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## More Dirt on Barney Hale Road

**BY DAVID DETMOLD GILL** - Six tenths of a mile of Barney Hale Road will be paved with oil and stone, but the town of Gill will take time to consider the consequences before paving any more dirt roads. That compromise came from a lengthy - and sometimes heated - discussion at a special town meeting on Monday, June 27th. More than 60 residents turned out to consider six warrant articles in the stuffy upstairs meeting room at the old town hall. Voters advised the selectboard on how to use town owned land at the corner of West Gill and Main Road (the Mariamante parcel), decided to leave the Northfield Mount Hermon contribution for emergency services under the selectboard's discretion, and plunked down \$25,000 for a new boiler for the elementary

school, but the road paving took up most of the meeting agenda. In August of 2002, then highway superintendent Ernie Hastings Jr. began paving a section of Barney Hale Road north from Pisgah Mountain Road. Later that fall, nearly two dozen residents turned out to question the selectboard about that road paving. Selectboard member Ann Banash stated that the board had been unaware of Hastings' plan to pave Barney Hale, and member Phil Maddern said it was not the board's practice to "micromanage the highway department." At the time, River Road resident Tupper Brown said he felt the town planning board should be consulted in advance of road paving projects, and River Road resident Sally Shaw said the conservation com-

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## Old Glory



JOANNE BROWN PHOTO

At last month's Memorial Day ceremony in Turners Falls, VFW Post #923 commander John Murphy (left) and Montague Elks exalted ruler Doug Brown raised the American flag above the veterans' memorial. The names of all Massachusetts residents killed in action during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan were read at the memorial observance.

## Erving Caps Yearly Housing Starts at 12

**BY IVAN USSACH** Before the start of the July 27th special town meeting, planning board member Jacquelin Boyden said she was "cautiously optimistic" about the odds of passing the town's new zoning bylaw, a mood shared by other town officials. Town meeting had turned down revisions to the town's zoning in January of 2004. But since then, the planning board had done its homework, and after two public hearings and numerous revisions they believed they had come up with a proposal to address nearly all the concerns townspeople had expressed. So it was that after a healthy discussion of the need for more town regulation, the audience voted 44-5 in favor of adopting the bylaw change, well beyond the two-thirds majority needed. The cit-

izens also passed the other seven articles on the agenda, six unanimously, and the seventh - the vote on the bylaw creating a groundwater protection district - passed by a comfortable 48-2 margin. The approved zoning bylaw, which goes into effect immediately, differs from earlier versions in a number of important ways. Most notably, it sets a cap on new home building at 12 homes per year, compared to the eight per year objected to in earlier versions. Jeff Dubai, long-time planning board member and newly elected member of the selectboard, explained that under certain conditions - such as those involving land preservation agreements by an existing property owner - several additional building permits might

see ERVING pg 12

## Military Recruiters and No Child Left Behind

**BY DAVID DETMOLD** Superintendent of Schools Sue Gee informed the school committee of the district schools' obligations to reveal student directory information to military recruiters, under terms of the No Child Left Behind Act. Gee said, under terms of the act, the schools are required to share high school student names, addresses, and phone numbers with military recruiters, or risk forfeiting federal funds and grants. Recruiters are able to access the information in order to call students at home, Gee said. However, the superintendent said, parents may opt out of having their children's names given to recruiters, and she said the schools would send out letters in August to parents of high school students,

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## Millers Streetscape Work Begins

**BY PHILIPPE DEGUISE** MILLERS FALLS - An air circulator provided the only relief in sight for the selectboard Monday night, June 27th, as it met at the Millers Falls Library in its annual summer pilgrimage to the villages of Montague. The fifteen residents in attendance had plenty to say, leveling pointed criticism at town officials and urging them to address certain long-standing issues once and for all. To no one's surprise, the ongoing disputes over the Dry Hill Cemetery and the Powers Block building dominated the evening, but it was the Millers Falls Streetscape Project that topped the agenda.

Setting the tone for the evening, Jeanne Golrick asked the selectboard to



PHOTO: PHILIPPE DEGUISE

place one of the utility poles requiring relocation due to the recently commenced streetscape project onto her property. In a twelve-page packet complete with maps and a list of questions, Golrick challenged the board to accept her proposal to keep utility lines off Main Street, stressing her willingness to provide the necessary easement as private landowner. "It is possible to have a wireless 'Skyscape' in the 'Streetscape' of Millers Falls, if that is what the people want," she said, addressing the audience, her back to the selectboard. However neither the board nor utility company representatives were receptive to her proposal. "We have a dispute in this area over who owns the land, which could result in a delay of the Streetscape project," said town administrator Frank Abbondanzio. If the proposal were accepted he said, it would have to go before town meeting. "We might also

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## But Some Problems Remain

**PET OF THE WEEK**  
**Meek an' Sandy**



**Sandy**

Sandy is a six-year-old blond lab mix in need of a good home. Sandy is a sensitive and gentle girl. She has lived with both dogs and cats before, and would make a good companion for kids eight and up. She'd prefer a less boisterous house. If you're looking for a gentle soul mate, Sandy may be your girl! To learn more about adopting Sandy, please contact the Dakin Animal Shelter in Leverett at 548-9898 or via email at info@dakinshelter.org.

**CARNEGIE LIBRARY NEWS**

**Cuddly Visitors**



PHOTO: LINDA HICKMAN

Jessica Gaines of Gill and 25 other people enjoyed meeting Maggie (left) and five kittens from the Pioneer Valley Humane Society. Maggie is a former alumni of the Greenfield Animal Shelter and was brought by her owner, humane educator Martha Cutt.

**FACES & PLACES**



PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHLEEN(LACOY) BUREK

This 1923 photo was taken at Calvary Cemetery in Greenfield of a horse drawn hearse. The child in the casket was Arthur Lacey, an 8-year-old killed by a trolley car on Deerfield street in Greenfield. Kathleen (LaCoy) Burek's grandmother is pictured left.

**MONTAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARIES ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

**Landmark Photo Contest**

BY LINDA HICKMAN

Why should children have all the fun?

The second annual Montague Public Libraries summer reading program for adults starts July 1st at the Carnegie Library.

As part of the Going Places @ Your Library theme, library programmer Bev Whitbeck has organized a mystery photo contest. Each issue of *The Montague Reporter* will feature unidentified Montague landmark photographs.

If you think you can guess the photos' identities, come to the Carnegie Library and fill out a raffle ticket. At the end of the summer, prizes (including books) will be awarded. More information about the adult summer reading program will be included in the next issue of *the Montague Reporter*, or stop by or call the Carnegie Library, 863-3214.



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**In Touch with Constituents**



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Representative Stephen Kulik recently visited Priscilla Pervere at the Winslow Wentworth House in Turners Falls. Priscilla enjoys the independent living at the house, and the assistance offered there. The

Winslow Wentworth House offers independent apartments with meals, a coordinator and services in the home. For more information about Wentworth, contact Franklin County Home Care Corporation at 413-773-5555.

**SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES July 4th - July 15th**

**MONTAGUE Senior Center**, 62 Fifth St., Turners Falls, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for activities and congregate meals. Meal reservations need to be made a day in advance by 11 a.m. Messages can be left on the machine when the center is closed (863-9357). Mealsite Manager is Chris Richer. The center offers a hot noon meal weekdays to any senior. Transportation to the center can be provided. Trip coordinator is Jean Chase. Make trip reservations by calling 772-6356. Payment and menu choice is due three weeks prior to trip.

**Monday, 4th**  
Closed for July 4th holiday  
**Tuesday, 5th**  
9:30 a.m. Tai Chi  
10:00 a.m. Brown Bag  
**Wednesday, 6th**  
10:15 a.m. Senior Aerobics  
12:45 p.m. Bingo  
**Thursday, 7th**  
11:00 a.m. "Color and You" program on how color effects moods emotionally and physically.  
1:00 p.m. Pitch  
**Friday, 8th**  
9:45 a.m. Senior Aerobics  
11:00 a.m. PACE Aerobics

**Monday, 11th**  
9-11 a.m. Foot Screening. Nail trim

and foot soak offered. Donation of \$5 requested. Please do not come early. Gill and Montague seniors only.

9:45 a.m. Senior Aerobics  
11:00 a.m. PACE Aerobics  
1:00 p.m. Canasta

**Tuesday, 12th**  
9:30 a.m. Tai Chi  
10 a.m. Writing classes at Father Casey Hall at St. Anne's

**Wednesday, 13th**  
9-11 a.m. Foot Screening. Nail trim and foot soak offered. Please do not come early. Gill and Montague seniors only.

**Thursday, 14th**  
1:00 p.m. Pitch  
**Friday, 15th**

9:45 a.m. Senior Aerobics  
11:00 a.m. PACE Aerobics

Hawaiian Luau - July 26th - tickets on sale for \$4 (deadline July 18th). Gill & Montague seniors only. Features lunch and music at the Turners Falls Rod and Gun Club. Call Jean Chase at 772-6356 for more information.

**ERVING Senior Center**, 18 Pleasant St., Ervingside (Old Center School, 1st Floor), is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for activities and congregate meals. For information and reservations call Polly Kiely, Senior Center director at (413)

**423-3308.** Lunch daily at 11:30 a.m. with reservations a day in advance by 11 a.m. Transportation can be provided for meals, Thursday shopping, or medical necessity by calling Dana Moore at (978) 544-3898.

**Monday, 4th**  
Closed for July 4th holiday.

**Tuesday, 5th**  
9:00 a.m. Aerobics  
12:30 p.m. Oil Painting

**Wednesday, 6th**  
10:00 a.m. Line Dancing  
12:00 Noon Bingo

**Thursday, 7th**  
9:00 a.m. Aerobics

**Monday, 11th**  
9:30 a.m. Exercise  
9:45 a.m. Library  
12:30 p.m. Pitch

**Tuesday, 12th**  
9:00 a.m. Aerobics  
12:30 p.m. Painting

**Wednesday, 13th**  
10:00 a.m. Line Dancing  
12 Noon Bingo

**Thursday, 14th**  
9:00 a.m. Aerobics

**WENDELL Senior Center**, located in the town offices on Wendell Depot Rd. Call Kathy Swaim at (978) 544-2020 for info, schedule of events or to coordinate transportation.

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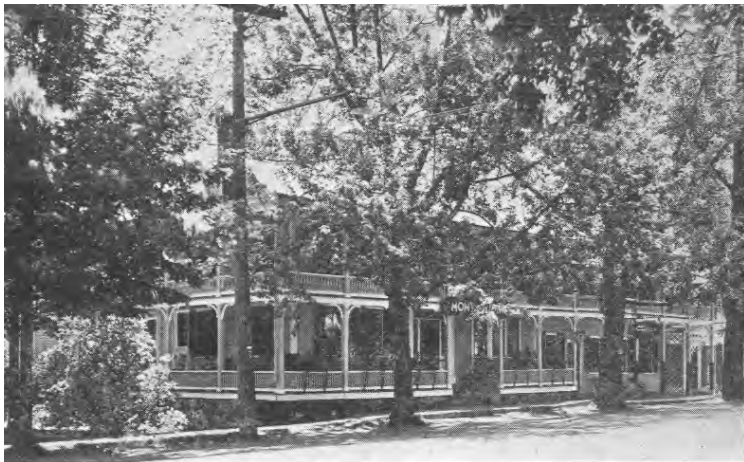
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## POSTCARDS FROM THE PAST The Montague Inn



*The Montague Inn*

COURTESY OF THE MONTAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**BY LIONEL GIRARD**  
**MONTAGUE** - Built in 1830 by Colonel Aretas Ferry on the lot where the Post Office now stands, this building once known as the Montague Tavern has been used in many varied ways.

Its owner, Colonel Ferry, was a legend in his day. A shrewd Yankee storekeeper, a boaster, who bragged once too often that he could "do up" a pound of tea in a smaller bundle than anyone else around. A split second later, a customer quickly answered "Yes, and you can put a

pint of rum in a smaller bottle."

The two-story structure had eighteen rooms. In 1834, after the demolition of the meeting house, the Montague Inn was the scene of town meetings and church services.

The Inn was noted for its spring ballroom floor. This large hall was the scene of many memorable gatherings and good times.

On March 10th, 1953, this historic landmark known throughout the area for one hundred and thirty two years was destroyed by fire.

# What a Storm!

**BY MICHAEL MULLER**  
**MONTAGUE CENTER** - Shaking his head, Gary Turn of Montague Center said, "Looks like we're going to be in the paper, huh?" During the intense storm that blew through Western Mass on Wednesday afternoon, the Turn's 60-year-old white pine tree came down. "It could have been worse. The tree landed where we usually park the car. It would have been crushed flat."

The tree stood over 40' tall and perhaps 25' wide,



PHOTOS: MICHAEL MULLER



but now it smelled like a freshly cut Christmas tree. It had a surprisingly small root structure. "It had grown in the foundation of an old shed," said Gary. "The bottom of the shed was gravel, so the roots couldn't go down very far, and the walls of the foundation stopped them from growing outward, so they just filled the space they had." Still, Gary said, it's going to be an expensive job to remove. "Probably \$1700." The Turns also lost a 35' bough off their maple, next to where the pine once stood.

All down Main Street smaller branches were strewn about. Jeff Singleton said traffic was slowed on Route 47 just outside of town to maneuver around a fallen tree. "I had a thought I'd get out and move it, but I was afraid to leave the car standing, afraid a tree would fall on my car. It was so windy!"

For a time, the storm truly seemed a deluge of Biblical proportion. The Montague Center Congregational Church's weathervane was blown off the peak of the church. It hangs there now by a single bolt.

## Chillin' at the Parks and Rec

**BY JOE TALARICO**  
**MONTAGUE** - School is out, the heat is stifling, and the kids need a place to chill. On cue, the Montague Parks and Recreation Departments programs are underway, with a variety of summer activities. The Summer Playground program entertains over 120 children a week in a day camp environment, Monday through Friday between 9 - 3 p.m. Starting June 27th and lasting for eight weeks, children ages 3 - 14 can participate in athletics, arts and crafts, and other events at five different

locations in town. The cost is \$25 dollars per week for Montague residents, while non-residents pay \$35. There is also a free school lunch program available at the Unity Park and Sheffield locations only.

Montague director of parks and recreation Jon Dobosz said the day camps have been well received, with a regional appeal that "shows us we're doing something right. There is a lot of energy and motivation with all involved," Dobosz said, adding that there is enthusiasm for all the summer programs.

The Youth Tennis program has become particularly popular. There are two four-week sessions with varying age groups, so that everyone plays at a suitable level. Instructor Steve Pedigree has over 20 years experience in teaching tennis and, as Dubosz notes, "he has a good handle on the game." This is the first year the Soccer Mania Camp will be offered, and there is still plenty of time to register. Soccer coach Gary Turn will be teaching kids ages 8 through 12 between August 22nd and the 26th at the park in

Montague Center. The Montague Parks and Rec also offers the American Red Cross babysitting course, held July 12th and 13th. This course is presented only twice a year, and there is still space open for new registrants.

With the hot weather beating down on us, finding ways to stay cool can present problems for program participants. As Dobosz said, the goal is for the kids "to be as cool as can be, but as active as possible." On extremely hot days, care is taken to make sure the kids stay

in the shade and have a safe environment to play in.

Though the Parks and Recreation department gives children an assortment of activities to choose from, the skate park near Unity Park remains closed to the public, after two years of disuse. Dobosz said the skate park's reopening is now "up to the insurance company."

For more information or questions concerning programs or registration, call the Montague Parks and Recreation department at 863-3216, Mondays through Fridays.

## YMCA's Summer Programs

**BY EILEEN TRUMBLE**  
**GREENFIELD** - It's summertime again, which means school's out and us kids are looking for something to do. On the other hand, summertime means it's time to sign up for the YMCA's summer programs. Yes, the YMCA of Greenfield is still taking applications and they offer summer programs for kids and adults of all ages.

For the young ones, ages 3-5, the Y offers a childcare center, along with a preschool program designed specifically for this age group. It includes arts and crafts, together with development activities. The youngsters are cared for by highly trained professionals, who will be there to aid the children.

Kids ages 6-8 and 9-12 can have fun playing team sports in the programs available to them. They can enjoy soccer, football, basketball, and hockey. They may also sign up for the summer camps the Y offers. They're the same thing, only they run longer than the normal programs do. Either way, kids are sure to have a blast.

For teens ages 13-15, the Y offers sports programs and courses. Some are just for fun, while others are training courses. You can sign up for rock climbing on their rock wall, or train to be a lifeguard. If that isn't something that sounds interesting, maybe golf might interest you. These are just a few of the many programs the Y offers.

What are the parents to do when their kids are enjoying the programs and camps? How about a nice workout? Workout programs are offered for adults of all ages in the YMCA's fine facility. You may work out alone, or with a trainer who will encourage you to keep it up.

What do the kids think about these programs?

"I had the absolute best time! I was in the soccer program for a few weeks. I met a lot of cool people. It was a blast!" said 14-year-old Amanda Kellogg. Just one of the many satisfied customers of the YMCA summer programs. Check them out for yourself! For more information, call 413-773-3646.

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## Kelo vs. New London

We rarely find ourselves in agreement with justices William Rehnquist, Antonin Scalia, and Clarence Thomas. But, in the wake of last week's 5-4 Supreme Court decision upholding the right of the city of New London, CT, to take land from private homeowners and give it to private developers to build an office park, thereby creating jobs and tax revenue to fuel New London's struggling economy, we join these conservative jurists in supporting the dissent authored, eloquently, by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

O'Connor expressed the problem with this decision succinctly. All homeowners in this country - which has titled so far in favor of the corporate citizen as to be blinded to the simple truth the petitioners - working class residents of the old Fort Trumbull neighborhood - advanced, would do well to heed her words.

Once you start taking private property and giving it to private business interests in the name of the public good, where do you stop? You stop living in a land where government of, by, and for the people is the social cornerstone. Unless you happen to count corporations as "people."

The first section of O'Connor's dissent in the case of *Kelo vs. the City of New London* is reprinted below.

Petitioners are nine resident or investment owners of 15 homes in the Fort Trumbull neighborhood of New London, Connecticut. Petitioner Wilhelmina Dery, for example, lives in a house on Walbach Street that has been in her family for over 100 years. She was born in the house in 1918; her husband, petitioner Charles Dery, moved into the house when they married in 1946. Their son lives next door with his family in the house he received as a wedding gift, and joins his parents in this suit. Two petitioners keep rental properties in the neighborhood.

In February 1998, Pfizer Inc., the pharmaceuticals manufacturer, announced that it would build a global research facility near the Fort Trumbull neighborhood. Two months later, New London's city council gave initial approval for the New London Development Corporation (NLDC) to prepare the development plan at issue here.

The NLDC is a private, nonprofit corporation whose mission is to assist the city council in economic development planning. It is not elected by popular vote, and its directors and employees are privately appointed. Consistent with its mandate, the NLDC generated an ambitious plan for redeveloping 90 acres of Fort Trumbull in order to "complement the facility that Pfizer was planning to build, create jobs, increase tax and other revenues, encourage public access to and use of the city's waterfront, and eventually 'build momentum' for the revitalization of the rest of the city."

Petitioners own properties in two of the plan's seven parcels--Parcel 3 and Parcel 4A. Under the plan, Parcel 3 is slated for the construction of research and office space as a market develops for such space. It will also retain the existing Italian Dramatic Club (a private cultural organization) though the homes of three plaintiffs in that parcel are to be demolished. Parcel 4A is slated, mysteriously, for "park support." At oral argument, counsel for respondents conceded the vagueness of this proposed use, and offered that the parcel might eventually be used for parking.

To save their homes, petitioners sued New London and the NLDC, to whom New London has delegated eminent domain power. Petitioners maintain that the Fifth Amendment prohibits the NLDC from condemning their properties for the sake of an economic development plan. Petitioners are not hold-outs; they do not seek increased compensation, and none is opposed to new development in the area. Theirs is an objection in principle: They claim that the NLDC's proposed use for their confiscated property is not a "public" one for purposes of the Fifth Amendment. While the government may take their homes to build a road or a railroad or to eliminate a property use that harms the public, say petitioners, it cannot take their property for the private use of other owners simply because the new owners may make more productive use of the property.

New London has won an ugly victory over the rights of its own citizens. We hope the city reconsiders its course, before knocking the last houses in Fort Trumbull down.

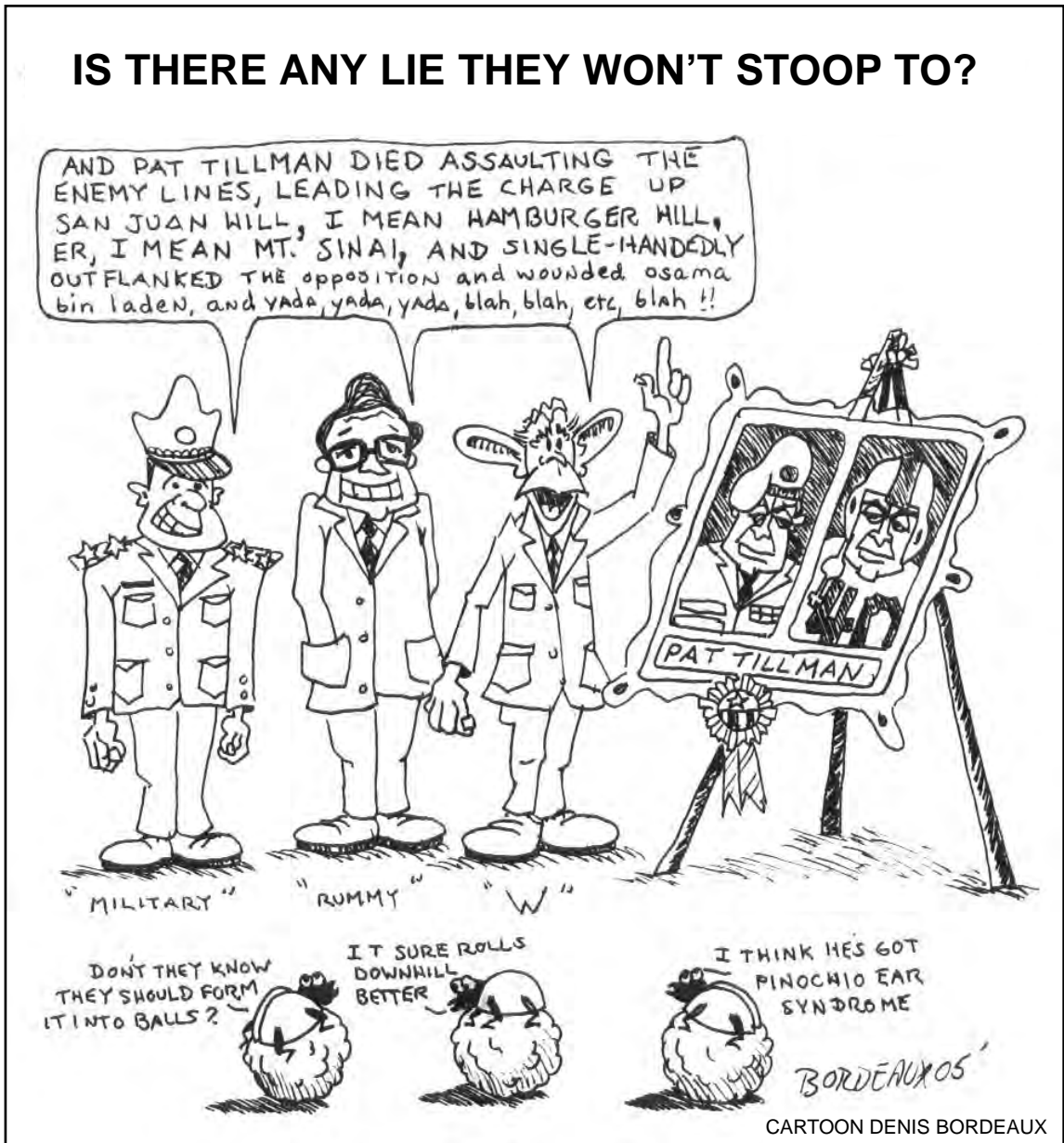
Photos by Isaac Reese, 2004 Institute for Justice



Suzanne and Matt Dery owned home for 20 years



Bill Von Winkle owner of 1 of 15 homes



### THE WORD ON THE AVE

Tuesday night, June 28th, President Bush gave a prime time address asking Americans to stay the course in Iraq. He said our country's sacrifices in the cause of freedom are worthwhile and urged Americans to be patient, that victory would come. We asked people in Turners Falls if they agreed with the President's approach on Iraq.



"I don't like the reasons behind the war. The loss of life is unnecessary on both sides. Not until everyone is hurting will it hit our consciousness."  
 - Mary Ellen McDurfee, Vernon, VT



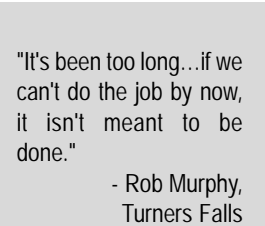
"We have given too many young men and women for his cause already. It's time to pull out. We know all about 9/11 already."  
 - Esther Lopine, (left), Turners Falls  
 Nancy Warner, Turners Falls



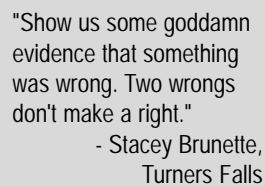
"Not at all. Let him put his own two daughters over there and see how he likes it. It's like another Vietnam." -- Alice Russell, Greenfield



"It's fifty-fifty. I somewhat agree with him, but feel bad about it at the same time."  
 - Charlene Howard, Turners Falls



"It's been too long...if we can't do the job by now, it isn't meant to be done."  
 - Rob Murphy, Turners Falls



"Show us some goddamn evidence that something was wrong. Two wrongs don't make a right."  
 - Stacey Brunette, Turners Falls

## American Dead in Iraq as of 6/29/05

<b>US FORCES</b>	<b>Casualties in Iraq as of this date</b>
<b>1,741</b>	
Afghanistan	<b>195</b>
Wounded in Action	<b>13,666</b>
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE	

## Notice to Readers

As in past years, the *Montague Reporter* will publish biweekly during the months of July and August. There will be no paper next week. Happy 4th of July!

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# Deborah Parzych Memorial July 1st

**GILL** - Deborah (Parzych) Lambert, 47, born in the Farren Memorial Hospital in Montague City, November 30th, 1957, died June 13th, 2005 at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle from complications of breast cancer treatment.

Growing up in Gill, she was a Candy Stripper, Girl Scout, Four-H Member, Special Olympics Volunteer, beloved daughter of Edna and Joseph A. Parzych, sister of Joseph M. Parzych, Joann Olsen and Christine Parzych, and wife of Michael Lambert, aunt to Joseph R. and Kaitlin Parzych, and Matthew and Nicholas Olsen, niece of Louis Parzych, Lora Oles, and Elisabeth Arienti. Her mother-in-law,

Patsy Carlson, loved her as the daughter she never had.

Deborah graduated from Gill Elementary School, Northfield Mt. Hermon, cum laude, and University of Washington, with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, and a Masters in Public Administration.

Deborah had more than 10 years experience managing engineering projects at the King County Department of Public Works in Washington, including a six-year \$150 million capital improvement program. She was President of SWANA, Evergreen Chapter, and provided engineering services through her company, Chrystal Engineering, LLC. She was a Licensed



Deb Parzych

Professional Engineer in four states, WA, AK, ID, and OR, and had cold weather certification in Alaska. Alcoa and Kaiser Aluminum were among her clients.

Though she was thrifty and financially astute, Deborah was also kind and generous. When a car belonging to a couple with a baby broke down, she gave them her car. She also provided financial college aid to a young neighbor. Long before she was diagnosed, she walked and got sponsors for breast cancer research. She was comfortable working in a hardhat and work boots as an engineer, testifying in a business suit as an expert witness, dancing in ballet slippers and leotards, wearing an evening gown at a social function, or in blue jeans, fishing in Alaska. She changed oil and brake pads on her car, taught dancing, sewed, gardened, embroidered, quilted, painted, hiked, biked, camped and hunt-

ed mushrooms. She sent a monthly box of fresh fruit to her parents, and was an effective advocate for her handicapped sister, Christine.

Deborah will be forever remembered for her good heart, easy smile, friendly manner, sense of humor, can-do attitude, and zest for life.

A Memorial will be held at First Congregational church in Gill Center on July 1st, at 2:00 p.m. Memorial contributions for breast cancer research may be mailed to Susan G. Komen, the Komen Foundation, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas TX 75265-0309 or by credit card, (888)-888-3317.

- Joseph A. Parzych  
Gill

Sonnet

Again, again ye part in stormy grief  
From these hills and bowers so  
built in vain,  
And lips and hearts that will not  
move again,--  
Pathetic Autumn and the writhled  
leaf  
Dropping away in tears with  
warning brief;  
The wind reiterates a wailful strain,  
And on the skylight beats the  
restless rain,  
And vapor drowns the mountain,  
base and brow.  
I watch the wet black roofs through  
mist defined,  
I watch the raindrops strung along  
the blind,  
And my heart bleeds, and all my  
senses bow  
In grief; as one mild face with  
suffering lined  
Comes up in thought: O wildly, rain  
and wind,  
Mourn on; she sleeps, nor heeds  
your angry sorrow now.

by Frederick Goddard Tuckerman  
(1821-73),  
poet of Greenfield.

## Remembering Jack Nickerson

BY DAVID DETMOLD

**THE PATCH** - Jack Nickerson died last Saturday. He was 59. He died at home, on G Street, on the Patch, after a period of failing health. A lifelong resident of Turners Falls, a graduate of our schools, a worker at the Erving Paper Mill, and the Hawley Pharmacy, his survivors include a sister, Barbara Wells, in Gill, and nephews Scott Walsh of Montague and Thomas Walsh of Fort Worth, Texas. But to all of us who knew him, these simple phrases in his obituary do not do him justice. "Jack in the Patch," as he dubbed himself, was one those people who give so much to others, expect so little for themselves, and by their actions give meaning to the word community.

Those of us who worked with MCTV in the early days, recall Jack as an irrepressible adjunct to every selectboard broadcast, calling to demand we adjust the sound levels, upward, always upward. So, he was a lit-

tle hard of hearing, or maybe the microphones were bad. The community gardeners, who used to go door to door begging for bottles and cans to pay the land taxes on the 4th Street Garden, remember the day Jack dropped off a \$50 check, with a note thanking us for bringing a little greenery back to Turners Falls. None of us could believe a man of simple means could have afforded such a gift, but he was generous to a fault. Every Thanksgiving found him ringing the bells in the Food City breezeway, manning the Salvation Army bucket until Christmastime, whether others showed up to help or not. To many a young Turners child, he resembled Father Christmas, at least a Power Town version of the jolly old elf, with his ear-to-ear grin, his kind eyes, and his goodhearted warmth. He thanked all contributors, knew most of them by name, and had



Jack Nickerson at his familiar post in the breezeway of Food City, Christmastime, 2004

a Merry Christmas for all, whether they pitched a penny in the pot or not.

Think of what we lose, as a village, when we lose someone like Jack. Others will have to come forward to ring his bell this year, with a kind word for the passersby.

He'd like best to be remembered by us carrying on his tradition in that way, of that we can be sure.

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## BY SHAWN WOOLSEY

**LEVERETT** - For over 10 years, enthusiastic residents have gathered in the parking lot of the Leverett Village Co-Op on a hot June day to feast on homegrown strawberry shortcake, dance to the varied music of local bands, purchase locally-produced crafts and art and celebrate their community food co-op. This year's "Spring Fling," held Sunday, June 26th, did not stray from tradition.

With a "birds and bees" theme, the "Spring Fling" featured children showing off their hand-made masks and puppets in a colorful and animated parade, laughing inside of a gyrating



PHOTOS: SHAWN WOOLSEY

Revelers at the recent "Spring Fling" at the Leverett Village Co-Op wend their way along the parade route. The annual event carried the theme, "birds and bees" this year.



Children welcome local residents to the annual "Spring Fling" at the Co-Op.

wheel and munching on barbeque fare, including veggie dogs and tofu pups.

The local music ranged from classical and rock to reggae and world music, and the parking lot was full with about 300 local residents, said Paul Rosenberg, general manager of the Co-Op.

"It's a wonderful, community-based event," he said. "It's also a wonderful way

to give back to our membership. We just love to get together. For many of us who work all the time, it gives us a chance to gather on a weekend and celebrate the co-op as a resource in the community."

Donna Gates, who has been attending the event since 1991, had similar thoughts.

"The Leverett Village Cooperative has been in operation for at least 25 years," she said. "The

main purpose of the co-op is to make sure we have a store right here in our town. We don't have to travel half an hour for a dozen eggs. We have had the opportunity to raise money for a member of our community, who broke his leg, just by putting out a donation jar on the Co-op's counter, and we collected about two thousand dollars that way."

Glen Ayers described the significance of the Co-op to the community, especially, Montague, Wendell, and Shutesbury.

"Although the Co-op is a commercial enterprise owned by the community, it is more than that. The Co-op brings the community together. It serves as a convenience store as well as a place to gather and talk about politics, local issues and various community events." The Spring Fling is one of those events, held each year as a way of giving back to the community, Ayers said.

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the poetry page

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

- William Carlos Williams

More poems from the 8-Blue Team, Great Falls Middle School. Teachers: Dave Hoitt, Laura Moore, Amanda Kaczynski and Nancy Champoux.

Do you remember The loud roar of the ATV engine Fresh smell of gas Dirt flying Dust fills the air Leaves grow again All the rain like someone's dumping buckets of water Pools open again Grills turn on The great Red Sox games The campgrounds open again It's spring

--Justin Bernard

Spring

I wake up with the warm familiar spring air Noon rolls around I step outside and feel the warm sun like hot butter melting on pancakes I look around and see all the wonderful colored flowers I walk to the garden Lean down And smell the best smell in the spring The smell still lingers in my nose The wonderful smell of a Daffodil...

--Tanishia Heath

Spring

The thought of spring reminds me of freshly bloomed trees When I think of spring I think of the smell of fresh flowers When I think of spring I can almost feel the nice fresh breeze When I think of spring I can taste the ice cream from the Creamy When I think of spring I think of baseball and the Yankees beating the Red Sox When I think of spring in my head I see everything turning green When I think of spring in my head I see snow melting When I think of spring I think of being out on a lake fishing

--Wade Thompson



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Flowers blossom in the field, While the sun is shining. Kids in the park playing with sand Some are playing baseball, grass growing everywhere Yard work is being done. Big red roses with thorns that make you bleed and daisies that blossom everywhere. They are yellow and bees love it. Mmm... The smell of spring is like a nice and sweet taste of apples, freshly cut with apple juice. It feels like clean fresh air and freshly cut grass, Cold creamy double scoop vanilla ice cream Kids in the baby swimming pools.

--James Sanchez

Hey,

Do you remember when we were at the beach with Grandma in Puerto Rico: we were eating ice cream and playing volleyball with our grandmother.

Yup, I do remember, we had a lot of fun.

It was so sunny! And the wind blowing in my face, The wind made my arms cold and my eyes watery!

And then after we went to the park to the swings. I know Grandma is so fun but the next day she was at the hospital.

Yah, when my parents told me I was so sad! When I went to see her I was hoping she was going to be okay but she was not!

I know. But the sad part was when she died in your arms you starting crying! IT was so sad! She was so nice she was the best grandmother ever, she always went to the park with me, and she was always there for me! I'll always remember her!

When I close my eyes I can still see her laughing in the swing. She was so pretty I always loved how she smiled at me, she had a pretty smile!

--Julissa Ruiz

It's finally spring

The warm sun is shining And the Jet Ski is going in the water! We ride to the boat ramp And back into the water It's in!

My mom holds the Jet Ski I run to get the life jackets. We speed down the Connecticut River My dad hops into the boat and races after us He passes us

And we start jumping his waves! We get to Captain Kidd's island And enjoy a barbecue Eagles are circling overhead In the bright blue sky The day is done.

We're all wet and filled with happiness, As we make our way home In the beautiful sunset!

--Kim Nelson

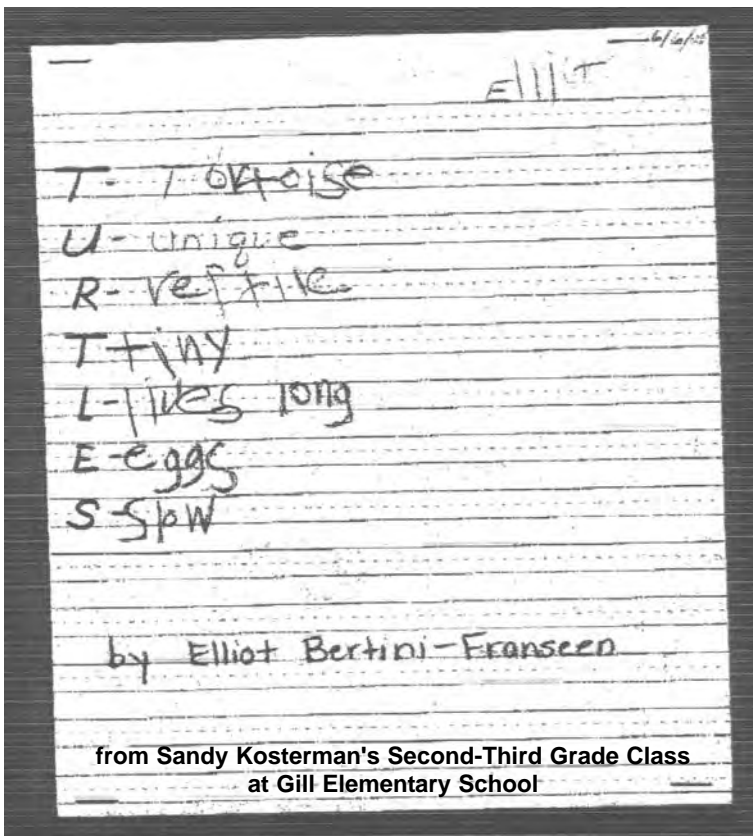
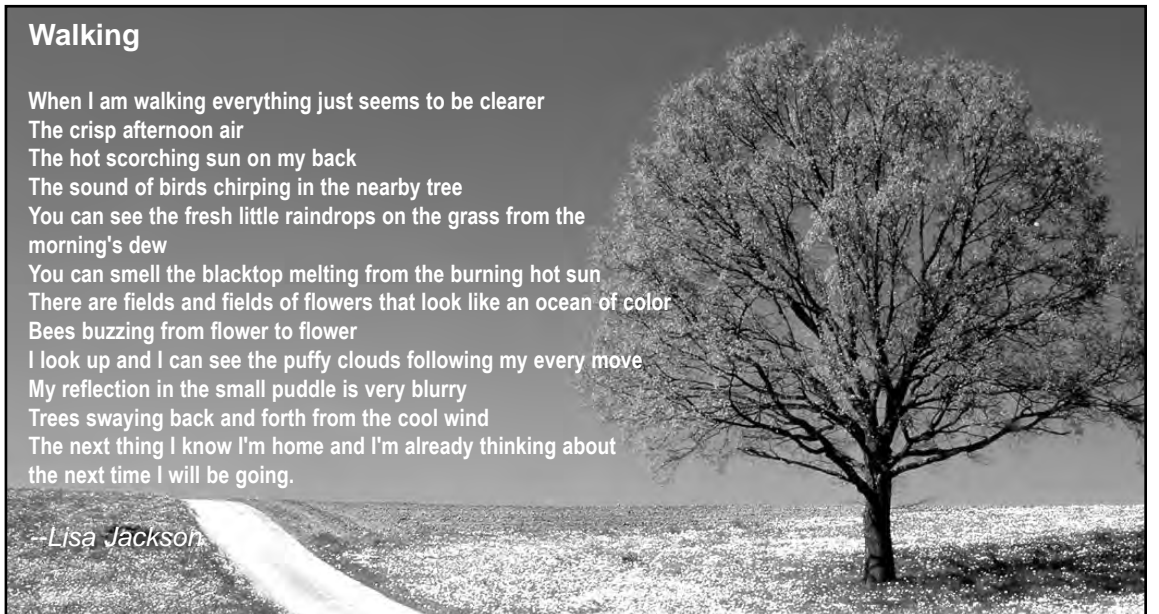
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Readers are invited to send poems to the Montague Reporter at 24 3rd Street, Turners Falls, MA 01376; or reporter-poems@montaguema.net

Walking

When I am walking everything just seems to be clearer The crisp afternoon air The hot scorching sun on my back The sound of birds chirping in the nearby tree You can see the fresh little raindrops on the grass from the morning's dew You can smell the blacktop melting from the burning hot sun There are fields and fields of flowers that look like an ocean of color Bees buzzing from flower to flower I look up and I can see the puffy clouds following my every move My reflection in the small puddle is very blurry Trees swaying back and forth from the cool wind The next thing I know I'm home and I'm already thinking about the next time I will be going.

--Lisa Jackson



from Sandy Kosterman's Second-Third Grade Class at Gill Elementary School

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# Board of Health Considers Loosening Well and Septic Requirements

BY JOSH HEINEMANN

**WENDELL** - A dozen Wendell residents attended the board of health's Tuesday evening (6/28) hearing concerning proposed changes to the regulations for private wells and septic systems. The majority of comments from residents were in opposition to the changes, especially those that would reduce the required distance between a well and a leach field to 100', and the maximum high water table at the site of a new leach field to 12". The board recorded all comments for later review, but largely refrained from commenting except in answer to a few direct questions. Everyone present was given a copy of the current regulations with the proposed changes and deletions clearly marked. The hearing was recessed at 9:00 p.m., to be continued at the next board meeting, 7:00 p.m. on July 12th.

Virtually every proposed change was commented on, starting with the first paragraph in the purpose section. The change would eliminate reference to Wendell's "shallow soil depth to fractured ledge and ground water, wetlands, floodplains and excessively draining sand and gravel deposits."

Resident Lisa Hoag said the land around her house has substandard soil, and without good science to back them up, wholesale changes should not be made. A mound system within 100' of her shallow well after three weeks of rain might contaminate her well, forcing her to move.

Former board member Andy Hamilton said that input for Wendell's current regulations, which are more restrictive than state Title V mandates, came from engineers Bob Leet, and Doug MacLeay, as well as health

agent Glen Ayers, the DEP and EPA.

Board chair Don Richardson said a majority of the changes proposed were based on a letter the board received from Bob Leet in July of 2004. He produced copies of that letter and handed them out to those present.

The next proposed change would reduce from 75' to 50' the minimum distance between a well and the center line of a road. Williston justified that change, pointing out that the well serving the current town office building is less than the proposed 50' (from Depot Road) and its water tests clean and tastes good.

Hamilton countered that the water has sodium, as do all wells in town that are close to a road. He asked what the motivation for the change was, and Richardson answered, "flexibility."

As to the proposed change from 150' to 100' for the separation between a well and a septic leach field, Williston said 100' was the state requirement. Hamilton said that the state requirement had been 50', but that had been changed to 100', and it would serve Wendell well to maintain the 150' requirement. Resident Mason Phelps said the process the state used to create the 100' requirement was a political process, a compromise between public health needs and pressures from developers; the job of a health board is to protect health, not to make it easy to build.

Hoag told the board you have the choice of paying attention to those already here or to newcomers. A mistake could put a family in a position of having their well poisoned. Hamilton added that half a dozen variances had been given to the 150' rule, a site specific approach to difficult situations; every year he said more things are being found in wells, including pharmaceuticals (that pass through people and then groundwater unchanged). Resident Charles Smith said that Title V was written for Massachusetts east of Worcester, an area that is generally flatter and better drained than Wendell. Hamilton added that once ground water and a well are contaminated they are hard to clean, and resident Parker Cleveland added that if the protections are not adequate Wendell might have to face building a municipal water system. Bob Ellis said that keeping the 150' separation with a variance process gives

more flexibility and better protection.

Former board member Gloria Kegeles said when she first served on the board others were considering allowing Wendell to reduce the 18" depth to estimated high groundwater for siting a new leach field to 12". At that time engineers Bob Leet and Doug MacLeay both recommended keeping the limit at 18". Resident Steve Broll asked whether it was true that the change would allow systems that require more fill. Resident Robbie Leppzer said again, with Wendell's high water, ledge and soils he preferred maintaining the 18" requirement.

Leppzer said he was concerned about the process. He knew that the board favored the proposed changes, and he wondered how much they would consider the public input, which at this meeting was strongly opposed to these changes.

Richardson replied that they had taken 4 1/2 pages of notes and had taped the proceedings. Williston said, "I have heard good things tonight," and this hearing has been an education for all. The board is meeting with the DEP and is accepting written comments that should be postmarked by July 1st, or received in the town offices by July 5th. Resident Elizabeth Parson said there is no rush and major changes should have science behind them. Hamilton added he was glad the board was willing to slow the process down to allow for public input.

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tan Harold Hill, played by the inimitable Alan Maynard, as he rides into town selling his shiny musical instruments and promising to create a town band. Local librarian Marion Paroo, played by the lovely and talented

Stephanie Devine, catches on to his scheme but soon realizes that he's actually done something good for the town - and, in particular, for her brother Winthrop. It's a lively show, directed by Richard J. Martin, produced by Amy Connelly, with musical direction by George Adair and choreography by Rowena Rantanen.

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have to pay a contractor penalties for delays," he added. The only other choice was to bury the lines, a cost Abbondanzio termed "prohibitive". Although Golrick stated her opposition as a landowner, the selectboard voted unanimously to accept the proposed location of the pole by the utility company.

The agenda moved to residents' concerns about the

missing bricks, bulging brick facades, foundation shifting and usurpation of the right of way," she said. Levenson went on to ask if the town had a policy in place to address Conley's apparent failure to correct structural problems at his building in a timely manner. "Is it time to give the job to the lawyers? When does the town say 'enough is enough?'" she demanded.

For his part, Conley came before the crowd and addressed

Pat Allen, selectboard member, agreed and looked at Conley. "It has been seven or eight years," she said, clearly exasperated by the situation.

As of Wednesday morning, new plastic fencing had gone up along the sidewalks beside the building. The bulge at the bottom of the brick façade on Bridge Street was clearly visible, awaiting exterior work. After last week's collapse of a brick wall and egress on Avenue A in Turners Falls, residents are keeping a shared eye on the situation and on efforts by town officials to address it.

As if matters in downtown Millers weren't enough to keep everyone agitated, the continuing problem of access to Dry Hill Cemetery added another spin to the cycle. A dispute between the town and Jim Senn, a private landowner who has blocked public access on a town owned road to a town owned cemetery for years, has resulted in numerous fruitless discussions at selectboard meetings over the years.

In the process, the town has spent \$1400 to complete two surveys to determine that Dry Hill Road through Senn's property does indeed belong to the town. "We had to find the smoking gun," said Abbondanzio. Others felt the crime scene was getting old.

The town must now determine whether to reclaim the road or examine in more detail how to construct an alternative route to provide access to the public cemetery, Abbondanzio said. "We have reached a point where we must decide if the town will assert its rights or

make one last effort to work things out with Mr. Senn," Abbondanzio added.

"The guy has squatted on the land. It bothers me the town would have to build a new road. The guy has abused us. We shouldn't pay one dime for the road," said John Reynolds.

"Three years ago we were discussing the same thing. I would like to see this resolved by year's end," added Bob Sjoka.

According to Levenson, people wishing to walk up to the cemetery would have to move an electric fence to travel on the road through Senn's property. "Asking citizens to move an electric fence is not acceptable," said Al Ross, selectboard chair. "A lack of attention has not allowed us to be as forceful as possible," he added. No one took issue with this remark.

"We are prepared to go to court," chimed in Allen.

Ross told residents they could expect a decision within one month.

"We'll be there," promised Gilmore.

In the meantime, Abbondanzio said there could be one more meeting with Senn in an effort to work things out.

In other matters, the issue of bridge repairs was raised again. Since the last meeting of the selectboard two weeks ago, the maximum weight for trucks traveling over the General Pierce Bridge between

Montague City and Greenfield has been lowered due to concerns over the condition of that structure. At the last meeting the board decided that repairs to the Gill-Montague Bridge should be completed first, because of its importance as the gateway to the town. However, the ability of large trucks to access Turners Falls and Montague City is becoming increasingly more challenging as a result of changes in weight limits, and due to Greenfield's issues with one specific underpass in the Cheapside section of town. If work on the two bridges overlaps, access to those areas of Montague would have to be routed through Millers Falls and Montague Center. The possible development of a landfill off Turnpike Road, and the number of daily truck trips required for that development could add another twist to an already challenging situation.

With time to spare after so much discussion, the issue of back taxes on the Strathmore mill building was raised. Apparently the owner owes a considerable sum and the town must now decide how to proceed. The selectboard took no immediate action on the matter.

The board appointed two new full-time police officers, Christopher Bonnett and Ryan Doherty, before going into executive session to discuss litigation.



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Construction work has begun on the long awaited Millers Falls Streetscape. Here, workers reconfigure the stone retaining wall in front of D&D Motors, widening the intersection at the corner of Main and Bridge streets.

Powers Block building at the corner of East Main and Bridge Streets. The building, owned by Richard Conley, has been at the center of acrimonious debate for years, centering on repairs Conley has made to the building and its exterior, some permitted, some not. Last year, the town ordered Conley to remove safety fencing and other barriers to sidewalks on Bridge and Main. When he failed to do so, the town removed the obstructions and repaved the walks, billing Conley \$3625.34 for the repairs. However, Conley has not paid the bill and the matter appears headed for further legal action.

The ongoing stalemate has caused a great deal of frustration, evidenced at Monday's meeting. In a prepared statement by a group called the Ad Hoc Citizens of Precinct Two, Marge Levenson outlined residents' issues. "The Powers Block remains a problem of appearance and apparent danger. The building threatens the safety of Millers Falls citizens and particularly children. Residents have been frightened for years by the broken and now

what he felt were misunderstandings on the part of the town and the residents. "I am doing a lot of work," he said, admitting to what he termed "a lot of uncomfortableness" around the project. Conley stated he was awaiting figures on streetscape elevations from the town before completing the storefront exterior, which would not include a ramp. (Some years ago, in preparation for the streetscape improvements, the town had deeded over several feet of the public sidewalk to Conley to allow room for him to build a wheelchair access ramp to the storefront.) Now, said Conley, he has 95% of the materials on site needed to complete the interior work before opening the storefront for tenancy.

"When will you complete the work and make us proud of downtown?" asked Art Gilmore.

"By October," replied Conley. At this, a collective groan of disbelief was heard.

"The selectboard should set a date for completion, not four or five more years," said resident Joan Felton.

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## NOTES FROM THE GILL - MONTAGUE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**SCHOOL**

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providing a simple form if they do not wish to have their children's names and phone numbers provided to military recruiters.

According to a handout Gee provided the committee, legislation requiring school districts to share student directory information with the military have been in force since at least 2002. But, Gee said, no notification had as yet gone out to parents about the policy, and their ability to opt out of the program and protect their children's privacy from military recruiters.

During the past few years, Gee said, the schools were obligated to comply with the policy of providing directory information to recruiters on request, but neither the superintendent nor the committee members had heard of any students actually being called by recruiters at their homes.

Nancy Daniel-Green, a teacher at Turners Falls High School, wondered whether military recruiters were afforded equal treatment on campus with civilian employers or college recruiters. "When college recruiters come to the high school," Daniel-Green said, "an announcement comes over the

P.A. system and students can get a pass to speak with them in the guidance office. But I have often seen military recruiters set up a table in the cafeteria or lobby during lunch hour, giving out pens and ball caps." Daniel-Green said she was not sure whether civilian employers or college recruiters were given the same opportunity to meet with students in informal settings. "Until I worked in this building, I didn't realize this happened," she said.

Committee member Valeria Smith supported Daniel-Green's remarks. "People wishing to confer with the students should all have the same opportunity to confer; there should be no preferential treatment."

Gee said providing parents with clear information on the military recruiters access to student directory information, and their ability to choose not to have their children's names provided, was "a matter of personal choice."

Committee member Ted Castro Santos asked whether parents who chose not to have their children's names provided to military recruiters would be blocking college recruiters and civilian employers from having access to the data as well. Gee said she would research that question.

In other news, Gee told the committee the figure for state reimbursement for regional school transportation had increased slightly, from 75% to 78%, which should bring an additional \$5,000 or so into the district in the coming fiscal year. While this is not quite the 100% reimbursement long promised to regional school districts in the Commonwealth, still the committee was cheered by the report.

In an unrelated item, the committee voted to transfer \$7600 in excess funds in line items for elementary and high school transportation to pay for end of the season transportation for the recent girls' softball tournament games at UMass and Worcester State College. The girls team went on to win the state championship trophy for the second year in a row.

Business manager Lynn Bassett advised the committee that removal and replacement of windows at the Hillcrest Elementary School, budgeted for \$150,000 at Montague town meeting, would actually cost \$16,000 more than that, due to the presence of asbestos in the window caulking. The extra cost includes paying an environmental compliance service \$500 a day for up to 15 days "just to stand there" and make

sure state asbestos abatement regulations were being complied with, Bassett said. She said she had conferred with town officials about the need to go ahead with the project, despite the higher price tag. A supplemental appropriation request for a special town meeting in the fall is anticipated, Bassett said.

Committee member Joyce Phillips spoke of her plans to organize a communications task force for the district schools, to consist of parents, teachers, students and administrators. Phillips said the committee would meet once a month for an hour, with an emphasis on undertaking projects to "communicate the district image in a positive manner, focusing on the uniqueness of each school, staff, administration, and students." She plans to call an organizational meeting in September. Last year, a preliminary task force mailed op ed pieces to local newspapers, worked to televise school committee meetings, and produced brochures and newsletters from each district school.

Committee member Richard Colton asked if thought had been given to "stabilizing the principalships in Gill Elementary and Montague Center Schools." Gee agreed that full-

time principals in these schools would increase confidence in their communities, and committee chair Mary Kociela said, "It's on the priority list."

Gee outlined plans to welcome parents to their children's schools for "1st Day of School" events. Local employers are being asked to release parents for part of the days' activities, and Greenfield and Montague are coordinating plans to enable major employers to more easily do so. Gill Elementary will hold a potluck dinner on September 1st, with open classrooms; Montague Center will hold classroom visits and snacks on September 2nd at 2:30 p.m.; Hillcrest will hold a whole school visit on the actual first day of school, August 31st, and Sheffield will host a breakfast and classroom visits on September 1st, as well. The Middle School and the High School will hold open houses during the first week of school. Gee said the district was hoping to boost parent participation with a big welcome at the start of the school year. "We're looking for 100% participation from parents," she said.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG

**Multiple B & E's****Thursday 6-23**

1:30 p.m. Report of a breaking and entering at a Winthrop Street address. A residence was entered. Report taken.

8:10 p.m. After a motor vehicle stop on 4th Street, a female subject was summonsed.

**Friday 6-24**

1:21 p.m. Report of a domestic disturbance at a 4th Street address. A child was out of control. Parties advised of options.

4:20 p.m. Report of a breaking and entering at a Veterans Street, Millers Falls address. Report taken.

**Saturday 6-25**

2:33 p.m. Walk-in to station reported a cell phone stolen. Report taken.

8:43 p.m. Report of an unattended death at a G Street address. Services rendered.

**Sunday 6-26**

4:52 a.m. Report of a gas drive-off at Exxon on 3rd

Street. Subject notified and returned to pay.

7:33 p.m. Report of a tree down on Route 47 past Kells Road. DPW notified.

**Monday 6-27**

6:25 p.m. Report of a breaking and entering at a Griswold Street address. A motor vehicle was entered. Report taken.

9:20 a.m. Walk-in to station reported breaking and entering into a motor vehicle at a Turners Falls Road address.

Report taken.

10:14 a.m. Walk-in to station reported breaking and entering into a motor vehicle at an Avenue C address. Report taken

3:25 p.m. Report of a breaking and entering into a motor vehicle at a Dell Street address. Report taken.

3:43 p.m. Report of a breaking and entering into a motor vehicle at a Davis Street address. Report taken.

4:26 p.m. Report of narcotics violation from a

Chestnut Street address. Information passed on to detective.

**Tuesday 6-28**

1:19 p.m. Report of a breaking and entering into a motor vehicle at a Burnett Street address. Report taken.

3:31 p.m. Report of a tree down on 4th Street. A branch was in the road. Officer removed it.

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## GILL

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mission should have been involved as well, since the road passed within 150 feet of a wetlands.

All these issues returned to the fore as the residents debated whether to continue paving to the top of Barney Hale, with the homeowners along the last unpaved stretch before the top of the hill turning out in force to support the measure.

Derrick Adams said, "I'm not usually one to speak out at town meeting. All the people who live on the road are for this. I've had holes knocked in the siding

impact, but also the safety impact of paving the road. How fast will the cars travel? Are we going to see more traffic? What will the environmental impact be? There are a lot of us who walk or ski or horseback ride on that road. We have a wildlife corridor there. Now, animals can travel from the river, through the cornfields, across the dirt road and over the ridge to Main Road without hitting pavement.

Storrow continued, "One of the things we like about Gill is we do have a lot of wildlife here. I don't want to do something that will irrevocably change that."

Shaw spoke of balancing the needs of residents at the top of the hill with the concerns of those worried about the paving's safety and environmental impacts. "There are a number of vernal pools along the road," she pointed out. "The spring rains bring a significant salamander migration. Some here may think cars are more important than salamanders; others don't necessarily agree. These things are worthy of some careful planning."

She also said, "The open space committee has designated that area as a significant wildlife area for the town. Large continuous areas of forested land are disappearing rapidly; they are very important for a lot of wildlife. Increased speeds and increased frequency of traffic impacts wildlife."

Brown asked if any study had been made of the likely increase in traffic if the top section of Barney Hale were paved. Maddern replied, "No. We aren't talking about paving the whole road. The reason we're doing this is we received a petition signed by every resident of Barney Hale in favor of this."

Shaw and her husband, Bart Bales, said their land abuts Barney Hale, and they had not signed the petition. A woman named Emily spoke up in favor of a cautious approach. "I don't think it hurts to think about things. We didn't know as much (in the old days) as we know now. You pave one section, the next question is paving the next section. Look at the very few gravel roads we have left in town. We see the oil and stone roads in terrific shape, and we see the kind of speed and traffic they support."

Maggie Connell said, "If you ask me, this is a question of 'Not in My Backyard.' I don't think we should micromanage the highway department. They are trained professionals. It's a

small town. Nobody wants it to grow. Unfortunately, it's going to grow." Connell said the fire department has a hard time negotiating the road in the winter, and the calcium chloride applied to keep the dust down the rest of the year eats away at the residents' cars.

Adams said River Road residents who were concerned about paving could come up and wash his car occasionally.

Ted Castro Santos, who serves on the conservation commission, said it was incumbent on the town to consult with the conservation commission before paving near wetlands. Joanne Ranahan spoke in favor of also involving the planning department. "The road crew doesn't own the roads, the townspeople do. In the past, its worked in the direction of 'if a road is dirt, it gets paved'. Now is the time to consider the implications, not after the road gets paved."

At that, Joe Williams, chomping an unlit cigar, called the question. Residents voted 32 in favor, 21 against an amendment offered by Storrow to consult with the planning board and the conservation commission and to consider adopting a "dirt road bylaw" before paving any more dirt roads in town. Maddern and Banash assured Barney Hale residents the top 6/10ths of Barney Hale would be paved regardless. Storrow admitted it was within the selectboard's power to authorize paving until a dirt road bylaw were passed.

In other matters, the town meeting turned down an article to assign the \$10,000 annual contribution from the Northfield Mount Hermon school to the general fund, rather than to a special account currently used to support emergency services (police, fire, and civil defense) in town. NMH also contributes payments in lieu of taxes, and supports capital purchases of emergency equipment. The finance committee had recommended allocating the \$10,000 annual contribution from the general fund, so town meeting could have a say in the disposition of the money. The selectboard offered to include a reckoning of how the \$10,000 was spent in each year's annual report.

In a straw poll, the meeting directed the selectboard to consider using the town's recently purchased 12 acres on Main Road and West Gill Road for light commercial development, possibly for a privately owned

assisted living facility for seniors. Such a development would add to the tax base without unduly impacting services or adding much traffic. The ad hoc planning committee studying possible uses for the parcel recommended such an approach. (See the committee's report on [www.gillmass.org](http://www.gillmass.org).)

The meeting also recommended involving the planning board in deciding the future use of the land.


Urging this approach, Brown said, "I'd like to get the planning board back in the planning business. This is a planning issue *par excellence*. I recommend for the selectboard to talk to the planning board."

The selectboard will prepare a request for proposals (RFP) for the land based on the meeting's recommendation.

Town meeting voters approved \$25,000 towards the purchase of a new boiler for the Gill Elementary School. Gill-Montague Regional School District (GMRSD) business administrator Lynn Bassett advised the meeting that a preliminary bid from a local contractor had estimated a figure around \$35,000 for removal and replacement of the old boiler. The figure was \$10,000 more than estimated when the warrant was prepared, due to the fact the contractor found no easy way to remove the old boiler, which is located in a subterranean basement level of the school, with no bulkhead or door large enough for removal.

The \$25,000 approved represents the final allocation of funds earlier returned to the town from the GMRSD excess and deficiency account from last fiscal year.

Town meeting also approved \$20,000 for the purchase of new 'Jaws of Life' life saving equipment for the fire department. The spreaders for the old Jaws of Life failed during a routine training exercise recently, and would have cost \$5,000 to replace. Fire Chief Gene Beaubien estimated the 1987-vintage power supply for the hydraulic unit would fail next. Joe Williams disputed this estimation, opining the power unit would last longer since the machine wasn't used very often. Allan Adie asked how often the department actually used the Jaws of Life, but then reflected, "I guess they only have to use it once, if they're using it on you."

Considering the wisdom of this remark, the meeting passed the article unanimously. 



Left: Ronnie LaChance counts the "no" votes on Dot Storrow's amendment, standing at the Gill special town meeting. Storrow offered an amendment to study the future impact of paving dirt roads.

of my house by rocks kicked up from the potholes. I've had two dogs killed by cars speeding by. I don't see how cars can travel any faster along this stretch without leaving the road."

Adams also said, "I don't see how paving this piece is going to affect anyone living on the north part of the road," by the intersection with River Road.

But River Road resident Dot Storrow said, "Three years ago a section of this road was paved without discussion of town meeting. It stopped before it reached several homes. I'm not necessarily objecting to paving that section. But if you live in the north part of Gill and you are traveling to Route 2 East, you're fastest way to get there would be to come down River Road, and take Barney Hale. People didn't do that before, because it was a dirt road. But the traffic has increased dramatically in the 19 years I've lived here."

She urged the meeting to consider, "Not just the aesthetic

Adams said Barney Hale was a town road, not a "hiking road or a horse trail."

Hastings spoke up in favor of continuing the paving he had begun in 2002. "I've lived in this town all my life. In the late 40s and early 50s, North Cross Road and Center Road were paved, without an act of Congress. In the 60s, Boyle Road and Franklin Road were paved. If they hadn't been, I'd be screaming today. In the early 70s, we did Munns Ferry and Ben Hale Road; Munns Ferry because of complaints about continuous dust, and Ben Hale because a man was almost killed up there. I paved Mountain Road piece by piece in the early 90s. I haven't heard any complaints, and we didn't have any big conference with the planning board or the conservationists.

"It's amazing how this town has progressed from 1950 to 2002, when the town came to a screeching halt. It's time we moved on."

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be allowable. "We wanted to reward people for conserving land," he said. In discussing the proposed cap, Dubay told the audience "in the last few years, there's been a tremendous rise in homebuilding," in town. Boyden supplied the following statistics: 63 new homes built in the last 5½ years, not including additions, with 10 built during the current calendar year; plus seven APRs ("approval not required" projects) yielding 15 new lots.

"What's wrong with building houses?" someone demanded. A perfectly reasonable question that seemed to get to the heart of the matter. "We just want to slow things down a little," said Dubay, so that the town as it now exists will be recognizable to the grandchildren of current residents. "People moved here and live here and like it here," Boyden said, because there is plenty of space. Dubay stressed the large financial costs to the

town of providing education and other town services, and said the town should enjoy the luxurious position of having most of its taxes paid by the Northfield Mountain project. He also stated the need to protect the town from a large developer coming in and building a 50- or 100-unit housing complex. "It may not be likely, but it could happen. We've been lucky so far."

Boyden explained another important change in the new bylaw: The addition of a third zoning category, rather than the previous two suggested. The new categories are Central Village (CV) where growth can be "clustered," as Dubay put it; Village Residential (VR), and Rural Residential (RR). The RR classification will require a minimum of two acres and 225 feet of frontage for new housing lots - however, the new dimensional requirements will not apply to certain grandfathered projects. Another significant aspect of the new bylaw is that it permits a range of uses, including various commercial uses, if the planning board grants a special permit (SP).

Discussion on the zoning bylaw was courteous. Ken Mitzkovitz said he felt the 225 feet frontage requirement was excessive, and that a large development project was unlikely. "I'm not a commercial developer," he said. "People in town should have the chance to develop what they have and make their money." There were questions about cell tower placement, and drive-through restaurants. Stanley Gradowski supported the bylaw, saying he grew up in a small town and saw how development can change a place. "These regulations may be imperfect, but it's a start, we can change them later if we need to." Joe Bucci agreed it was important to get something in place.

Many townspeople seemed familiar with the details of the proposal, prompting one

woman to plead, after lengthy explanations, questions and discussion: "We've been here nearly two and a half hours. Can we put this to a vote now?" Moderator Richard Peabody had exercised his prerogative and moved the article, originally the second on the warrant, to the end of the meeting. He opened discussion of the article by asking the crowd if this was the main reason they all came, prompting lots of heads to nod.

The groundwater protection bylaw article was also moved by Peabody, from third to next to last. Dubay summarized it by noting it protects the Erving side wellhead and also serves Millers Falls, mainly by precluding the siting of "hazardous" uses, including junkyards, chemical pesticide applications, industrial or large-scale agricultural operations, and many others. The groundwater protection district represents the Class II Recharge Area for Erving Well #1.

Barbara Bumpus observed, "Boston seems to be bringing all its regulations to this little town. You can't restrict every move people make." Dubay responded by stressing the town's need and desire to find the right balance between protecting personal property rights and meeting its obligation to protect public health. Selectboard member Andy Tessier noted that 1 gallon of gasoline contaminates a million gallons of water.

"Will more bylaws really protect the town?" asked Bumpus.

"Absolutely," Dubay responded. Tessier said the regulations are "bare bones," and reflect gains made in Washington by small-town Midwesterners. "This is not a big-city effort by any means," he said. Tessier added that passing the groundwater regulations now could save the town the cost of having more rules "forced on us" in the future. And, in response to concerns the groundwater regulations would

make commercial development impossible, Tessier said the bylaw "protects groundwater; it doesn't prohibit industry." The water recharge system built by Walmart in Orange to recycle runoff from impervious surfaces (roofs and parking lots) back to groundwater was cited as an example of how a town can require a business to meet special obligations for groundwater protection and recharge. The article passed by a vote of 48-2.

Two other articles generated discussion before being passed unanimously. Article #1 will see a seven-member building committee formed to determine the fate of the Recreation Building, also known as the Boy Scout Building. The building was turned over to the town in the 1950s according to Bill Bembury of the recreation commission, and was neglected to the point of finally becoming unusable for most of the past decade. "Nothing is up to code," Bembury said. Several questions were raised about current enrollment of scout troupes and potential use of school buildings instead. There are active scout troupes in town, though the Rec Building would not be limited to their use but would be used by the whole town. Boyden said the school is used a lot already, and is close to maxed out, with scheduling conflicts common. Plus, it was noted, the school building requires someone to be present as a monitor.

Article #7 concerned allocation of \$10,000 for costs associated with a new police chief search. Selectboard chair Linda Downs-Bembury explained the selectboard wants to be prepared should it need to advertise for the position in high-profile publications or pay travel expenses for interviews. Article #8 also related to the police department, appropriating \$20,000 for FY '06 wages. Downs-Bembury said hiring a police chief with a Masters degree could cost 25 percent more than is being paid current-

ly. "We're trying to be proactive, not reactive," she said.

The remaining articles, all passed unanimously with little or no discussion, included modest appropriations (\$1,000 or less) for accounting software fees, planning board salaries, and planning board expenses.

After the meeting, Boyden, commented on the new zoning bylaw, "I'm thrilled, we worked very hard on this for two years." Dubay said he is concerned about what he sees as the large potential for commercial development through the granting of special permits. A lot of things that weren't permissible before, like hotels and motels in a rural residential district, will be allowable by special permit. "The town will have to be very careful," he said.

The town meeting opened ceremoniously, with police chief Chris Blair presenting a plaque on behalf of the town to Karen Reyaud of Greenfield for the efforts she and another woman took in January to stop and rescue a disoriented woman wandering on Route 63 and suffering from the harsh conditions. Selectboard chair Linda Downs-Bembury then presented a t-shirt to Sidney Upham, whose entry in the town motto contest - "Erving: It's a great place to live" - was judged the winner. Bryant Stewart was also acknowledged publically for his fine efforts in completing the town's new welcome sign by the French King Bridge. Well, it's really a mural, much more than a sign, and a beautiful and detailed work it is.

Prior to the special town meeting the board of selectmen (BOS) held a brief regularly scheduled meeting and conducted minor business. The BOS will not meet Monday July 4th, and begins its summer bi-weekly meeting schedule on July 11th.



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## THE HEALTHY GEEZER

# Early Detection Important for Glaucoma

BY FRED CICETTI

**LEONIA, NJ** - Q. Glaucoma runs in my family. Is there a cure for it yet?

Unfortunately, there is no cure for glaucoma, a leading cause of blindness in the United States.

Any vision that glaucoma destroys cannot be restored. Early diagnosis of glaucoma is extremely important, because there are treatments that may save remaining vision.

Almost three million people in the U.S. have glaucoma. Those at highest risk are African-Americans, everyone over age 60, and people with a family history of glaucoma.

Glaucoma is defined as a group of diseases that can dam-

age the eye's optic nerve, which carries images from the eye to the brain. Here's how glaucoma works:

A clear fluid flows through a small space at the front of the eye called the "anterior chamber." If you have glaucoma, the fluid drains too slowly out of the eye and pressure builds up. This pressure may damage the optic nerve.

However, increased eye pressure doesn't necessarily mean you have glaucoma. It means you are at risk for glaucoma. A person has glaucoma only if the optic nerve is damaged.

Glaucoma can develop in one or both eyes. The most common type of glaucoma starts out with no symptoms.

Without treatment, people with glaucoma will slowly lose their peripheral vision. Eventually, the middle of your vision field may decrease until you are blind.

Glaucoma is just one reason seniors should make regular visits to an eye doctor. Glaucoma is detected through a comprehensive eye exam that includes a visual acuity test, visual field test, dilated eye exam, tonometry, and pachymetry.

A visual acuity test measures vision at various distances. A visual field test measures peripheral vision. In a dilated eye exam, a special magnifying lens is used to examine the inside of the eye. In tonometry, an instrument measures the

pressure inside the eye. With pachymetry, an instrument is used to measure the thickness of your cornea, the transparent part of the front of the eye.

The most common treatments for glaucoma are medication and surgery. Medications for glaucoma may come in eye drops or pills. For most people with glaucoma, regular use of medications will control the increased fluid pressure.

Laser surgery is another treatment for glaucoma. The laser is focused on the part of the anterior chamber where the fluid leaves the eye. This makes it easier for fluid to exit the eye. Over time, the effect of this surgery may wear off. Patients who have laser surgery may need to

keep taking glaucoma drugs.

Studies have shown that the early detection and treatment of glaucoma is the best way to control the disease. So, have your eyes examined thoroughly and regularly if you are in a high-risk category. And that includes all of us geezers.

*If you have a question, please write to [fredcicetti@gmail.com](mailto:fredcicetti@gmail.com)*



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Dawn Miner  
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Michelle Dame  
Alysia Galbraith  
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Benjamin Garber  
Jenna Lapachinski  
Jesse Lucas  
Julianne Rosewarne  
William Shattuck IV  
Valeriya Shumilova  
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Lauren Tela  
Haley Trenholm

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Laura Babij  
Elizabeth Downer  
Julianna Felton  
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Bryant Moretti  
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Julie Girard  
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#### FIRST HONORS

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Amber Ackerman  
Marney Brunelle  
Henry Gaida  
Kati White

#### THIRD HONORS

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## Congratulations to all Turners Falls High School 2005 Award Recipients!

#### Class of 1945 Joseph J. Sheff Memorial Awards (Basketball)

Kellie Brown  
John Waynelovich

#### Class of 1957 Bernard C. Plaza Meritorious Service Award

Caitlin Coyle

#### Band Boosters Appreciation Awards:

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Caitlin Coyle  
Henry Gaida  
Krista Leveille  
Marissa Sicley  
John Waynelovich  
Kati White

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Marissa Sicley  
John Waynelovich

#### The United States Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Awards

Jaclyn Bastarache  
John Waynelovich

#### The United States

#### Marine Corps "Distinguished Athlete Awards"

Jay Currie  
Sara Girard

#### The United States Marine Corps "Scholastic Excellence Awards"

Ryan Herzig  
Kelly Terault

#### Marston Baseball Award "For your all around Athletic Ability in Baseball and in contributing to the Team Spirit at Turners Falls High School"

Jay Currie

#### Seniors - Most Valuable Players

Baseball: Jay Currie  
Boys' Basketball: John Waynelovich  
Girls' Basketball: Kellie Brown  
Boys' Tennis: none  
Girls' Tennis: Amber Ackerman  
Boys' Track: Bill Bettencourt  
Girls' Track: Andrea

Cialek  
Boys' Cross Country: none  
Girls' Cross Country: none  
Field Hockey: Lauren Girard  
Football: Ryan Herzig  
Boys' Soccer: John Waynelovich  
Girls' Soccer: Sara Girard  
Softball: Kellie Brown  
Boys' Swimming: none  
Cheering: Marissa Sicley

#### Gill-Montague Education Association Awards

Lydia Fish  
Ryan Herzig

#### President's Council on Physical Fitness & Sports "Fitness Challenge Award"

National Awards:  
Sarah Mailloux  
Marissa Sicley  
Justin Smith  
Alayna Zellmann

#### Presidential Award:

Shelby Landeck

#### Helen C. Reidy Physical Education Awards - Excellence in Physical Education

Ryan Herzig  
Sarah Mailloux

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Marissa Sicley

#### American Citizenship Awards:

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John Waynelovich

#### Turners Falls High School "Academic Excellence in Accounting Awards"

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Caitlin Coyle  
John Waynelovich  
Alayna Zellmann

#### Turners Falls High School Alumni Drama Award

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**Turners Falls High School "Excellence in Greenhouse" Award**  
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Kearstin Bourbeau

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**Class of 1947 English Award**  
Kelly Terault

**Turners Falls High School Service Awards**  
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Jaclyn Bastarache  
Marissa Sicley  
Alayna Zellmann

**Class of 1956 Community Service Award**  
Mary Jane Horton

**President's Awards for Academic Excellence**

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Christopher Austin  
Kearstin Bourbeau  
Jonathan Chan  
Ryan Herzig  
Mary Jane Horton  
Krista Leveille  
Kari Lemieux  
Nikki Lively  
Jillian Sicard  
Marissa Sicley  
Kelly Terault  
John Waynelovich  
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**President's Awards For Academic Achievement**  
Lydia Fish

Sara Girard  
Jessica Jackson  
Katie Kidder  
Lynn-Marie Langevin  
Samantha Longo  
Virginia Youngberg

**Scholastic Merit Awards (Top 5 students in the class)**  
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Marissa Sicley  
Krista Leveille  
Nikki Lively  
Ryan Herzig

**The Salutatorian Scholarship Award**  
Marissa Sicley

**The Valedictorian Scholarship Award**  
Kelly Terault

## Congratulations to all Great Falls Middle School 2005 Award Recipients!

**Grade 8**

**Citizenship**  
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Atma Khalsa

**Leadership**  
Nadia Filobokova  
Josh Gammon

**Academic Achievement**  
Danielle Moore  
Christopher Humphrey

**Academic Excellence**  
Teddy Dunbar  
Nick Skarzynski

**Grade 7**

**Citizenship**  
Jake Lapean  
Natasha Buhakova

**Leadership**  
Heather Willor  
Jadi Torres

**Academic Achievement**  
Cayla Pollard  
Michael Longto

**Academic Excellence**  
Ashley Gibson  
Olivia Nicotra

**Social Studies Improvement**  
**Grade 8**  
Jay Butynski  
Jerry Wawrzyniak  
**Grade 7**  
Chantel Benz  
Katelyn Gaffigan

**Social Studies****Excellence**

**Grade 8**  
Kathy Alimova  
Lindsey Wilson  
**Grade 7**  
Megan Grimard  
Alex Westfall

**Science Improvement**  
**Grade 8**  
Immaculata Gonzales  
Raegene Abbott  
**Grade 7**  
Dustin Rivard  
Justin Sessions

**Science Excellence**  
**Grade 8**  
Teddy Dunbar  
David Bennett  
**Grade 7**  
Chris Shattuck  
Katie Rinaldi

**Math Improvement**  
**Grade 8**  
Nicole Dubay  
Amy Baxter  
**Grade 7**  
Kayla Breor  
Katelyn Flaherty

**Math Excellence**  
**Grade 8**  
Jodi Hallett  
Sam Colton  
**Grade 7**  
Lucas Foley  
Sergiu Placinta

**Language Arts Improvement**  
**Grade 8**  
Kim Arsenault  
Sara Pease  
**Grade 7**  
Evan Pleasant  
Ashley Sears

**Language Arts**

**Excellence**  
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Kelsey Kane  
**Grade 7**  
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Emma Butynski

**Family Consumer (Grade 7)**  
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Amanda Smith

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Jodi Hallett  
Sam Colton

**Physical Education**  
**Grade 8**  
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Adam Felton  
**Grade 7**  
Megan Grimard  
Tim Carlisle

**Technology Education**  
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Samantha Wondoloski  
**Grade 7**  
Carlyn Perry  
Jill Bernard

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**Grade 8**  
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Lindsey Wilson  
**Grade 7**  
Dustin Rivard  
Juliana Aprileo

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Shelby Sadler  
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Jackie Morin  
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Lucas Foley  
Hannah Brown  
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Ashley Bailey  
Cassie Kazar  
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Sarah Underwood  
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David Bennett

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# Red Hot Sox Continue to Win

BY LEE CARIGNAN

**TURNERS FALLS** - The Boston Red Sox continue to play great baseball. As of Tuesday, they have moved into first place with a two and a half game lead. The Sox have won 12 of their last 14 games, including a solid 10 - 5 record in interleague play.

Over the past weekend the Red Sox closed out interleague play by sweeping the Philadelphia Phillies. On Friday night, Tim Wakefield pitched a great game as the Sox cleaned the Phillies' clocks 8 to 0. It was Wakefield's second win in his last three starts. The veteran knuckleballer has turned things around, allowing only one earned run in his last 22 innings after a dismal 0-5 record in May. Wakefield has dropped his ERA down to a respectable 4.05 over the season.

Matt Clement pitched a gem of his own on Saturday, giving the Red Sox a 7-1 win over the Phillies. Clement (9-1) has become the ace of the pitching staff and is making a bid to make the all-star team. He definitely appears to be more comfortable pitching for the Sox, who have

given him double the run support he saw last season with the Cubs. His walks are down and he seems to be gaining more confidence as the season progresses.

On Sunday, the Sox outscored Philadelphia in a 12-8 slugfest. Manny Ramirez led the way with five RBIs and his 19th career grand slam, putting him in a tie for second place for career grand slams. The Sox blew a seven run lead, but the offense bailed out the pitching staff with a big four-run eighth inning capped off by a two run homer by Jason Varitek.

The Red Sox could be getting Curt Schilling back on the mound in a couple more weeks. Schilling has been making good progress in his rehabilitation. This will be Schilling's second attempt to come back since his off-season ankle surgery. A successful showing by Schilling

would bolster the Sox pitching staff that has already seen much improvement during the winning streak. Schilling would bump Bronson Arroyo to the bullpen where he could give the Red Sox a much needed quality relief pitcher. Schilling is expected to make at least two rehab starts at Pawtucket to build up his arm strength. He hopes to return for the big series against the Baltimore Orioles before the all-star break.

Everything has been clicking for the Red Sox over the past two weeks. The pitching has been great. The defense has been excellent, with the team committing only six errors over the period, and the bats have been very hot. The Red Sox have hit an outstanding .320 in their last 13 games led by Damon, Ortiz, and Ramirez. Johnny Damon has a 13-game hitting streak going and is batting .337 on the season now. David Ortiz has been solid all season with 19 home runs, 65 RBIs, and a .302 batting average. Manny Ramirez, who was struggling in May with a .230 batting average,

has brought his average up to .275 along with 19 home runs, and 66 RBIs. Ramirez had been in the worst slump of his career, but he seems to have broken out of it. He has also been playing good defense as of late and has ten assists on the season.

The Red Sox, who had a dismal record on the road this season, have now won six straight road games. This week the Sox are back at home where they have played excellent ball all season. They open up with a three-game series against the Cleveland Indians followed by a three-game series over the weekend with the Toronto Blue Jays. The Sox finish the first half of the season on the road, playing three games in Texas and four games with the second-place Baltimore Orioles.

## Newt Guilbault League

St. Kaziemierz beat Turners Falls Fire Department 22-2 last Wednesday to advance in the playoffs. In other action Greenfield Savings Bank edged St. Stanislaus Society 8-6 to keep their season alive.

In the second round Pipione's

swept St. Kaziemierz in a three-game series. Pipione's won the second game 4-3 to advance to this week's championship series.

In other second round action the Montague Elks defeated Greenfield Savings Bank 2 games to 1 in their three-game series to advance to the championship. In Monday night's decisive game, the Montague Elks won 5-3. Zach Bartak got the win in relief and had a big night at the plate with three hits. Derek Thayer picked up the save and had two hits and a walk. The Montague Elks starting pitcher Casey Blanchard also contributed with a hit. Quincy Ortiz belted a two-run home run for Greenfield Savings Bank. Wyatt Bourbeau and Uriaha Bully each had one hit for Greenfield Savings Bank.

The Newt Guilbault League championship is this week on Wednesday and Thursday. Game 3 will be on Friday if necessary. The Montague Elks will face Pipione's. Good luck to both teams.

# NBA Desperate for Rivalries, Fans

BY ZACH SCHOMBRUM

With the NBA Finals about a week over, and the NBA Draft just finished up, the league finds itself with an interesting question: where have the fans gone, and how do we get them back?

The television ratings for the Finals were dismal: a low 6.5/7.0—a 60% drop from just seven years ago—and almost a 40% drop from just a year ago. It was the second lowest rated NBA finals in history.

The sad thing is that this was the series the NBA wanted to have. It matched the two best defensive teams, and two proven champions (Pistons- 2004, Spurs-2003). They were two programs built around toughness and attitude, pride and determination, teamwork and character, led by two future Hall of Fame coaches, Larry Brown and Gregg Popovich, for Detroit and San Antonio, respectively.

And the matchup went seven hard-earned games. While the first four were each individual routs, two by San Antonio in San Antonio, and then answered with two by Detroit in Detroit, the next three were tightly battled contests, with the Spurs coming out on top 81-74 in game 7, a microcosm of a stark defensive series. Tim

Duncan was a quiet Finals MVP again, his third, averaging 20 points and 14 rebounds per game in the series.

"It's definitely an honor," he said after the game, in his usual modest and humble manner, "but this team has so many MVPs."

It was the true basketball setting for true basketball fans. It was pedal-to-the-metal, hand-in-the-face, firm box-out and crisp-passing hoops. There was poor shooting resulting from great defense, and high entertainment resulting from mild showmanship and hype. It was a series absolved of the super-ego superstar. So why was there no one watching?

The NBA has paralyzed itself into becoming an entertainment franchise. It sells the individual and the celebrity to a point rivaling the WWE or NASCAR, tossing aside its values as a sport and competitive game. The problem is that, unlike baseball or golf or tennis, basketball is truly a team sport. It has never been 1-on-5, nor will it ever be. It has juxtaposed itself in between the good of the viewers, who want entertainment and flash, and the good of the game, which needs neither.

Commissioner David Stern is one person to blame

for this, but not the only one, for Michael Jordan had a lot to do with it, too. Jordan marketed himself and the NBA with him, steering the reins of a corporation bent on retaining the popularity it had in the 80s with the Boston Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers. And for most of the 90s, Michael was the face of the Chicago Bulls, of the NBA, and of black athletes. Naturally, Stern searched for other individuals with a package worthy enough to fit the role of celebrity.

What he found was that there were too many. The NBA became an association of names and nicknames and nicknamed-nicknames-AI, KG, Shaq, Penny, T-Mac, The Truth. It celebrated the scorers over the passers, the dunkers over the rebounders, the sneaker deal over the championship. It became a league of fantastic thrills and acrobatics, but it simultaneously lost much of its character and its authenticity. By placing the player ahead of the team, the league sacrificed many of its roots and its very core. Gone are the days when fans lived and died behind the "Showtime" Lakers or "Bad Boys" Pistons or the Celtics' best frontcourt of all time. Gone are the rivalries between

cities that mean something.

The game, however, has not changed all too drastically, and it hasn't gotten less exciting. This past Finals, in case you missed it, while certainly not about to go down in NBA history, was a highly competitive, energetic series some would say harkens back to the old days. And maybe it's a step in the right direction: a matchup of defense-over-offense, fundamentally sound play, the two best teams in the league.

It's just a shame that

nobody tuned in to see it. If the NBA wants to do something about it, it needs to stop promoting the individual image and find a way to bring pride back into the teams. As Pistons head coach Larry Brown has said time and time again, "basketball, when played right, is the biggest team sport you can find." And it's hard to disagree. I'd like to find someone who does.

He's probably shooting hoops right now.

## Silver Medal Winners



PHOTO: JOE TALARICO

The Montague Reporter-sponsored "Rejuvenators" basketball team competed at the 14th annual Massachusetts Senior Games in the 3-on-3 tournament. After three hard fought games they took home the silver medal. The squad as pictured from left to right: Vandy Bollinger, Darryl Clark, Dennis Swartwout and Richard Andersen.



# Planters Blooming on the Avenue

BY ANNE JEMAS

After years of neglect, the planters on Avenue A are beginning to bloom again. Numerous

still need people to either sponsor and or maintain them.

Anyone can participate either by funding the purchase of

will be recognized with a plaque in the planter, and there will be a streetscape celebration at the end of the season. Many of the businesses on the Avenue are participating as well as businesses in other parts of Montague and beyond. Also joining the effort are individuals and groups such as high school graduating classes and nonprofits. It is great to travel down Avenue A and see more flowers and less weeds in most of the beds.

This project is part of a streetscape improvement group that has been meeting biweekly at the town hall. The next meeting is Thursday, June 30th at 4 p.m.

For more information, please contact Linda at the Carnegie Library at 863-3214 or Michael Bosworth at the Brick House, 863-9576.



PHOTO: JAMES DAMON

These planters, maintained by Dolan & Dolan Attorneys, are in full bloom on the Avenue.

businesses and individuals have donated time and money toward the planters' upkeep. However, some of the Avenue A planters

plants or by planting and maintaining them (weeding, watering).

Everyone who participates

## HOME COOKING

Here is a recipe Mitzi Koscinski of Turners Falls sent in for Peaches and Cream Cheesecake. We encourage other readers to send in their favorite recipes, along with any introductory remarks they might like to share, to: Montague Reporter, 24 3rd Street, Turners Falls, MA 01376 or via email to: reporter@montaguema.net

### Mitzi Koscinski's Peaches and Cream Cheesecake

Grease bottom and sides of a 9-inch or 10-inch wide pie pan.

Combine the following in a medium bowl:

- 3/4 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons margarine, soft
- 3/4 package vanilla pudding mix - dry (do NOT use instant)
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup milk

Beat for two minutes. Pour into greased pan. Place one 15-20 ounce can of sliced peaches (dry them

well), over the batter (keep the juice).

Combine the following:

- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese - soft
  - 3 tablespoons juice from peaches
  - 1/2 cup sugar
- Beat for two minutes and spoon over batter.

Combine 1 tablespoon sugar and 1/2 tablespoon cinnamon. Sprinkle over cream cheese.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes. Store in refrigerator.

## Poetry in Motion

by Bette Black

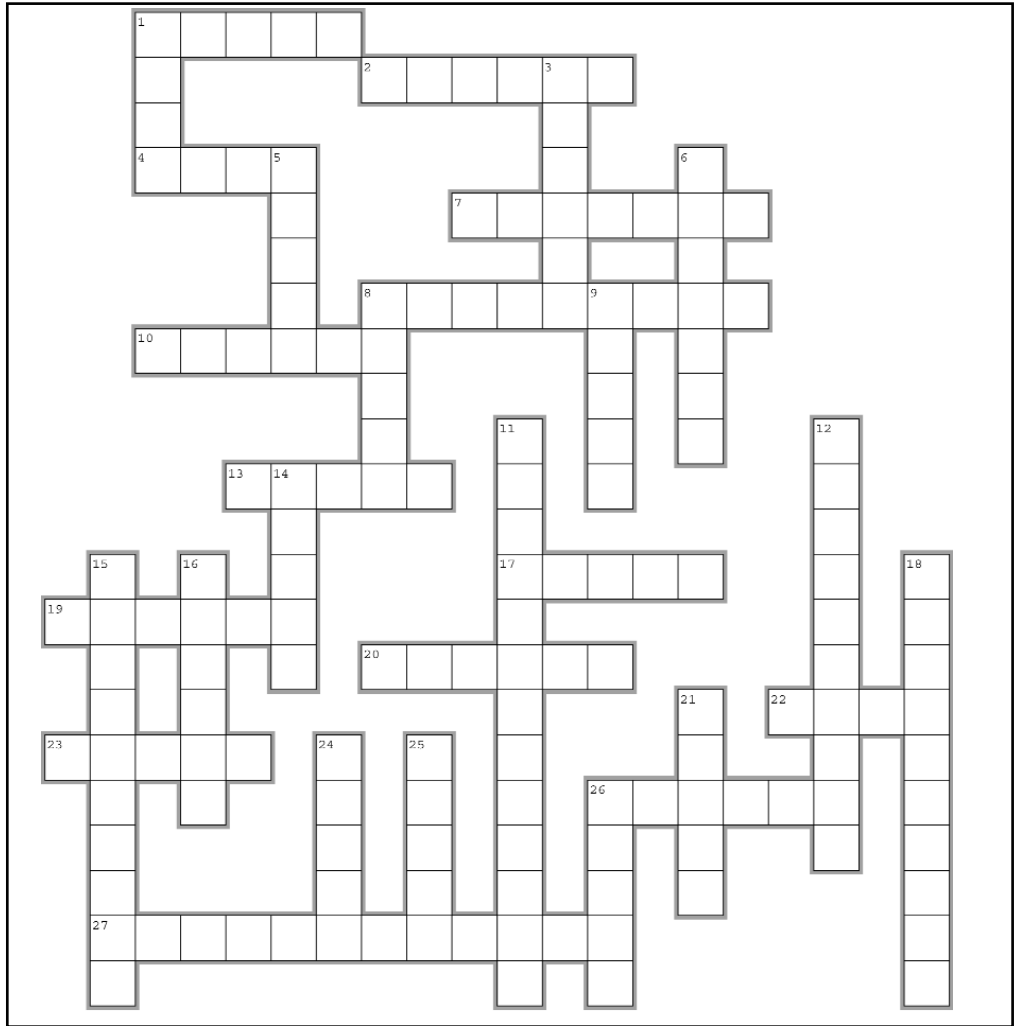
### Across

1. Phenomenal tap dancer/actor who starred in films; with Baryshnikov in *White Nights* and Gere in *The Cotton Club*.
2. Nimble Scotsmen dance a tradition over a crossed pair of these.
4. Swedish pop quartet known for the song *Dancing Queen*.
7. Dance school annual show.
8. Softshoe dancer made famous by Sammy Davis, Jr.
10. He starred as dancing instructor Johnny Castle in the 1987 film *Dirty Dancing*.
13. Dance fad promoted by Chubby Checker.
17. American dance craze of the 1920's that originated in Harlem at the Savoy and became known worldwide as the jitterbug.
19. The quintessential 18th-century formal dance.
20. Dance style featured at Family Dance at the Montague Grange and weekends at Guiding Star Grange Hall in Greenfield.
22. Circle dance of Romania and Israel.
23. Gymnastic dance style developed on the streets.
26. Disco-era dance fad.
27. Dick Van Dykes endearing, dirty, dancing character in *Mary Poppins*.

### Isadora.

5. American choreographer who combined modern dance, ballet, jazz and African styles that are still regularly performed by commemorative troupes.
6. Famous dancewear brand.
8. Jennifer, star of 1983 film *Flashdance*.
9. Dance of Faith performed at Wounded Knee.
11. Overwhelmingly successful resuscitation of dance in Paris of 1909, masterminded by Serge Diaghilev, that launched the careers of Nijinsky and Stravinsky.
12. That's what it's all about.
14. Danced to music in 3/4 time.
15. Production that brought the sensational Michael Flatley to American audiences.
16. Canadian Anne who sang "Could I have this dance for the rest of my life."
18. Russian-born choreographer who founded the School of American Ballet with Lincoln Kirstein in 1934.
21. Tony Award winning smash hit musical that highlights the work of a legendary dancer, choreographer and director.
24. Dance club style exploited by Madonna.
25. Salome danced with seven of these.
26. Unlikely ballerina in Disney's *Fantasia*.

Answers to last week's crossword on Page 19.



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**FRIDAY, JULY 1ST**

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**SATURDAY, JULY 2ND**

First Saturday Contradance with *Wild Asparagus*, Guiding Star Grange Hall, 401 Chapman St., Greenfield. 8:00 to 11:30 p.m. 413-772-6840.

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY JULY 2ND & 3RD**

The **Vermont Renaissance Festival July 2-3rd, 9-10th & 16-17th**. The Festival is a lush and talent-filled re-creation of an English village festival in the 1580s; an exciting, diverse and family-friendly event. July 2-3rd is Kids Free Weekend: for each adult ticket purchased, as many as three children up to 13 years old get in free. July 9-10th & 16-17th VTRF is hosting a Free Coin - Food Drive: Patrons will receive a free replica coin for each non-perishable food item donated to benefit the Brattleboro Women's Crisis Center and The Drop In Center of Brattleboro Food Shelf, up to 5 coins per person. Admission prices: Adults - \$12, Children (5-13) -\$6, babes in arms are free, no pets please.

**SATURDAY THRU MONDAY JULY 2ND, 3RD & 4TH**

Native American Indian PowWow featuring drumming, dancing, singing, story telling, and food at the Indian Plaza, 1475 Mohawk Trail, Charlemont. 413-339-4096.

**MONDAY, JULY 4TH**

Annual Greenfield July 4th Celebration - with Fireworks! Presented by the Greenfield Recreation Department. Music, food, fireworks and more! Beacon Field in Greenfield. 4:00 p.m. (fireworks at dusk ~9:00 p.m.) Fireworks shot off from Poets Seat Tower. Rain date: July 8th. 413-772-1553.

**TUESDAY, JULY 5TH**

Greenfield Military Band Pops Concert at the Greenfield Energy Park, Miles St., Greenfield. Bring chairs. 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY**

**JULY 5TH & 6TH**

Auditions: Playwrights' Playhouse is taping a series of one-act plays for eventual broadcast on GCTV and other community television stations. Auditions for plays 2, 3, and 4 will be held at the Greenfield Public Library on Tuesday, July 5th, from 6 - 8, Wednesday, July 6th, from 6 - 8, and Saturday, July 9th, from 11-2. Call Saul Greenblatt at 773-8997 for additional information.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 6TH THROUGH SUNDAY, JULY 10TH**

This summer, Hampshire Shakespeare Company will explore the realms of ancient history and timeless fantasy in its production of *Julius Caesar* with a powerful staging by director Lucinda Kidder that is particularly timely in light of today's fractious political climate. The play explores the volatile world of first century BC Roman politics that exploded after one of the most famous assassinations in history on the Ides of March. Shakespeare's dramatization of these events is celebrated for its astute observations of the nature of political power. The production features WFCR-FM classical music host Walter Carroll in the title role, with HSC veteran Steve Angel as Brutus and Daniel Kennedy as Cassius. Regular performances run Wednesday through Sunday at 7 p.m. All seating is general admission, \$15 for students and seniors, and \$6 for children under 18. For the schedule of performances, group sales and ticket information, visit the Company's web site [www.hampshireshakespeare.org](http://www.hampshireshakespeare.org) or call 413-548-8118.

**FRIDAY, JULY 8TH**

Second Friday Contradance with *David Kaynor & Greenfield Dance Band*, Guiding Star Grange Hall, 401 Chapman St., Greenfield. 8:00 p.m. to midnight. 413-367-9380.

**SATURDAY, JULY 9TH**

The Greenfield Garden Club's 13th annual garden tour will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain date, Sunday, July 10th). The self-guided tour begins at the display gardens of the club located at

Trap Plain in Greenfield, on the corner of Silver and Federal Streets. The tour will feature 10 gardens in the Greenfield area, complimentary refreshments, as well as a plant sale and raffle. There will be a special daylily sale at one garden as well. Tickets, which include the map, can be purchased ahead of time at World Eye Bookshop in Greenfield and at Trap Plain on the day of the tour. Tickets are \$10 per participant. All proceeds from the tour benefit the community projects of the Greenfield Garden Club. For more information on the club or this event, please contact Jan McGuane at 413-773-5819 or email [m.mcguane@comcast.net](mailto:m.mcguane@comcast.net) or our website [www.greenfieldgardenclub.org](http://www.greenfieldgardenclub.org).

Jazz diva, **Kim Zombik** shares a double bill with the 18-piece all star **Vermont Jazz Center BIG Band** as part of the Hilltown Folk series, 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall in Shelburne Falls. Glide between Billie Holiday-esque jazz standards into the sensational sound of big band improvisation and expres-

sion, then back again through the spell of Kim's sultry voice and magnetic presence. Tickets are \$17 in advance, \$20 day of show, with children under 18 half price. Tickets and information at [www.hilltownfolk.com/](http://www.hilltownfolk.com/) (413) 625-6878.

Second Saturday Contradance with *Tophill Music*, Guiding Star Grange Hall, 401 Chapman St., Greenfield. 8:00 to 11:30 p.m. 413-773-1671.

**MONDAY, JULY 11TH**

Bridge of Flowers Lecture - Peter Joppe will present *'Woodland Wildflowers*, the third in a series benefiting the Bridge of Flowers. Joppe is the owner of Hillside Nursery which specializes in the propagation of Lady Slipper Orchids and other select woodland wildflowers from New England and around the world. He will show slides and present information about these fascinating plants, sharing tips and answering questions on growing these unique perennials. 7 p.m. at Shelburne Historical Society, 33 Severence St., Shelburne Falls..

MABEL ZOBLE BY SANDRA FACTO

Bad hair day? Well, call me Little Orphan Annie!

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE SCOTLAND THE BRAVE

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|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Across          | 26. RLS        | 3. MACBETH    |
| 2. BALMORAL     | 27. HEATHER    | 5. JACOBITE   |
| 4. PIBROCH      | 28. MONTROSE   | 7. THISTLE    |
| 6. AQUAVITAE    | 29. TWEED      | 11. PLAID     |
| 8. BRAE         | 30. HIGHLANDS  | 13. MARGARET  |
| 9. CARNEGIE     | 31. BLACKWATCH | 17. MACDONALD |
| 10. KNOX        | 34. BAIRN      | 18. SCOTT     |
| 12. REIVER      | 35. MACGREGOR  | 19. HADRIAN   |
| 14. LASS        | 36. TARGE      | 20. BURNS     |
| 15. WALLACE     | 37. HEBRIDES   | 22. FREEDOM   |
| 16. HUME        |                | 24. LION      |
| 21. GLENFIDDICH | Down           | 30. HAGGIS    |
| 23. PICTS       | 1. CLAYMORE    | 32. CABER     |
| 25. DIRK        | 2. BIBLE       | 33. NESS      |

### Hot Spot Teen Center

**Monday:** - Ongoing Digital Arts Project, 3 to 5 p.m.  
**Tues & Wed:** - Ongoing Music Project, 3 to 5 p.m.  
**Thursday, July 7th** - A.I.R. Program *Self Reliance Through Art*, 9 - 12; Technology Drop In, 4 - 6; Movie night, 6 - 8  
**Friday, July 8th** - A.I.R. Program *S.R.T.A.*, 9 - 12; Open mic at bellybowl, 6 - 8:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, July 9th** - A.I.R. Program *Clowning Around*, 9 - 1  
**Mon, Tues and Wed, July 11th, 12th & 13th** - A.I.R. Program *S.R.T.A.*, 9 - 12  
**Thursday, July 14th** - GirlVenture, 8:30 -3:30; Technology Drop-In, 4 - 6  
**Friday, July 15th** - GirlVenture, 8:30-3:30; Swimming Trip, 1 - 5  
**Saturday, July 16th** - A.I.R. Program *Woodcarving*, 9 - 4  
**Monday thru Fridays, July 18th - 29th** - GirlVenture, 8:30 - 3:30  
**Thursday, July 28th** - Technology Drop-In, 4 - 6

These programs are free (except some trips) and open to local teens. Some require permission slips. For more info about any of these events or programs please call Jared at 863-9559.

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Picnic-goers have it made in the shade on the Gill hayride.

# A Hot Time at the Gill Picnic

BY DAVID DETMOLD

The trees were dripping with humidity, the geese in the petting zoo seemed tranquilized by the heat, but the Friends of Gill annual picnic never missed a beat. Firefighter Steve McConely, manning the grill for the Gill volunteers, put his training to the test. It was 95 in the shade, 110 at the fryolater, but no matter how many orders for burgers and fries came from the swelling crowd, the brave firefighters remained cool under pressure and kept everyone satisfied. It was a great day for a picnic.

between two shady maples. Tierney opted for the scrunch, in his favorite colors: blue and red. Well, blue, mainly.

"I just like blue," Tierney admitted. "It's a great process," said Gardner. "It's so creative. You really can't control it."

That seemed to be the case also at the strawberry shortcake and ice cream booth, where customers lined up two or three deep as the sun bore down. Quarts of strawberries from Hatch's Patch sweetened in their own syrup, tubs of vanilla ice cream, and fresh baked biscuits could not be scooped up and dished out fast enough. "The ice cream is sticky," admitted Betsy Burnham, "Just like we are." She and Kathy Augustine had baked the biscuits earlier in the week. Now they were baking again.

local author Ted Graveline displayed his oil paintings, and picnickers wandered across Main Road to sample the wares at the Slate Library book sale or to leave suggestions on the poster board tacked to the wall of the soon-to-



Steve McConely mans the firefighters' grill



Left: Customers line up for the Gill firefighters' famous fries.

Finn Tierney waits for his tie-dyed masterpiece to emerge. Right, Liz Gardner helps.



DAVOC PHOTO

Over by the library, an irrepressible gaggle of young ones dipped rubber banded t-shirts in buckets of Rit dye: blue, green, yellow, orange. One-of-a-kind tie-dyed masterpieces emerged under the watchful tutorial of Liz Gardner.

"The great thing about tie-dye is the shirts all come out differently," said Gardner. She grew up in an enclave of single moms and kids in Andover, where a self-governing collective of arts-oriented summerlong neighborhood workshops developed. "I was one of the oldest kids," Gardner recalled. "I held art classes at the age of eight."

Brushing a wisp of blond hair back from her sweat-streaked brow, Gardner fielded questions from Finn Tierney as she demonstrated the apparel art perfected by the denizens of Haight Ashbury in the 60s and kept alive at Grateful Dead reunions, Phish concerts, and the annual Gill picnic, among other places.

"Can you help me? I've never made any tie-dye before," said Tierney, concentrating on the contrary rubber bands.

"You can make a spiral, a bull's eye, an accordion, or a scrunch," Gardner advised him. A rainbow quilt of these and other possibilities already hung drying on a double clothesline strung

The oldies kept rolling from the loudspeakers as Shakin All Over churned out the Buddy Holly and Patsy Cline favorites. They were succeeded in turn by Norman Schell and Youth Well Spent, keeping the good tunes going all afternoon. Hayrides departed from the common periodical-ly, as best selling

reopen ("Really!") Gill Store. "Good hot coffee!" read the first entry. We might have settled for a cool iced tea.

Thanks to the Friends of Gill for another great picnic on the village common.



Ronnie LaChance, left, gets a scoop of strawberries from Betsy Burnham at the shortcake booth, as Bev Demars waits her turn.

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