.

Verdi's *Un Ballo in Maschera* – New Production: December 8th, 12:55 p.m., U.S. Encore: Wednesday, January 9th, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. local time.

Verdi's *Aida* – December 15th, 12:55 p.m.; U.S. Encore: Wednesday, January 16th, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. local time.

Berlioz's *Les Troyens* – January 5th, 2013, 12 p.m.; U.S. Encore: Wednesday, January 23rd, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. local time.

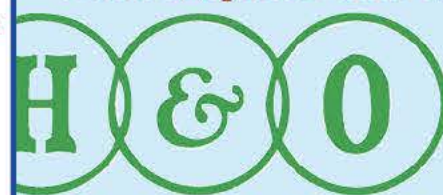
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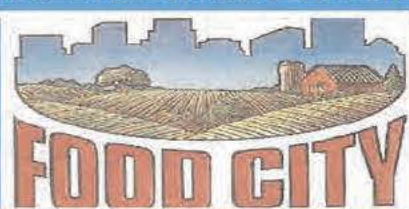
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## NOTES FROM THE WENDELL SELECTBOARD

## Mascroft Seeks Clarification on Proposed 2 MW Solar Facility

**BY JOSH HEINEMANN** – Without a dog hearing, the Wendell selectboard meeting of October 18th went quickly and ended early.

Dan Mascroft of Envirohealth sent the selectboard office an email seeking to clarify his company's ability to construct a solar photovoltaic facility in town as part of Wendell's allocation from the state of 10 megawatts of net metering capacity. Wendell signed a contract with Seaboard Solar to host eight of those megawatts, but set aside two megawatts of solar capacity to remain available for a local facility, after a persuasive effort by the energy committee.

Before allocating those two megawatts of reserved solar capacity, the town must first contact Seaboard Solar to advise them of plans to do so, which the town did after the last selectboard meeting.

Envirohealth has a plan to establish a solar farm on private land off Wendell Depot Road to take advantage of those two megawatts, but Mascroft wanted a clear roadmap for how to accomplish that.

Selectboard member Dan Keller said Mascroft should get his lawyer to draw up a letter of agreement, and get Dave Thomas of Seaboard Solar to agree to the proposal.

Later in the meeting, Mascroft came in from the assessors' office, where he had been talking with the assessors about payments in lieu of taxes for the proposed solar farm. Apparently there is no set formula for PILOT payments for solar installations: payment could be based on the value of the equipment, the value of the energy production, or some other factor.

Selectboard member Jeffrey Pooser said whatever agreement is made should

work as an incentive and not a disincentive for solar development. He said that Wendell should do some research to find out what other towns have done in this regard.

Keller reported the FRCOG contract to administer housing rehabilitation loans charges an administrative fee of 24% of the loan. He said that rate is steep, but FRCOG is "the only game in town," and at least the money does not come from Wendell.

The library is sponsoring a workshop on growing shiitake mushrooms and requested use of the town hall on Saturday, November 3rd from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The selectboard granted the request.

Town Coordinator Nancy Aldrich said the town's old copier has been fixed, and prints well on one side now. With the installation of a part on order, it should soon be able to print on two sides, and be worth something at auction.

The auction of surplus municipal items is scheduled for Saturday, November 10th at 10 a.m. The highway department has an old pickup truck, and Keller said Kramers offered \$150 for the old tank from the fire department tank truck, if the tank is first cut into quarters. Bidding on that tank should start at \$150. Keller said there might be other items from the fire department side of the highway garage, possibly including former Engine #1.

The October 18th town meeting authorized changing the name of the east end of Old Farley Road to Blue Heron Road, but since then Ted Lewis said he thinks the road is a county road and Wendell does not have the authority to change its name.

Keller said the town can send a letter to the executive committee of the FRCOG, but the status of the name

change remains uncertain.

Selectboard chair Christine Heard said it is not time to buy the road signs just yet.

Aldrich said since the furnaces in the highway garage were replaced there was a huge drop in heating cost. Records from Orange Oil show 3,000 gallons, 2,800 gallons, then 800 gallons last winter. Some, but not all, of that drop was a result of a mild winter.

Pooser asked about the site visit to the vertical-axis wind generator at the Diemand farm, and both Keller and Heard said they had been impressed by what they saw. The newly installed generator was turning slowly in light air, quiet, unobtrusive, behind the farm store, and poses no danger to birds. This generator is owned by Diemand Farm, but the town can get one also, free on town land, and Paul Richmond said he has a portable anemometer for testing and recording the wind at various sites. Back land behind the WRATS working area is one likely spot.

Recent legislation passed by the state allowed each town in Union 28 to contribute to retirement benefits of a Union 28 central office retiree according to the schedule it uses to pay for its own employees' retirement package.

Charles Paulin retired from the central office before that law passed, and wants to continue receiving benefits paid according to the pay schedule of the lead town, which is defined as the town with the most enrolled students in Union 28. At the present time, the lead town in the school union is Erving, and of all the U-28 towns, Erving pays the largest share of a retiree's benefit package. Leverett and Shutesbury,

see WENDELL page 9

## NOTES FROM THE GILL SELECTBOARD

## Conservation Commission Needs New Members

**BY PATRICIA CROSBY** – In a short meeting Tuesday evening, October 23rd, selectboard members John Ward and Randy Crochier listened to project updates by highway superintendent Mick LaClaire and administrative assistant Ray Purington, reviewed and approved pending purchases, and made two town committee appointments.

LaClaire received permission to proceed on the replacement of windows in the public safety complex, at an approximate cost of \$1,000, to come from the building maintenance account. Purington reported moving ahead with the request for proposals for work replacing the town hall roof.

An extended discussion ensued on the pros and cons of replacing the office cubicles on the first floor of town hall with walled offices. Crochier was reluctant to proceed with walling off offices

for town hall workers until it could be determined how such a change would affect heating and ventilation in the building, and the potential costs of remedying any problems that might ensue.

Board members were also asked to sign off on a fire department purchase order for repairs to the rescue van, totaling \$3,000. The vehicle has only 20,000 miles on it, but is 28 years old. Since calls for medical assistance are the most common form of town emergency by far, Ward was surprised the fire department has not added purchase of a new rescue van to its priority list.

Ward commented on the irony of the town being ready to purchase a third police cruiser, while still making do with such an ancient medical emergency vehicle.

Ward was also less than enthusiastic about accepting \$7,500 from Vermont Yankee

via the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency for the cost of updating Gill's radiological response program. "How about it? Are we ready for a nuclear event?" Ward asked rhetorically, and was answered with a wry silence.

Gill is sorely in need of community volunteers to step forward to serve on committees:

The new housing rehab program requires a citizen advisory committee made up of one member from each town served (Gill, Deerfield, Colrain and Erving), and the board urged anyone interested to call town hall, at 863-9347.

The conservation commission needs two new members. Two former members were appointed to serve once again for the next two months, just so the committee can conduct its work, since it no longer has sufficient membership to meet a quorum.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LEVERETT POLICE LOG

### Sandy Leaves a Mess

**Tuesday, 10/2**

3:44 p.m. Medical emergency on Depot Road. Subject transported to Cooley Dickinson Hospital by Amherst Fire Department ambulance.

**Thursday, 10/4**

12:37 p.m. Dudleyville Road resident reported harassing emails. Advised on procedure for obtaining a non-harassment order.

**Sunday, 10/7**

12:25 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle backed into railroad siding on Depot Road. Subject attempted to load old railroad ties into pickup. Subject removed from the area.

**Wednesday, 10/10**

7:30 p.m. North Leverett Road resident reported someone entered his home over the past weekend and rifled through dresser drawers and jewelry boxes. Nothing taken. Under investigation.

**Tuesday, 10/16**

3:38 p.m. Reported downed tree on wires on North Leverett Road near #138. Northeast Utilities notified. No outage reported.

**Sunday, 10/21**

12:40 p.m. Report of an erratic operator northbound on Long Plain Road. Officer checked area with Sunderland Police Department; negative results.

**Tuesday, 10/23**

11:45 a.m. Report of a bear struck and killed on Shutesbury Road. Small cub ran out of the brush and struck. Environmental Police Officer notified. No damage to the vehicle. Environmental Police retrieved bear.

**Wednesday, 10/24**

3:10 p.m. Resident reported larceny of money from his checking account. Under investigation.

**Sunday, 10/28**

4:45 p.m. Still Corner

Road resident reported an attempted Breaking & Entering into her home over the past weekend. Screen cut, door lock damaged but no entry gained. Under investigation.

**Monday, 10/29**

10:15 a.m. Report of a minor accident on Chestnut Hill Road.

[redacted], driving a Sandri Service van, grazed a utility pole while parking. No damage to the pole; minor damage to the van.

10:50 a.m. Report of tree down on wires on Shutesbury Road. WMECo notified, no outage. Tree cleared.

11:45 a.m. North Leverett Road resident reported theft of a snow thrower from his garage over the past weekend. Under investigation.

1:02 p.m. Tree down across Montague Road. No wires involved. Leverett Highway Department cleared, road

re-opened. 2:17 p.m. Tree down on wires on Teawaddle Hill Road. WMECo notified. Road closed for a short time. Tree cleared, no outage.

3:55 p.m. Tree down blocking Montague Road. Leverett Highway cleared. Road re-opened.

5:52 p.m. Wires down across Amherst Road. Road closed between Depot Road and Juggler Meadow Road. WMECo notified.

6:00 p.m. Officer reported possible minor damage to Town Hall roof. Highway Department notified.

6:00 p.m. Tree down blocking Cave Hill Road. Highway Department cleared, road re-opened.

7:55 p.m. Reported utility pole fire on Hemenway Road. Road closed for a short time. Live wire down. WMECo notified. Power out at several homes on Hemenway Road overnight.

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## NOTES FROM THE MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD

## “Throwing Money Down a Rathole”

“The last thing anyone on the EDIC would want is that the building become unsalvageable because we haven’t acted,” newly appointed Montague Economic

Development and Industrial Corporation member Don Valley told the selectboard on Wednesday, referring to the former Cumberland Farms building at 38 Avenue A, owned by the EDIC.

This is the building that has been progressively deteriorating, with multiple leaks in the roof, mold in the wall-board and a state of interior decay so pronounced that the town’s own board of health and building inspector felt compelled to issue mandatory 30-day remediation orders to the quasi-public EDIC board back in March.

No remediation of the building’s mold or leaking roof has taken place since, primarily because three non-profit or civic organizations put together a proposal to take the building off the town’s hands this past spring, for a nominal (\$1) fee, in return for a promise to invest between \$80,000 and \$100,000 to renovate the building into new studios for Montague Community Television, with offices for Turners Falls RiverCulture and the Montague Business Association.

Town meeting in May set aside \$32,000 to repair the building, in case the deal with MCTV, RiverCulture and the MBA fell through. MCTV board president Michael Muller assured that meeting no town funds would be required for the rehab if the building was transferred to his organization.

In August, the EDIC seemed to endorse that approach, when by a unanimous vote the EDIC agreed to sign a purchase and sale for the Cumberland Farms building with Montague Community Cable Inc., MCTV’s parent corporation. Muller said his expecta-

tion at that time was that MCTV would gain ownership of the building by October 1st, so renovations could proceed before winter.

But no forward progress has been made since, as the EDIC board fell into a period of inertia, legal quibbling, and board resignations.

“We’ve had no one to talk to,” MCCI board clerk Kristi Bodin told the selectboard on Wednesday.

The three EDIC board members present at Wednesday’s selectboard meeting admitted they did not even have a board chair person, at this point, or a board secretary to take notes at meetings.

Valley said he was unaware that the EDIC had even voted unanimously to approve a purchase and sale of the former Cumberland Farms building to MCCI in August.

And now, the prospect of the town expending funds to repair the building’s roof, just to get through the coming winter, suddenly seems very likely.

Bodin said time had run out on the possibility of MCCI acquiring and renovating the property this year. The selectboard directed town administrator Frank Abbondanzio to get quotes for repairing the building’s roof.

EDIC board member Lyn Reynolds decried the prospect of spending town money patching up a building that the three organizations had proposed to renovate entirely at their own expense, but offered no immediate solution to the impasse.

“I really don’t want to throw money down a rathole,” she said.

## Elks Lodge Seeks Expansion

Ernest Brown and Jason Clark, representing the Montague Elks lodge on Elk Avenue and L Street, came before the board to ask if it would be possible to abandon

the alleyway that runs behind their building, from L Street to 7th Street, to make room for a possible expansion of the lodge. Brown said the Elks would like to make space for a handicapped accessible entrance and four new handicapped accessible bathrooms. Brown said, “We’re not being forced to do this, we just thought it would be a good thing to do.”

Back in March of 2006, the Montague Elks unveiled ambitious plans to build a new 20,000 square foot lodge on the site of a former auto racetrack on Millers Fall Road, near West Mineral Road, with a 600 seat banquet hall and lounge and an outdoor pavilion with capacity to hold 300 guests. At that time, Clark told the zoning board of appeals, he hoped the new lodge would be, “the largest and most beautiful hall in the area.”

Those plans were put on hold when architectural plans came in with a far higher dollar figure than the Montague Elks had anticipated.

Brown confirmed on Wednesday the Millers Falls Road expansion, “is not an active plan.”

Instead, the Elks are now seeking to expand what Brown called, in 2006, the Elks’ “small and antiquated” lodge on L Street, and the best approach there would be to build onto the back of the building, next to the parking lot and water line, he said. Trouble is, the lodge directly abuts the town’s alleyway, which property owners on either side use to approach their driveways or for resident parking.

The selectboard referred the proposal to abandon the alleyway to the planning board for review and recommendation.

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“Nonpoint source pollution threatens the health of our lakes, streams and watersheds, and degrades the quality of life for all of our residents,” Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rick Sullivan said. “The projects announced... will make a difference in the quality of our drinking water, watersheds, coastal waters, and aquatic recreational areas.”

“Waterways such as the Millers River and South River are distinctive features of the Pioneer Valley. The Franklin Regional

Council of Governments recognizes the importance of these resources and has dedicated staff to develop comprehensive best management practices to protect them,” said Congressman John Olver.

Among the projects are two in Franklin County:

Best sediment management practices for the South River in Conway was awarded \$212,500, and reducing stormwater pollution in the western Millers River Watershed with low impact development in Erving was awarded \$35,000.

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which pay the least, have been withholding their contributions to Paulin’s retiree package until the matter is settled, according to an agreement worked out between the five towns and school committees prior to filing the special legislation.

It has fallen on the towns of Wendell and New Salem, through the Swift River School, which is the fiscal agent for U-28, to make up the difference in Paulin’s benefit package. The legislation was supposed to solve the problem, but Paulin disputes that. As Heard said: “To be continued.”

Aldrich announced the annual Veterans Day program at Mahar Regional High School, at 8:15 a.m. and at 1:15 p.m. In the past, former selectboard member

Ted Lewis served as Wendell’s representative to that event, but none of the present board was free or had time to attend. Selectboard member Dan Keller said he would ask Lewis if he would attend this year, and said he might be able to change his schedule and attend if Lewis could not.

A staff member from Senator Kerry’s office will be at the town office building meeting room from 11 a.m. to noon on Monday, October 29th, weather permitting.

The meeting opened with selectboard members appointing Seth McDonough to the agricultural commission, and John Fitzgerald to the regionalization planning committee.



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## Dementia Caregivers' Support Group

BY ANNA VIADERO

**MONTAGUE CITY** – There are many types of dementia but they all have similar characteristics for caregivers, friends and family: lives change, and responsibilities increase. Sometimes it's overwhelming, even with hands-on help. Emotional support can often be a game-changer. The dementia caregivers' support group at Franklin County Home Care offers emotional support and practical information, to help caregivers make sense of their "new normal" and stay grounded.

Molly Chambers, the support group facilitator, says the group is made up of partners and spouses of those with dementias like, but not limited to, Alzheimer's disease. Adult children of those with dementia, and even neighbors and friends, attend the group for short stretches or longer times to get the help and advice that serve them best. Anyone is welcome to attend – the group is free and open to the public.

"People in the group share strategies to deal with the challenges of dementias. They learn about advances in treatment and where to go for help in their community," said

Chambers.

The support group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the large conference room at FCHCC, 330 Montague City Road, in Montague City. It offers participants a place to ask questions, share experiences, and get answers. The building is accessible and the group is free and open to the public.

Contact the moderator at (800) 732-4636, (413) 773-5555, or (978) 544-2259, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or email at the link below.

Read more about the group at [www.fchcc.org/caregivers/support-groups.htm](http://www.fchcc.org/caregivers/support-groups.htm).

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mistrust, while the increasing presence of Colombian troops in Cauca has led to more, not less, violence on indigenous lands.

The Colombian military and the FARC have been fighting each other since the mid-1960s. During the 1990s, the conflict intensified in the Nasa reserve.

According to Pulido, there are currently 15,000 Colombian soldiers in Cauca. She accuses the Colombian government of invading Nasa homes, killing the occupants, and planting FARC documents to justify their anti-civilian actions and continued presence in Nasa territory. Meanwhile, the

FARC kills Nasa elders and leaders to try to destabilize the indigenous communities. Pulido said that under order from FARC commanders, 25 indigenous leaders and traditional healers have been killed in the last year alone.

Pulido, a member of the Cauca Regional Indigenous Council, said the Nasa don't want to be part of the war. They are not taking sides. They simply want both sides to take their weapons, their land mines and improvised propane tank mortars and leave their land.

She believes the Colombian government also wants to undermine the autonomy of Nasa self government, protected under the Colombian constitution, with the intent to "kick us off our land." To escape the conflict, tens of thousands of Caucaans have migrated to the capital, Bogota, and other cities, in recent years where they become landless, impoverished and easily exploitable members of the urban underclass.

Meanwhile, the valuable water resources in Cauca, the most important in Colombia, are already harnessed to irrigate about 50% of Colombia's sugar exports, thousands of hectares of land are slated for agro-fuels, and mining companies are pressing the government for new mining concessions to tap the province's gold, platinum and petroleum reserves. Already 800 mining concessions have been granted in Cauca, "from areas where our community organizations are located," said Pulido.

The Nasa are pacifists, but they are not passive. They are working to strengthen their community institutions to survive the stress of war and pressure from global economic players. "Peace is not just a word with us," Pulido said. "It's something we know how to do."

In 1971, the Nasa and other indigenous groups formed the regional indigenous council Consejo Regional Indigena del Cauca (CRIC). According to the CRIC website, their purpose is to recover land taken from indigenous reserves, enlarge reserves, strengthen indigenous council governments, promote indigenous legal systems, defend indigenous history, language and customs, train indigenous teachers, strengthen economic and community enterprises, and defend the environment and natural resources in indigenous territories.

According to the UN Development Program, "Their struggle has led to legal recognition of the fundamental rights of indigenous peoples, including recognition of the autonomy of their communal indigenous lands in the 1991 Colombian Constitution."

In 2004, CRIC's Nasa Project won the UN's Equator Prize for their program "of sustainable natu-

ral resource management within the Nasa's indigenous lands, which both border and fall within key protected areas. Sustainable natural resource harvesting and improved agricultural practices have helped to mitigate environmental impacts and underpin sustainable livelihoods for the Nasa people."

Besides building community and a sustainable economy, the Nasa have recently decided to confront the war directly. La Minga, a human rights organization established by the Nasa and other indigenous people, has established numerous sites where people displaced by the violence can take refuge, staying in their homeland, rather than moving to the cities.

Pulido told the story, from this summer, of the Colombian military building trench and sandbag fortifications at Berlin Hill, using thousands of sandbags. The Nasa informed the Ministry of Defense that the troops had no permission to be at that hill, a place sacred to the Nasa. Then the Nasa arrived in large numbers, unarmed, led the soldiers away, and removed the sandbags, one by one. The Nasa have also captured FARC fighters, forced them to face a community assembly, and confiscated their weapons. The Nasa have rescued children kidnapped by FARC as soldier recruits, and begun the delicate process of reintroducing them to the community with the help of traditional healers.

According to news accounts, the only "weapons" the Nasa use in these efforts are ceremonial batons.

The government and FARC announced peace talks in August, not for the first time, but Pulido feels the government is dragging out the talks in order to keep the Nasa territory disturbed so the people will continue to leave the land, allowing the government to take over abandoned property for agribusiness ventures and mining leases. She believes true peace will only come to the land when the victims of war have a place at the negotiating table, and when a respect for Mother Earth takes precedence over profits FARC rebels enjoy from the illicit drug trade, and over the power the government derives from the militarization of the countryside.

War and violence are not the only problems the Nasa face. Their water resources and fertile land support profitable coca farming. According to Pulido, FARC receives funding from drug traffickers, whom they protect, and the rebels have become drug traffickers themselves. Because of the drug trafficking in the region, which relies on Cauca for a conduit from the fertile uplands to the Pacific, the Colombian government's US-funded war on drugs

provides profits for the multinational agricultural company Monsanto which sells Roundup (glyphosate) for aerial spraying of coca fields and genetically-modified seed corn for the Colombian government's alternative crop program. Pulido says the CRIC is also contending with traffickers, and has long had a program of dismantling "kitchens," the sites where coca leaves are processed into cocaine.

The Nasa also take action by informing US citizens about the violence and destruction in Cauca and by lobbying US legislators about both the US funding for the militarization of the Nasa homeland, and about the recently signed US-Colombian Free Trade Agreement, which the Nasa oppose. According to Pulido, that agreement was created and signed without input from indigenous people, small farmers, or Afro-Colombians. She said the trade agreement overrides the Colombian constitution, endangering land rights acquired by years of struggle by indigenous peoples.

Most of us in Franklin County may have never heard of the Nasa or Cauca, yet our federal taxes and government policy are actively supporting the militarization of the Nasa homeland. According to a September 5th, 2012 NY Times article, the US "has given billions of dollars in military and antinarcotics aid to Colombia." Pulido said the free trade agreement negotiated by our government encourages Colombians to consume more and produce less, increases privatization, and gives financial incentives to foreign investors over Colombians.

In Franklin County, where we take pride in the small-scale democracy of our town meeting government, and in our small town community spirit, we may have a lot to learn from the Nasa. The Nasa have been living in the middle of an intensifying war zone and are actively pursuing non-violence, working to keep their community and cultural heritage intact as they confront and attempt to chase the military and the rebels from their land.

The informed, articulate Pulido, who works at the Center for Gender Studies at the University of Valle in Cauca, provided a window to an Eden in danger of being dragged into hell by forces that are trained, funded, and reinforced from Washington DC. She spoke in Spanish, her words deftly translated by a Witness for Peace worker. Witness for Peace maintains offices in Cauca. More information is available at [www.witnessforpeace.org](http://www.witnessforpeace.org). Spanish language readers can find out more about the Nasa and their programs at [www.cric-colombia.org](http://www.cric-colombia.org).

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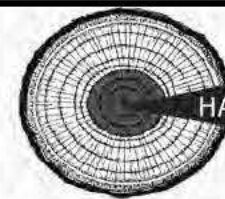
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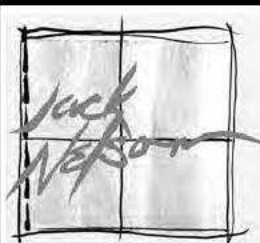
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Jake's Tavern, Turners Falls: *Shag*. 7 to 9 p.m.

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *The Collected Poets Series* poetry reading featuring *Andrea Cohen & Amanda Auchter*. 7 p.m.

The Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Fall Town String Band*. 8 to 10:30 p.m. Free.

Gill Tavern: *Trivia Night* to benefit Vermont Citizens Action Network. 8:30 p.m.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *DJ Bobby*, dance party. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.



*All Quiet on the Western Front* is being shown this weekend at Pothole Pictures in Shelburne Falls on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

*The first great pacifist film, set in Germany at the start of WWI. Music before the movie on Friday: Leo T. Baldwin. On Saturday, Daniel Hales, and the frost heaves.*

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd

Pothole Pictures, Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls: *All Quiet on the Western Front*. The first great pacifist film – set in Germany at the start of WWI. 1930. B&W. 133 min, 7:30 p.m. Music before the movie: *Leo T. Baldwin*. 7 p.m.

The Arts Block Café, Greenfield: *Harvest Party & Cider Saloon*. West County Cider's Harvest Party is a kick-off event to the Annual Franklin County Cider Days Festival – a weekend of 'All Things Apples' in Franklin County! 4 bands on the Arts Block main stage: *Bright Lines, Rebel Base, HASTE!* and *Sandy Bailey*. The CIDER SALOON downstairs at The Wheelhouse, offering a menu of hard ciders and acoustic performances featuring *Tory Hanna, Bryan Gillig, Bad Guise Disguise, CJ Bednarski & Jacob Bassett* and *Hackles*. 7:30 p.m. \$.

Campus Center Carroll Room, Smith College, Northampton: *Chrysanthemum Show Opening Lecture* – *Flora Novae Angliae* the region's native and naturalized plants and wildflowers by botanist

Arthur Haines. 7:30 p.m.

The Shea Theater, Turners Falls: Country Players present *Rocky Horror Show*. 8 p.m. \$.

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *The Peachy's*, americana blues. 8 p.m.

Route 63 Roadhouse, Millers Falls: *Wildcat O'Halloran Blues Band*. 9:30 p.m. to midnight.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Something Else*, groove, funk, ska, jazz. 9:30 p.m. Free.

Deja Brew, Wendell: *The Equalites*, Reggae Fantastico! 9:30 to 11:30 p.m.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

90 7th Street, Turners Falls: Our Lady of Peace Women's Group will have their annual *Dove of Peace Christmas Bazaar*. Homemade crafts, multi-raffle table, baked goods, homemade apple pies and meat pies, attic treasures, Christmas items, gift baskets, and more. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls: *TED (Technology. Entertainment. Design.) Conference*. Innovative thinkers from Western Mass share ideas. *Session I Speakers*, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Shalini Bahl, Dean Cycon, Darby Dyar, David Shepherd, and Daniel Trenner. Session II Speakers*, 3 to 4:30 p.m.: *John Bos & Eventide June Millington, Keith Harmon Snow, Jim Vieira, and Ezekiel Heter-Wegscheider*. To register, call (800) 838-3006 or visit [www.TEDxShelburneFalls.com](http://www.TEDxShelburneFalls.com). \$.

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The Brick House, Turners Falls: *Movie Night*, 6 to 8 p.m.

Montague Grange: *Square Dance* to live old-time music. 7 to 10 p.m. \$.

Pothole Pictures, Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls: *All Quiet on the Western Front*. The first great pacifist film – set in Germany at the start of WWI. 1930. B&W. 133 min, 7:30 p.m. Music before the movie: *Daniel Hales, the frost heaves, indie rock, folk, country mix*. 7 p.m.

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Sarah Leveque*, americana blues rock. 8 p.m.

The Arts Block Café, Greenfield: *Trailer Park*, 8 p.m. \$.

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Deja Brew, Wendell: *The Reprobate Blues Band*, 9 to 11:30 p.m.

The Shea Theater, Turners Falls: Country Players present *Rocky Horror Show*. Midnight. \$.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4th

Mocha Maya's, Shelburne Falls: *Celtic Session*. Musicians of all levels can sit in and perform traditional Irish music. 10:30 a.m.

Leverett Library: Artist Reception and Exhibit Opening: *Flower Portraits*. Oil paintings by Susan Valentine. 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Sunday Locals with Pat & Tex La Mountain, Jim White, Rick Moran*. 6 p.m. Free.

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## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5th

South Gallery, Main Campus, Greenfield Community College: *Artist Talk: Photographer Amy Montali* discusses her work. 12 to 1 p.m.

Academy of Music, Northampton: *Movie, Melting Away*, with a Q&A with the film's director Doron Eran following the screening. 6:30 p.m. Free.

People's Pint, Greenfield: *Karaoke*. 9:30 p.m. Free.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6th

Rendezvous, Turners Falls: *Election Night* on the Big Screen!

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th

People's Pint, Greenfield: *Old Time Session*. 8 p.m. Free.

Between the Uprights, Turners Falls: *Hump Night Karaoke* with Dirty Johnny. 9 to 12 p.m.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8th

Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Forest Management*. Join Helen Johnson, a service forester with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation as we dive into the subject of forest management.

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## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls: *Great Falls Coffeehouse* Presents musicians *Jennie McAvoy* and *Michael Nix*. Refreshments available. 7 to 9 p.m.

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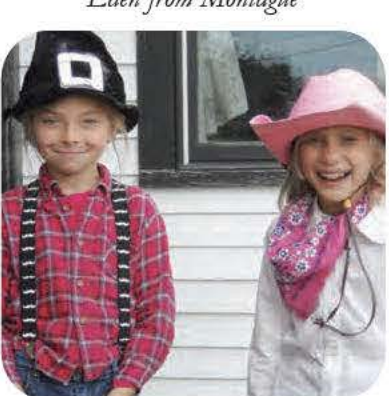
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