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Chief Blair Seeks Disability Retirement

BY DAVID DETMOLD ERVING - Chief of Police Christopher Blair, who has been Erving's chief of police for little more than a year since former chief John Paciorek headed south to Quantico, VA to join the FBI in March of 2004, informed the selectboard on Monday, May 16th that he would be seeking disability retirement due to an unnamed medical condition. He requested and received 12 weeks of medical leave, to commence once his paid personal time runs out, which the board estimated would occur before the end of May. The board indicated it was open to extending Blair's medical leave once the next fiscal year begins, July 1st.

Chris might not be part of our future," said town administrative coordinator Tom Sharp. The board declined to answer questions on the nature of Blair's ailment. A phone message left for Chief Blair at police headquarters went unanswered at press time.

The board asked Sharp to prepare a warrant article for a special town meeting on June 27th to form a search committee, and to transfer funds to advertise for a new police chief, with a salary in the range of \$45,000 - \$47,000. In the meantime, fulltime patrolman John Pereault has been designated as Officer in Charge at the Erving police department. Perault and Cory Greene, the other

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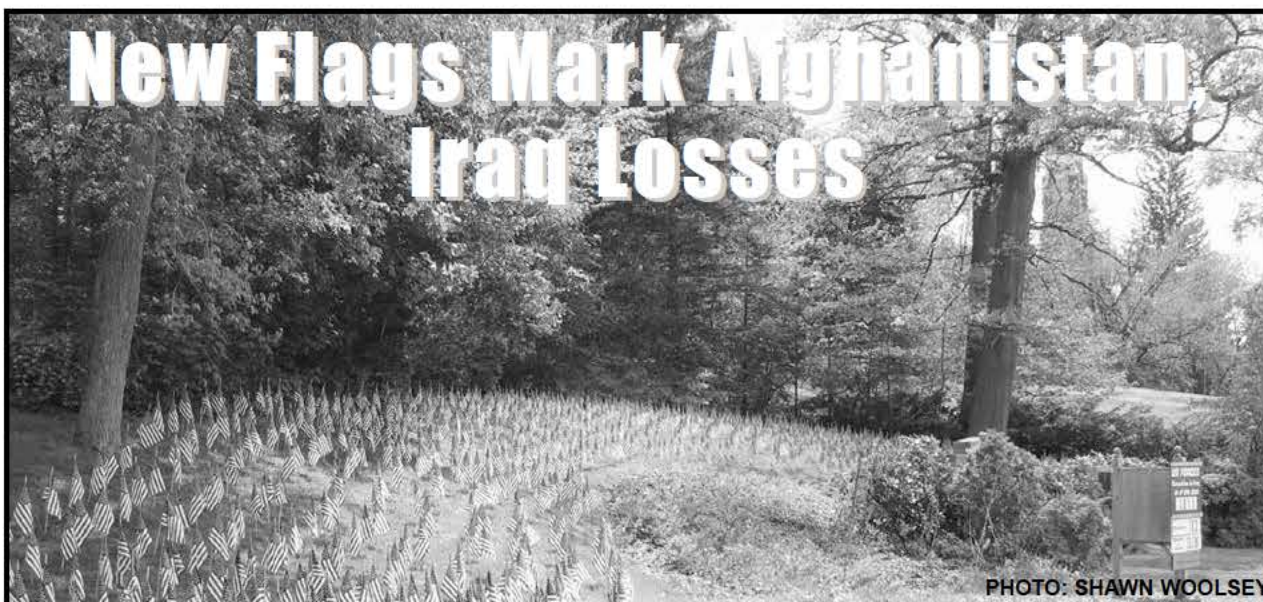


PHOTO: SHAWN WOOLSEY

BY AMANDA GARRISON TURNERS FALLS -The United States is currently involved in two "low-intensity conflicts" that require many of our soldiers to remain stationed overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. People across the country are experiencing deep loss when their parents, siblings, spouse, fiancée or significant others are sent overseas without the

promise of return. In a time such as this, when not all of us may be able to comprehend the magnitude of war, it is gratifying to live in a town that is in full support of those defending our country. Last Friday (the thirteenth of May), Leo Parent, director of veterans services, replaced the many flags lining an Avenue A hillside to com-

memorate the American soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. It took five hours for Parent and two friends (one a member of the Marine Corps. League and the other a Vietnam combat veteran) to set up the 1600 flags that represent the lost lives of these brave Americans. According to Parent, it's worth the effort. "It gives [people] an idea of just how many have been

killed," he said. The other flags were taken down because "they were getting pretty ratty," Parent said, but those retired flags will be burned at a memorial service on Flag Day (June 14th) at the Montague Elks Lodge. Flag Day is set aside for people to celebrate the American flag. Parent said his group would try to replace the

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Blue Meadow Farm Looking for a Buyer

BY PHILIPPE DEGUISE MONTAGUE CENTER - After 18 years of seeding, rooting, planting, transplanting and nurturing an astounding array of perennials, including many unusual, rare varieties, the McGowan family has decided to move on to new fields of endeavor. Blue Meadow Farm in Montague Center closed its gates last weekend as loyal fans trooped from as far away as Maine and New York to pay respects and search out a few last elusive specimens to tend in their own gar-

dens. It was a half-priced final sale to end all sales. For two hours, sometimes longer, they stood in a line that wound its way around one green-

house and on to the next. Some corralled their selections as the line inched forward, bending over to move each precious plant forward like a newborn puppy. Others gingerly pushed carts overflowing with the loot of a successful and rewarding hunt. The clouds which early in the day threatened rain failed to dampen the spirits of fans who seemed like one extended happy family throughout the day.

"We'd always make a pilgrimage," said Ileen Elliot, who with her husband Bill had driven two

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PHOTO: PHILIPPE DEGUISE

The scene at Blue Meadow Farm's closeout sale on Saturday, May 14th. A message on the farm's website reads, "The nursery has been emptied. Thank you for all your messages, kind wishes and support. Without you, Blue Meadow Farm would never have made its brief appearance on the horticultural landscape."

Erving Civil War Monument to be Unveiled



PHOTO: KATHY LITCHFIELD

The town of Erving will celebrate Memorial Day by unveiling a new Civil War monument in Veterans' Park at noon on Saturday, May 21st, following a grand parade leaving at 10 a.m. from Highland Park in Millers Falls. From 1 to 8 p.m., a Living History program will feature open fire cooking, musket firing and a campfire-side fiddler to help participants experience what life was like during the Civil War. LEFT: The Civil War monument at far right will be unveiled at noon on Saturday.

A Vietnam Vet's Story

BY MARVIN SHEDD BERNARDSTON - In the spring of 2002, while serving as chairman of the Bernardston Veterans Memorial, I had an opportunity to meet and speak briefly with Hugh Der, local Vietnam vet. He had returned to Bernardston from his home in North Carolina at my request, to participate in the dedication of the new Veteran's Memorial in the center of town. We went to the same high school, but since he was a few years my senior, I hadn't known him well.

At seventeen, restless and prone to hellraising, Der quit school and went to work washing dishes at Alberti's Restaurant in Greenfield. Wanting direction and hoping to learn a trade, he enlisted in the Army in 1967. He was not even aware there was a war raging in Southeast Asia. Der took to Army life right away and threw himself into his job on a helicopter maintenance crew. He learned fast and despite his youth quickly became crew chief. The crew chief is responsible



PHOTO COURTESY OF ADA ANDREWS

Hugh Der, left, with his father, Ning Der, prior to Hugh shipping to Vietnam.

for maintenance, inspections, all record keeping and is required to go on

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CARNEGIE LIBRARY NEWS

Children's Art Festival

BY LINDA HICKMAN

TURNERS FALLS - On Saturday, May 21st, there will be a Children's Art Festival and Used Book Sale at the Carnegie Library in Turners Falls from 1 - 4 p.m. Children's art work, live music, used books and crafts for sale will be displayed on the lawn, or inside, depending on the weather. The artwork will feature projects made by Sheffield and Montague Center students at library afterschool programs and participants in the Preschool Story Hour programs. The stars of the show may be 13

life size *papier mache* animal models created by students in grades 3 - 6 under the direction of artist Lynda Hodsdon-Mayo of Gill. Participants in the Montague Center Library Theater Arts afterschool program will perform as mimes during the festival, under the direction of Beverly Whitbeck. Live music will be performed by Joe Phaneuf of Montague Center and his band. Free hot dogs and drinks will be served. Some used books will be for sale on the lawn, but thousands more will be available in the basement of the library for only \$2 a bag. The Friends of the Montague Public Libraries are sponsoring the festival and the Amazing Mache project. The Library Friends will have an information table and will sell moose book bags. More info: 863-3214.



Mike Wells of Turners Falls ponders the next step on his papier mache dragon. The dragon, and 12 other life-sized animal models, will be on display at the festival.

FACES & PLACES

Erving Boy Scout Building



LITCHFIELD PHOTO

The parks and recreation committee in Erving is hoping to form a committee to study the future use of the building, now condemned. See story, page 10

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Monday, 23rd
9:45 a.m. Senior Aerobics
10:45 a.m. Trip

11 a.m. PACE Aerobics
12:30 p.m. Canasta Club - this new/old card game will meet every Monday. All are welcome; learn how to play here!
Tuesday, 24th
9:30 a.m. Tai Chi
11:30 a.m. "Sing Along With Sylvia"
Wednesday, 25th
9:30 a.m. Sugar and Cholesterol Screening
10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening
Thursday, 26th
1 p.m. Pitch
Friday, 27th
9:45 a.m. Senior Aerobics
11 a.m. PACE Aerobics

ERVING Senior Center, 18 Pleasant St., Erving (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, 23rd
9:30 a.m. Exercise
9:45 a.m. Library
12:30 p.m. Pitch
Tuesday, 24th
9 a.m. Aerobics
10:15 a.m. Free Workshop: "Planning for your Recovery"
12:30 p.m. Oil Painting
Wednesday, 25th
10 a.m. Line Dancing
12 Noon Bingo
Thursday, 26th
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Friends of Wendell Library Gets Organized

BY JOSH HEINEMANN

On Sunday, May 15th almost 20 Wendell citizens missed a Red Sox game to meet at the Wendell senior center, the first annual meeting of the Friends of the Wendell Library. Those who came included people who moved to town only months ago along with Wendellites born and bred. A Friends group is not a part of town government, but supports the library through special events and fundraising.

An architect's model of the proposed new library was on a front table, and plan drawings were handed out along with budget figures. The new structure would be added onto the front two thirds of the town office and senior center, which is the historic part of that building, and extend back (west) and a little to the south. An east-west roofline would allow for solar collectors on one face of each roof. A lobby behind the entrance would allow the library collections to be closed off while the water and bathrooms are available for public use at events like Old Home Day.

Of the four basic supports a community library needs, librarian Rosie Heidekamp said Wendell has been operating

with about 2½. The four are: trustees, staff, a Friends group, and an endowment. Wendell has library trustees and staff, volunteers who help informally, as a Friends group would, and no endowment. She hoped the Friends, now they have organized formally, will support the library through construction of the new building, and then devote their fundraising efforts toward creating an endowment for the library.

She went over the construction budget of \$1.78 million and listed sources of financing including a Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) grant of \$927,000. That grant is contingent on the annual town meeting approving construction, and the first task given to the Friends was to encourage library supporters to attend the annual town meeting on June 8th. Other money is available, and parts of the project can be eliminated or delayed if necessary, which could reduce the town's share to \$651,000. The town finance committee feels the town can manage a bond of \$535,000.

Margo Culley said that the questionnaires returned to the

Friends included \$1,000 in donations.

A steering committee was elected to meet four times a year, with Margo Culley and Lisa Aubin co-chairs, Doug Dawson secretary, Penny DeLorey treasurer, and Helen Hadad, Laurel Facey, Adele Smith-Penniman, Linda Hickman, Ilina Singh and Chris Queen members at large.

Brainstorming for Friends' projects included ideas for a summer children's reading program, adult education, nature programs, a poetry slam, and an adult spelling bee. Singh suggested recruiting five college professors to teach courses.

Tag Sale on the Wendell Common

Wendell Community Policing is sponsoring a tag sale on the Wendell town common from 8 a.m. till noon, on Saturday, May 21st. We invite Wendell residents to set up their own tag sale on the common. We did this for several years and it gave residents an opportunity to clean out things they no longer needed (spring cleaning). There is no charge - we only ask that it be town residents that set up and sell. In case of rain, the event will take place in town hall.

Walkathon Nears Goal

One hundred and five walkers participated in the annual Walk for Meals on Wheels on Saturday, May 15th, at the

more than 900 last year. We want to make sure that every elder eats."

One young lady who was



Stephanie Richards and Kelli Doel (left), both of Turners Falls, were two of the proud participants in Saturday's Meals on Wheels Walkathon.

Franklin County Tech School, raising at least \$17,000 for the popular senior meals program, enough money to provide over 3200 hot meals for homebound seniors in the months ahead. Deb Parker, fundraising director for Franklin County Home Care said her organization's goal for the walk this year was \$20,000, and late donations might still put them over the top.

"We've been getting the same check from the federal government for twenty years," Parker said. "But the number of seniors served by our program has grown from 400 to

determined to do her part to raise the needed funds for senior meals was Kelli Doel. In honor of her great grandmother, who was a Meals on Wheels recipient, Kelli walked 24 times around the course, a total of six miles! More seniors will receive hot meals in Franklin County this year as a direct result of her effort.

If you would like to join Kelli, but missed out on the chance to sponsor her or walk with her, it's not too late! Send a check to Meals on Wheels Walkathon, 330 Montague City Road, Turners Falls, MA 01376.

Elks Donate to Sheffield

BY PAM LESTER

TURNERS FALLS - The Montague Elks Lodge #2521 presented a check in the amount of \$2,500 to Tova Neugut, Director of the 21st Century Community Learning

Center at the Sheffield Elementary School on Thursday, May 12th. The money will be used to sponsor five additional students in the summer program at Sheffield this year. Neugut said more

than half the 265 students at Sheffield Elementary School participate in this program. Neugut has been with the program at Sheffield Elementary School since its inception three years ago.

This year, the program is likely to lose 20% of its past funding from the Hampshire Educational Collaborative, the non-profit agency that works in partnership with twelve schools in Franklin and Hampshire County,

including Sheffield, in the 21st Century Community Learning Centers. Under Neugut's direction, the students at Sheffield are actively engaged in fundraising activities to keep the summer and afterschool program available to as many students as possible. Last year the Montague Elks #2521 donated \$2,000 to the program to help sponsor the fundraiser Montagueopoly game, which raised

over \$10,000.

For further information please contact Tova Neugut, at (413)-250-0445.



PHOTO BY PAM LESTER

Montague Elk's past exalted ruler Donald Traceski (right) presents a check to Tova Neugut, director of the 21st Century Community Learning Center, (second from right) at Sheffield Elementary, with principal Chip Wood (left to right), Danny Rivera, grade 5, Abby Cichanowicz, grade 4, Brenda Perez, grade 4, Ismael Perez, grade 4, Seth Reipold, grade 5, looking on.

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Here, in 1676

On this date, in 1676, with open war raging between the indigenous people of the region and the colonists of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, Captain William Turner led a militia of settlers from Hatfield, Hadley, Northampton, and surrounding communities, in an overnight march to surprise a Native encampment on the northeast side of the Connecticut River, by the Great Falls, in



SARAH SWANSON PHOTO

what today is called Riverside in Gill. The population of the camp was swollen with refugees from tribes to the south and east, who had come to the joint use area known as Peskeomskut, (place of split water), or Wissatinnewag (shining hill), seeking shelter from the hostilities. According to oral tradition, the majority of casualties that day, numbering more than 300 on the Native side, (1 settler killed in the dawn raid by 'friendly fire') were women and children and elders. After the burning of the Pequot village in present day Mystic, Connecticut (400 -700 Native casualties, 2 settlers killed) by colonists under the leadership of Captain John Mason in 1636, the dawn raid at Peskeomskut is the second major massacre of a Native American village by Europeans during their conquest of North America.

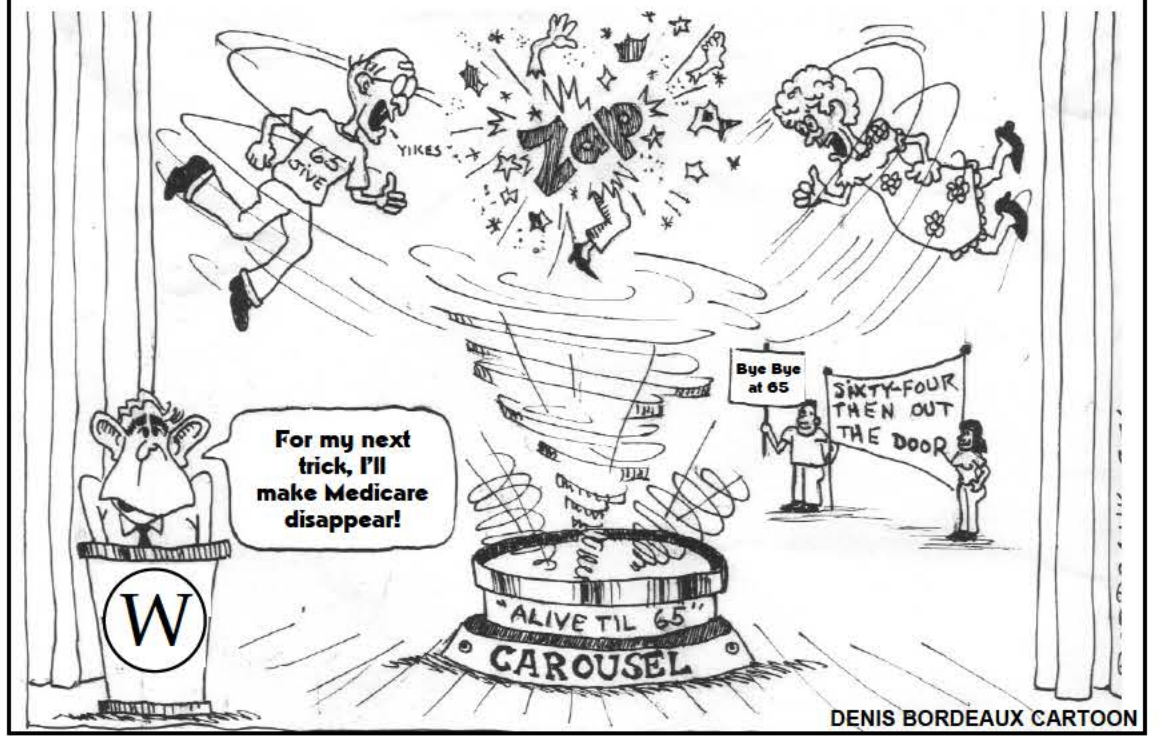
Here is George Sheldon's account of the events of that morning, from his History of Deerfield, Massachusetts (1895).

"Leaving his horses under small guard, Turner led his men

through Fall river, up a steep ascent, and came out on a slope (now the farm of T. M. Stoughton) in the rear of the Indian camp. He had reached his objective point undiscovered. Silence like that of death brooded over the encampment by the river, save for the sullen roar of the cataract beyond. With ears strained to catch any note of alarm, the English waited impatiently the laggard light, and with the dawn, stole

silently down among the wigwams undiscovered. At a given signal the crash of a hundred shots aroused the stupefied sleepers. Many were killed at the first fire. The astonished survivors, supposing their old enemy to be upon them, cried out "Mohawks! Mohawks! Rushed to the river, and jumped pell-mell into the canoes which lay along the shore. Many pushed off without paddles; in other cases the paddlers were shot, and falling overboard, upset the canoe, many in the confusion plunged into the torrent, attempting to escape by swimming. Nearly all of these were swept over the cataract and drowned. Others, hiding about the banks of the river, were hunted out and cut down, 'Captain Holyoke killing five, young and old, with his own Hands down under a bank.' A very slight resistance was made, and but one of the assailants wounded; another 'was killed in the action by his friends, who taking him for an Indian as he came out of the wigwam shot him dead.' The wigwams were burned, and the camp dismantled."

President Bush Unveils His New Social Security Plan!



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Lovin' Color

Your first issue using color - four pages with photos in full, glorious color! - the wrap-around pages, 1 and 20, plus the center-fold pages 10 and 11. They make such a difference. And the photos themselves are excellent, especially Philippe DeGuise's May Day pics on the back page.

I congratulate the editors, photographers, the layout and design crew, and the printer, who does a better job than the Boston edition of the New York Times, most of whose color photos are off-line and badly

blurred.

What about the extra costs? You should begin to raise the subscription price.

— JHD
Leeds, MA

Editor's note: We did print in color once before, to congratulate the Turners Falls girls softball team when they won the state championship last summer. We couldn't resist celebrating the crabapple trees in blossom last week, and a number of friends chipped in to afford the extra printing costs (half again as much as a normal black and

white print run). We would love to use more color, as we can afford to. But rather than raise our subscription rates, we are lowering them in many neighborhoods of Montague, as we find news carriers to deliver the paper for half the cost of postage stamps. The way we figure it, the more subscribers we have, the happier our advertisers will be. So... if you like the paper, and want to see more improvements like full color photos, clip the form to the left and send in a subscription today, or buy a gift subscription for a friend.

Thanks from the Gill Store

Many thank yous to the neighbors and friends in and around Gill for the years of support at the Gill Store. We've been mighty proud to serve you. Special thanks to Our Family

Farms, Diemand Farm and of course the Montague Reporter. The store was built in 1803 and continues to be a gathering place. We are closed now for a short while, but do plan on stop-

ping soon to meet the familiar and friendly new owners.

Sincerely,

- Phil and Susie Maddern

Community Garden Help Appreciated

On behalf of all the community gardeners at the Great Falls Community Gardens, I would like to thank Anna and Carl Garbiel of Garbiel Farm, Bill Llewelyn of Northfield, and Andy Carson of West Mineral Road for their generous donations of composted manure. It will keep our gardens blooming for awhile. I would also like to thank Doug Edson and Jesse Johnson of Renaissance Excavating, Bill Llewelyn and the Montague Highway Department for transporting it and Chief Ray Zukowski and

David Detmold for arranging it.

Secondly, I would like to say thank you to Brian McGowan and the Blue Meadow Farm for letting us give a home to their leftover plants. We will cherish them.

- Jean Hebdan
Turners Falls

P.S. The plots in the community gardens on L Street are given out free to downtown residents on a first-come, first-served basis. Some plots are still available. Call 863-3075 if you are interested in gardening with us.

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The Carnegie Library Turns 100

BY ROSALIE BOLTON TURNERS FALLS - My granddaughter Joanna seemed surprised when she discovered there was a Carnegie library in Turners Falls. I thought everyone living in Franklin County knew the stately building on Avenue A, endowed by the Pittsburgh philanthropist, was special.

Joanna, a junior at Northfield Mount Hermon, had been studying industrialism and Andrew Carnegie. Now, here she was, walking up the marble steps, approaching the main desk and viewing that unusual tile mosaic in the entry hall in the building he gave to the town a century ago.

"I never thought there were Carnegie libraries around here," she exclaimed!

Her remark sparked my interest. As a young girl I often visited the children's room, always hoping to be able to enter the adult reading section to read some of the books and magazines on the shelves. No, that wasn't allowed. Miss Edith Barber, the librarian, always opened and closed the gate behind her as she walked to the stalls of adult books in the rear section. No admittance. At that time my father, Arthur Beaubien, was a library trustee. I was told to behave and mind my p's and q's when I was at the library.

The Turners Falls Carnegie library opened in 1905, one hundred years ago. Those were horse and buggy days. Women could not vote. Yet, the town of Montague had a free public library. The money for this venture was donated by Andrew Carnegie, an industrialist said to be the richest man in the world. Carnegie donated \$13,500 to build the library. The town of Montague was enjoined to care for the library's upkeep.

It's an imposing sight, isn't it? A building of classical design, high columns, huge windows, and cement steps leading up to a large, heavy door.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KYLE SCOTT

Susan San Soucie, the library director, said, "The people of Montague decided the local red brick was not what they wanted for building material. They wanted something special, so they ordered buff brick from Ohio."



PHOTO BY LINDA HICKMAN

Rosalie Bolton was surprised to see how little the Carnegie Library had changed over the years. She still remembers being impressed by the marble tile mosaics, fancy iron registers, and wooden gate in 1929.

People visiting here from Iowa said, "This is the same design as our library."

Yes, our Turners Falls library building is similar to some other Carnegie libraries. Our building is set up on a hill, not at street

level, so it is more picturesque.

Years ago there was a freight station across the street from the library and a watering trough for horses on the corner.

The library has so much to offer. Visit the reference room. Want to see your old yearbook

from the high school? It's there. Records of all sorts. I looked up the poll tax paid by men in 1902. My grandfather's name was there. Theodule Moreau, age 46, employed, MPM (Montague Paper Mill); residence, I Street, His, H., which meant he owned the house. Note that only men were listed at that time. I looked up the school report and saw that my aunt Mary Moreau, later Leary, in 1905, was a teacher at the Old Eighth Street School for grade three. She was paid \$474 a year. There are books of the history of Montague, written long ago.

The Turners library offers as much as any large library. Books can be ordered from other libraries, there's a large supply of classical music, a large video selection, volunteers deliver books to the homes of housebound

patrons, and there's a wheelchair accessible entrance. The Friends of the Library hold book sales, like the one this Saturday, May 21st, to bring in extra revenue. Volunteers offer visitors all kinds of help. Two assistants, Dolly Letourneau and Michelle Welcome, work evenings and Saturdays. Patricia Saczawa and Mary Ann Leblanc offer friendly help at the desk during the week.

Linda Hickman maintains order in the children's room and puts on a wealth of free family-friendly activities there. Today the library is far less formal and businesslike than it was in Miss Barber's day.

San Soucie is enthusiastic. She said last year over 60,000 books were circulated at the library, and the number improves each year.

Hickman and her assistant, Beverly Whitbeck, offered 305 programs through the Montague Public Libraries last year, with a total attendance of 5,962. The Montague libraries include branches in Millers Falls and Montague Center. They presented so many programs... Here are just a few; a preschool story hour with 776 attending last year, evening story times at the Millers Falls library, after school programs, a summer reading program, nature walks, puppet making classes, at Montague Center a maple sugaring demonstration, and 51 class visits to schools.

Today's children in the town of Montague are fortunate. Their library offers so many varied classes. Adults are also lucky. Last month, the library offered the Historical Walking Tour of Avenue A under San Soucie's expert guidance, a downtown Tree Walk and a planting program for families with Whitbeck. Our library serves this community.

Andrew Carnegie believed people can educate themselves. That's why, in the 19th and 20th

TFHS Band Awarded in Virginia

BY DEB AUSTIN MONTAGUE CITY - The TFHS concert, jazz band and chorus competed in the 2005 Music Showcase in Richmond, VA on Saturday, May 7th under the direction of Steve Ciechomski. These kids represent TFHS in the best way. They received first place with an excellent rating for chorus, first place with an excellent rating for jazz, and first place with an excellent rating for concert band. They also received "Overall Best" award for instrumental group, with an excellent rating.

John Waynelovich received two individual awards, one for solo in jazz band, and one for accompanist in chorus.

If you are a parent of a band student, and you have never had the pleasure of chaperoning one of these trips, you have no idea what you are missing. My son graduates this year, and leaving the band will by far be the toughest... for me. Alright, for him too.

Being a band booster is a very rewarding volunteer position, and we welcome more parents with open arms. Get involved, be a band booster, you won't be sorry. You'll be proud!

centuries, he donated money for 2000 libraries in Europe, the United States and English speaking countries. Just think, of those 2000 libraries, Massachusetts has 45 and the Turners Falls Carnegie Library is one of those. The Arms Library in Shelburne Falls and the Athol Library are also Carnegie libraries.

The Turners Falls library hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 1 to 8, Thursday, 1 to 5, Friday, 10 to 5, and Saturday 1 to 5. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the library is closed on Saturdays.

I hope the children in the reading room today will be able to take their grandchildren to this beautiful library. Andrew Carnegie would be proud to see how well the town has used his gift.

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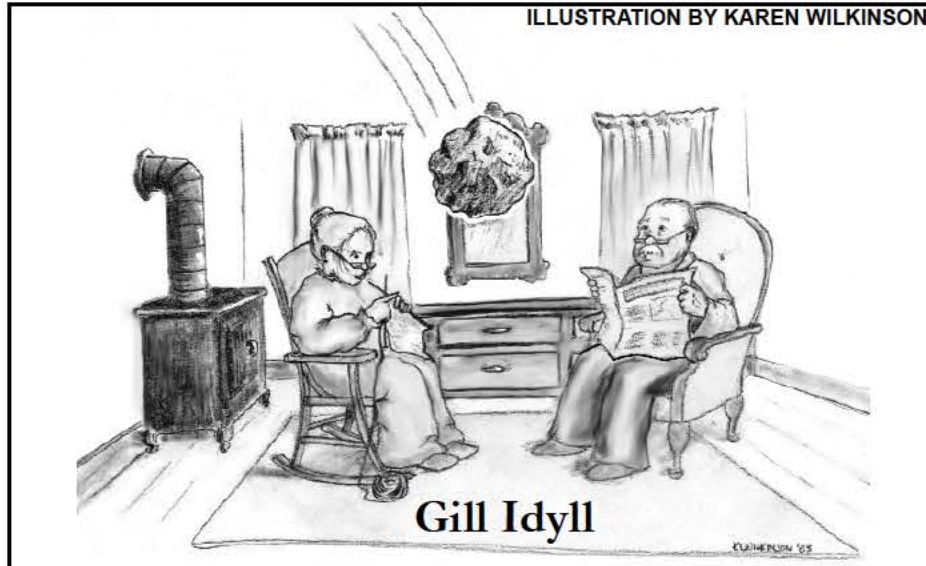
BY ALLAN ADIE

RIVERSIDE - The last two weeks, we've gone through some of the "ancient history" of Gill. Now for some more recent historical facts and figures, dusted off from the *History of Gill, Volume II* (copyrighted by the town of Gill, reprinted by permission).

1951 - Suit by Sam Blassberg against the town of Gill. His vehicle tipped over and he claimed it was because of the road we crowned. Gill won the case.

At town meeting in March, the town voted to abandon the Red Brick schoolhouse at the junction of West Gill and Center Road. The Krejmases agree to remove the building and fill in the basement hole so the ground will be left level.

In October, Mrs. Charles Greenleaf and Mrs. Francis Remillard are named co-chairs for the 6th Annual Donation Day for the Farren Memorial Hospital. Canned goods, jams and jellies, winter vegetables, soap and soap powders, cocoa and chocolate are the items most needed.



Gill Idyll

1952 - December, an 18-foot high Christmas tree donated by Merton Ward was placed on the common by the Highway Department. Highway employees then helped the Fire Department decorate the tree with 60 lights to become the first lighted tree on the common. (The tree has grown a bit since then.) A 25-light star was also on display on the Town Hall.

1953 - Over \$3500 has been subscribed for the Farren Memorial Hospital Fund. Allan

Adie headed the drive in Riverside, and Harriet Tidd solicited around the center of Gill.

1954 - In March, town meeting voted to print in the annual report the results of all business decided at annual and special town meetings.

In September, as a result of blasting ledge at the corner of Myrtle and Walnut Streets to widen the intersection, a piece of rock weighing between 30 and 40 pounds found its way through the roof, the open attic,

and down a flight of stairs at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Holt. Another chunk weighing about 400 pounds required a winch and three men to remove it. No one was injured and no windows were broken.

1955 - In just over an hour, selectboard members Walter

Vassar, Howard Jackson, and Richard Clapp wrote their signatures 190 times for each \$1000 bond for the new elementary school. (It would take them a little longer if they tried to build a new school building these days!)

In September, Mrs. Phillip James and Mrs. William Jenkins are collecting for the Red Cross Flood Relief in Riverside. Contributions from Gill Center may be left with Mrs. Harold Maddern or Mrs. Robert Wert.

In December, driving home

from shopping, Mrs. Earle Day remarked to her mother, Mrs. Leslie Brown, that she felt a few "thumps" that could mean anything, as her baby was overdue. After stopping and calling her doctor, they headed for the hospital. They didn't make it as Christine Ann (named because Christmas was near) was born at 4:40 p.m. about one mile from the hospital. Mother and baby doing well.

More historical facts and figures next week.

GILL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Gill will hold a Memorial Day ceremony on Sunday, May 29th, beginning at the Gill Congregational Church at 10 a.m. with Paul Seamans speaking, and continuing across Main Road to the war memorial for the Rose Ceremony, the honoring of the colors and the playing of taps. Everyone is invited to join us for this special event in honor and memory of those who have fallen while wearing our country's uniform.

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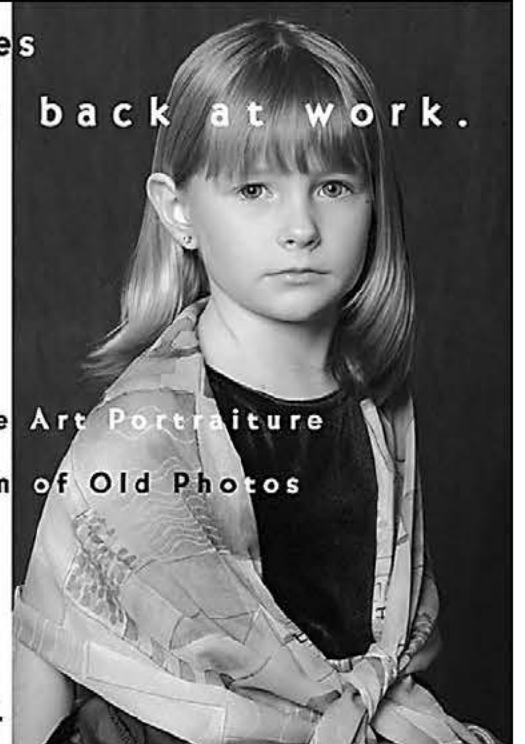
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hours from Hancock, NH to take part in the day's event. "We'd come down with friends, make a day of it, bring tea," she said. After two hours, nearing the home stretch as the line threaded its way past the last greenhouse, they picked up and moved their 47 plants, adding up the cost of their folly. "I calculated there are \$500 in plants here," said Bill. "The rest of the people get to budget," he added. Both were sad to see the farm close, but understood the McGowan's decision. "You've got to be a mad genius to do this," said

"It was challenging at first. Word of mouth is how people found out about us," said Alice McGowan. "It took quite a few years. Then we were written up in the *Boston Globe*, which was a big success," she added.

While the business has been successful, it has demanded long hours and a great deal of commitment. According to Brian McGowan, such an operation requires money, time, knowledge of plants and the know-how of running a small business. Good customer relations don't hurt either.

According to Leah McGowan, one of the daughters who has been working with her

said. "I got up at 6 a.m." chimed in Amy Semerjian from Northampton who had gotten into line a little after 9 a.m. and was now sitting on a bag of mulch with a friend, seeming as content as if she had just finished a wonderful meal. "I came to get *Baptisia Esther* and I found it. This is my favorite place," she said.

The McGowans have put the entire operation on the market, after considering their options for over a year. Originally, they tried to sell it including the plants, but since no buyer had been found, decided to have the weekend sale. While potential buyers did come forward this winter, interest in the farm has grown since last weekend according to Alice McGowan. The operation includes 10 acres of land and the extensive structures including 30,000 square feet of production space, a barn, greenhouses and a sales area. The McGowans would not provide any details regarding a potential buyer, but were hoping for someone to continue the business. As for their own plans, they would not comment.

In the meantime, the family has been busy donating leftover plants to local causes. On Tuesday, Leah McGowan delivered a truck full of perennials to the Great Falls Community Garden. Each plant was tagged for identification; some for sun and others for shade. Throughout the summer, passerby will be able to enjoy this gift and the beauty of the garden thanks to this collaboration.



PHOTO: PHILIPPE DEGUISE

Jean Hebdon, (l), admires the bounty from Blue Meadow Farm donated by Leah McGowan (r) to the Great Falls Community Garden. (Julia Bowden lounges in background.)

Ileen as she surveyed the rows of greenhouses.

The McGowans bought the farm in 1981 and began selling wholesale vegetables like lettuce and tomatoes, as well as high-bush blueberries. The business then evolved into unusual annuals and tender perennials.

grimage," she said. "It was more enjoyable than I thought," she added with a great big smile.

John Novo from Worthington has been coming here a couple of times a year for the past ten years. "I am sad to see it go. The rare plants. The excellent quality. The people are friendly," he

Town Election Results: Gill and Montague

Sixty-seven voters turned out for Gill's annual election on Monday, May 16th, 6.3% of the town's 1053 registered voters. There were no races; all incumbents who chose to run were re-elected. Greg Snedeker won an open 3-year seat on the board of assessors; Don LaChance received 21 write-in votes for a 2-year seat on the assessors, but had not accepted the post at press time.

In Montague, 376 voters, 9.7% of the 3877 active voters,

turned out for an annual election with only one race, for board of health. Michael Nelson took the 3-year seat walking away with 301 votes to Matthew McMullen's 54.

For school committee, Michael Langknecht and Tony Guglielmi were returned for three-year seats in Montague, while Kristin Boyle was written in for a one-year seat, with 8 votes. In Gill, Ted Castro-Santos was returned to a three-year seat on the committee with

21 write-in votes. The committee reorganized on May 17th, electing Mary Kociela as chair and Joyce Phillips as vice chair.

Among the write-in candidates for open town meeting seats in Montague, none of whom had accepted the honor at press time, were Precinct 3's Paul Emery (2 votes), Precinct 5's Nina Bander (8 votes), Ariel Jones (13 votes), Nicole Kapise (8 votes) and Michael Farrick (9 votes), and Precinct 6's Deb Picking (1 vote).

Great Falls Middle School 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

GRADE 7

First Honors

- Juliana Aprileo
- Eric Bastarache
- Jill Bernard
- Donna Bettencourt
- Kayla Breor
- Hannah Brown
- Nataliya Buhakova
- Emma Butynski
- Timothy Carlisle
- Matthew Garber
- Ashley Gibson
- Megan Grimard
- Olivia Nicotra
- Carlyn Perry
- Sergiu Placinta
- Evan Pleasant
- Cayla Pollard
- Kathleen Rinaldi
- Dustin Rivard
- Christopher Shattuck
- Melani Sicard
- Sarah Underwood
- Alex Westfall
- Matthew Wozniak

Second Honors

- Ashley Bailey
- Amanda Carlisle
- Daniel Cruz
- Joshua Cruz
- Katelyn Flaherty
- Lucas Foley
- Cassandra Kazar
- Jacob Lapean
- Christopher McMahon
- Cassandra Rounds
- Elena Rushford
- Yaritza Torres

Third Honors

- Jaryd Buzzell
- Joshua Dobosz
- Tyler Emery
- Abeni Hession-Davies
- Joshua Lapachinski
- Justin Pacheco
- Ashley Sears

GRADE 8

First Honors

- Yekaterina Alimova
- Leah Booker
- Samuel Colton
- Julianna Coyle
- Theodore Dunbar
- Nadezhda Filobokova
- Joshua Gammon
- Jodi Hallett
- Amber Henry
- Christopher Humphrey
- Kelsey Kane
- Atma Khalsa
- Danielle Moore
- Kimberly Nelson
- Sara Pease
- Erika Romashka
- Shelby Sayer
- Nicholas Skarzynski
- Jeremiah Wawrzyniak
- Lindsey Wilson
- Samantha Wondoloski

Second Honors

- Raegene Abbott
- Kimberly Arsenault
- Benjamin Banash
- Amy Baxter
- David Bennett
- Brandon Breault
- Tyler Hagmaier
- Nicholas Imbimbo
- Erin Kelley
- Whitney Sanders
- Gaige Tencati
- Jessica Westover

Third Honors

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- Jay Demers
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- Tranae Gallagher
- Cortney Weaver

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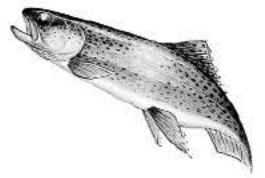
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Learning to Fly Fish Part 7

On the North Fork River



BY ARIEL JONES

THE OZARKS - It was sunny, sixty degrees and climbing, and I had already forgotten the raw chill at home in Massachusetts. Luck, so far, was with us. Arriving at the dam, I was stunned by the beauty of the North Fork River. Wide and clear, with trees in blossom along the banks, plenty of room to cast and a comfortable depth for wading; I had arrived in Paradise.

Clint and Jack eased the driftboat into the river and we were off.

Immediately we saw fish rising everywhere. This is one of those sights that always makes a fly fisher's blood race. Getting over-excited at this beginning stage can be disastrous to catching fish. Slow down, take a deep breath and wait.



Clint Wilkinson helps Ariel Jones to put another scud on.

Note the dark spot on her sleeve. She had just fallen in the river.

Nymphing with Scuds

Before we began casting, Clint scooped some rocks off the riverbed until he found what he was looking for: small, about three-quarters of an inch long, wormy-looking creatures he called scuds, crawling busily over the rocks. I did not find them to be especially appetizing, but we soon discovered that Rainbows, Browns

and Brookies all love them.

When the trout are feeding below the water's surface (which is most of the time) one can fish with flies loosely known as nymphs. There are hundreds of patterns for nymphs, each tied to imitate a multitude of flies that live underwater during a particular cycle of their life; i.e., before they mature, rise to the surface and fly away. That is, unless they are eaten before hitting the air. Living a nymph's life ain't for sissies.*

I climbed out of the driftboat and into the gently flowing North Fork River.

I had only fished with dry flies until now, which meant that I could see what was happening on the surface of the water (usually). While the rises were tempting, I decided to follow Clint's advice and learn to fish with nymphs. To help me get started Clint put a strike indicator at the end of my leader. This is a small, foamy (environmentally-friendly) lightweight material that you can press into your leader. At the end of the leader is tied a very delicate line called a tippet. The nymph is knotted to this final, tapered end and its weight pulls the tippet below the sur-

face of the water. When a fish strikes, the floating indicator is pulled under the water. A good thing, because the strike is often so subtle it takes a lot of experience to learn it's feel and respond in time.

She who Hesitates is Lost

I cast out at a slight angle upstream and immediately got a hit. I was so stunned that I just stood there and looked at my line, while Clint was shouting, "Get 'im, Get 'im!" Looking back at him, I hope my mouth wasn't hanging open. The last time I had a strike so quickly was nearly a year ago.

As soon as a trout realizes that what attracted him isn't real food, he spits it out faster than a blink and you have lost him.

OK, this was hardball. No more watching the birds and daydreaming, I had to get focused. I cast out again, let the scud drift and soon had another hit. I could hear Clint's "Get 'im! Get 'im!" from the boat, but managed to keep control of what I needed to do to land this fish. I was settling down, and the concentration paid off. I landed a lovely rainbow and experienced a new level of confidence that I could do this thing. It was, simply put, exhilarating.

* also sometimes known as 'girlie men.' I do not know the term for sissie women.



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NOTES FROM THE MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD

Selectboard Digs into Sewer Study

BY PHILIPPE DEGUISE

Pat Allen coasted to an easy victory, unopposed in Monday's town election (May 16th), for another three-year term on the Montague selectboard. On Tuesday, as the board reorganized, Allen transferred the gavel as Allen Ross took over as chairman of the board for the next year. Allen seemed relaxed and ready for the change.

"It's been a fine year for us. We've made a lot of progress," she said. "Al will do a fine job," she added. Ross thanked Allen for her work during the past year. "You've brought the board through testy times, showed sensitivity and patience and involved the community well. I think this job is complicated and can be time consuming to give it the attention it needs," said Ross. "Hopefully, we will work together," he added.

The board wasted no time digging in to the sticky subject of which group of residents should pay for upgrades to the sewage treatment plant and combined sewer overflow abatements, estimated to cost \$5.7 million. The work is needed "to correct the issue of excess runoff which exceeds the current capacity of the plant," according to board member Patricia Pruitt. "It is not environmentally sound," she added. Allen explained that the plant itself can handle the town's waste flow, but the problem occurs when it rains heavily within a short period of time.

The intermittent problem of raw sewage flowing into the Connecticut River has raised flags at the EPA, and the town must comply with Clean Water Act requirements or face fines and legal action to bring its sewer system into compliance.

While there seems to be no disagreement in regard to the need to undertake the work, the challenge lies in determining how it should be paid for. The state maintains a revolving loan fund for such projects, and has moved Montague to the top of the list for \$1.8 million in low-interest loans. But sooner or later, the cost of the project will fall to the town, to be met by grants, if available, or increased tax levies on all residents or increased sewer bills just for sewer users. Should the 2200 residences and 12-15 commercial businesses directly connected to town sewer pay the total cost? Or should the 4500 taxable parcels, including those that have private septic systems, share the burden, as improvements to the town's infrastructure may lead to more economic development and eventually to a broader tax base? Sewer users may have to pay an increased tax levy and an increased sewer bill. Others have pointed out that the sewer users don't have to pay for the regular expenses associated with private septic systems, why should private septic users pay for upgrades to town sewers?

It was clear from Tuesday's

meeting there are still more questions than answers at this point. But the board seemed to be leaning toward making every taxpayer pay some percentage of the repair work.

"We can't make everybody happy," said Pruitt.

"Everyone benefits from a working plant. It is like a school," said Ross, referring to the benefits all town residents get from a good school system, regardless of whether or not they have children enrolled. But he added, "Getting a sense of what is fair is going to require some pretty significant estimating." Ross asked whether the total project needed to be done now. "We have to do it. We stand a good chance of being fined if we don't do it," said Allen.

In other business, Turners Falls resident Mark Cannon expressed his concern about noise coming from the Second Street Café because of open doors and windows during periods of higher activity from Thursday through Saturday. "They should close the doors and windows at a reasonable hour," he said. According to Cannon, there are more events going on at the bar this year and he is not the only one who is unhappy. He presented the selectboard with a petition signed by other residents asking the board to take action. Cannon said he had spoken to the bar's management, but received no satisfaction.

"It takes away from personal and residential rights," he said referring to the noise. "We'll pass this on to Chief Zukowski. Let's see how the new regulations work," said Allen, speaking of the new noise regulations signed into effect by the board just last week.

In other business, Nate Donovan and Chris Janke were both appointed to the Montague Economic Development Industrial Corporation, or MEDIC, for a term of three years. Allen announced the First Annual Montague Thank You to take place on Wednesday, June 15th from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Schuetzen Verein in Gill. The purpose of the event is to honor the town's volunteers who serve the community. All such volunteers and town staff are invited free of charge. Guests may attend for \$5.00. Allen asked that those who planned to attend should contact the town planner's office by June 2nd @ 863-3208.

Other reminders of upcoming events:

There will be a Strathmore Mill Redevelopment Feasibility Study public forum on Wednesday, May 25th at 7 p.m. at the TFHS auditorium.

Pre-town meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st at 7 p.m. at the Great Falls Discovery Center.

The special town meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9th at 7 p.m. at the TFHS auditorium.

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memorial flags every year, or as needed.

According to Parent, the public has responded very positively to the display on Avenue A. "I just had two calls, people thanking me for putting up the flags... I've only had one negative response in two years," he said.

Also on Friday, flags were added as a memorial of those killed in Afghanistan, where before they represented only those killed in Iraq.

His goal for the display is to get people's attention. "When you drive by every day and look over there [you] can see the number and see the flags and know what they represent," he said.

On Memorial Day, the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) and the Montague Elks will hold a ceremony at the Veterans Park on Avenue A where they will read out loud the names of those killed in Iraq and Afghanistan from Massachusetts.

"I feel [the soldiers] are out there defending our country and we should give them support. You can not like the war, but you still need to support the men and women who are in harm's way," Parent said.

He also added, "We hope we don't have to add any more flags."

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THE HEALTHY GEEZER

Hearing Aids for M-m-my Generation

BY FRED CICETTI

LEONIA, NJ - Q. I'm 67 and have always had very good hearing. Lately, I've noticed that I can't pick up some things my granddaughter says. Is this significant?

About one in three Americans over 60 suffer from loss of hearing, which can range from the inability to hear certain voices to deafness.

There are two basic categories of hearing loss. One is caused by damage to the inner ear or the auditory nerve. This type of hearing loss is permanent. The second kind occurs when sound can't reach the inner ear. This can be repaired medically or surgically.

Presbycusis, one form of hearing loss, occurs with age. Presbycusis can be caused by changes in the inner ear, auditory nerve, middle ear, or outer ear. Some of its causes are aging, loud noise, heredity, head injury, infection, illness, certain prescription drugs, and circulation problems such as high

blood pressure. It seems to be inherited.

Tinnitus, also common in older people, is the ringing, hissing, or roaring sound in the ears frequently caused by exposure to loud noise or certain medicines. Tinnitus is a symptom that can come with any type of hearing loss.

Hearing loss can be caused by "ototoxic" medicines that damage the inner ear. Some antibiotics are ototoxic. Aspirin can cause temporary problems. If you're having a hearing problem, ask your doctor about any medications you're taking.

Loud noise contributes to presbycusis and tinnitus. Noise has damaged the hearing of about 10 million Americans, many of them Baby Boomers who listened to hard rock with the volume turned up as far as possible.

Hearing problems that are ignored or untreated can get worse. If you have a hearing problem, see your doctor. Hearing aids, special training, medicines and surgery are options.

Your doctor may refer you to an otolaryngologist, a physician who specializes in problems of the ear. Or you may be referred

to an audiologist, a professional who can identify and measure hearing loss. An audiologist can help you determine if you need a hearing aid.

There are other "hearing aids" you should consider. There are listening systems to help you enjoy television or radio without being bothered by other sounds around you. Some hearing aids can be plugged directly into TVs, stereos, microphones, and personal FM systems to help you hear better.

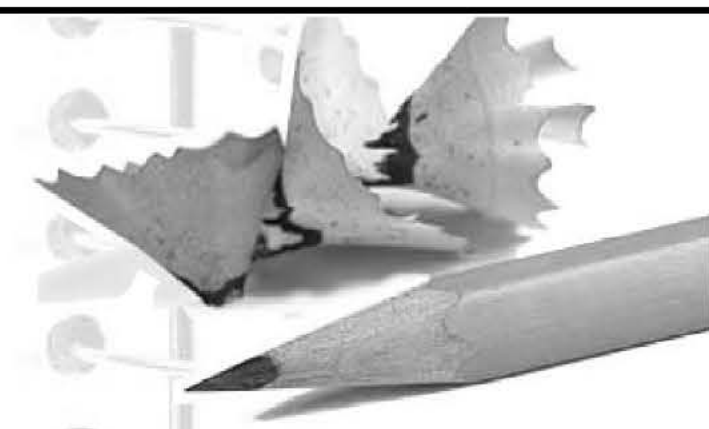
Some telephones work with certain hearing aids to make sounds louder and remove background noise. And some auditoriums, movie theaters, and other public places are equipped with special sound systems that send sounds directly to your ears.

Alerts such as doorbells, smoke detectors, and alarm clocks can give you a signal that you can see or a vibration that you can feel. For example, a flashing light can let you know someone is at the door or on the phone.

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ERVING

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fulltime patrolman, are both relative newcomers to the Erving department. Sharp said they both joined the force in 2004.

"We're working through this to make sure all the shifts are covered," said board member Andy Tessier.

Also on the warrant for June 27th will be articles dealing with major changes to the town's zoning bylaws, book-keeping articles for the planning board, and a request from the town treasurer to appropriate \$1,000 to pay for computer software. That special town meeting may take place at the elemen-

tary school, due to the controversial nature of the proposed zoning changes. Stay tuned.

Mitzkovitz Property

At a special town meeting at the town hall on Monday, May 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. voters will weigh in on the town's bid to purchase the 8.23 acre parcel known as the Mitzkovitz property, which borders both the Erving Elementary School and the police station. The town has offered \$165,000 for the parcel, which is located just above the well head to Erving's water supply. Also on the warrant that night as an article to transfer \$15,355.86 from the undesignated fund balance to the police

station account, to pay the final invoices and close the books on that project.

In Other Business

In other business, the board heard from newly elected parks and recreation commissioner Bill Bembury on his committee's plans for the so-called Boy Scout building, in Veterans Park in Erving. That building, deeded to Erving years ago on the condition the town would maintain the building, has been condemned for code violations and closed for the last two years. The parks and recreation commission would like to form a committee to look into the feasibility of renovating the struc-

ture, or the legality of demolishing it, if renovation is found to be unfeasible. An article to form such a committee will be placed on the June 27th special town meeting warrant.


Tessier warned that the town had other deferred building maintenance issues, particularly at the Erving wastewater treatment plant, where he estimated \$5 million in needed repairs were waiting to be attended to. Tessier said the treatment procedure at that facility, employing chlorine gas and bisulfite, was environmentally hazardous and would someday need to be replaced with more eco-friendly methods, such as ultraviolet disinfection.

Tessier recommended Erving's treatment plant supervisor Mike Pierce talk with Montague's treatment plant supervisor, Bob Trombley, about the prospects for upgrading the facility, since Montague shares the costs of operating the Millers Falls plant.

The board reorganized, electing Linda Downs-Bembury as the new chair. Newly elected member Jeff Dubay warned her that "ultimate power corrupts absolutely," but Downs-Bembury replied, "Don't worry. I come from a long line of uncorrupted individuals."



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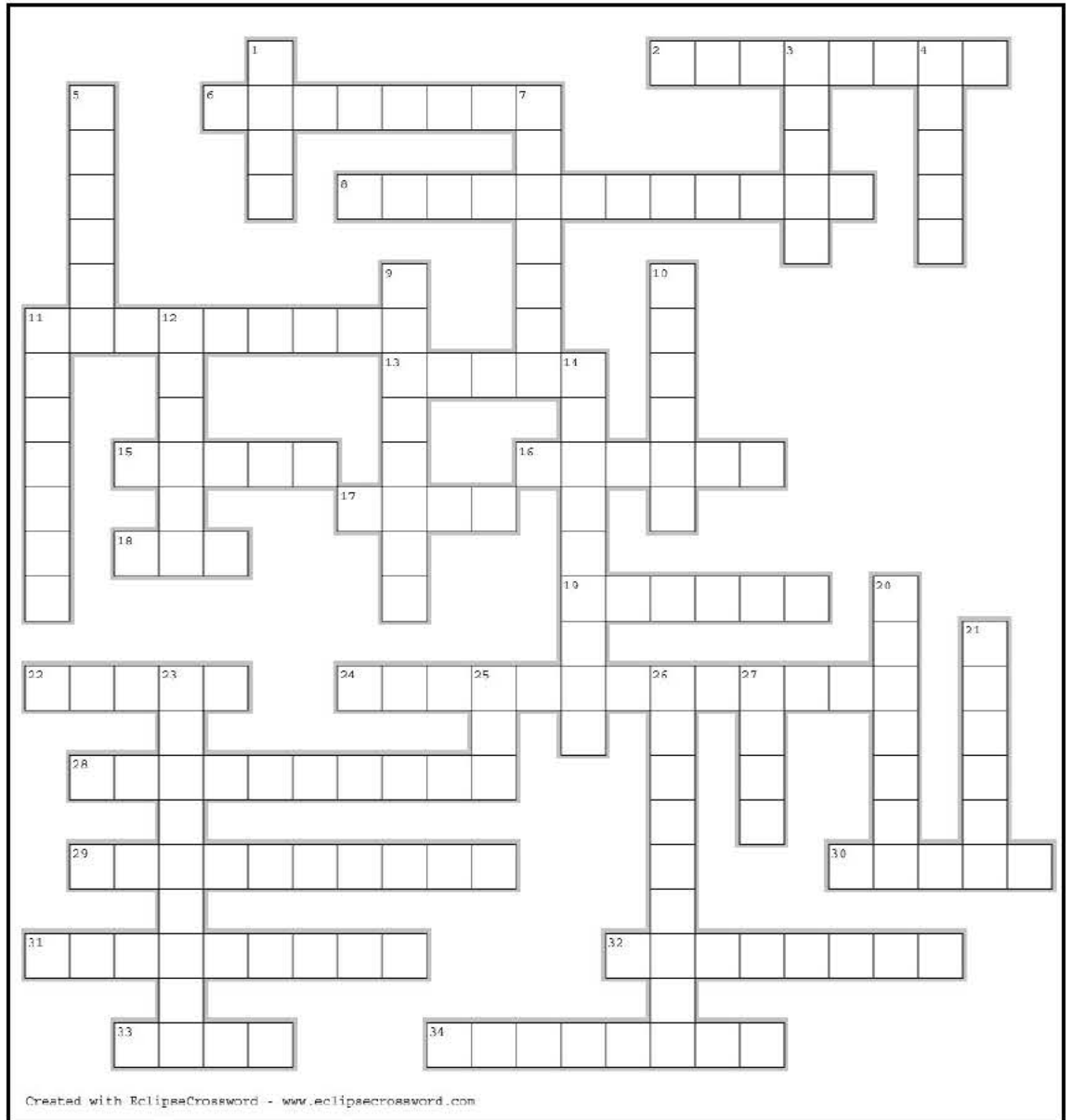
- 2. Luscious deep blue oil paint.
- 6. Blue character in the late 60's *The Pink Panther* cartoon.
- 8. Flowering vine with short-lived, trumpet-shaped blue flowers.
- 11. Blue toes are a sign of this.
- 13. He sang *Tangled Up In Blue*.
- 15. Fairytale baddie and sometime pirate who wore a blue one of these.
- 16. Colonial era crop-for-export produced this dye.
- 17. Some things occur once in a blue one of these.
- 18. The blue of the daytime firmament.
- 19. Mineral blue often used in pottery glaze.
- 22. A blue named for a fine-grained metamorphic rock that splits into thin, smooth-surfaced layers.
- 24. Common shade of blue in Greek pizza parlors.
- 28. A blue on the verge of lavender.
- 29. Semi-precious December birthstone.
- 30. The blue of a Westpoint sophomores uniform.
- 31. The blue of the sea off of Grand Turk's white sand beaches.
- 32. Poetic shade of dark blue.
- 33. A blue named for a river

duck.

34. The blue of the nighttime firmament.

Down

- 1. Shade of blue that traditionally denotes the gender of an infant.
- 3. Late 70's blue Saturday morning cartoon character.
- 4. The color blue in heraldry, from the Persian word for lapis lazuli.
- 5. A dusty talcum blue.
- 7. Beautiful, benevolent and blue Hindu god.
- 9. Famous British Neo-classical pottery named this shade of blue.
- 10. 1961 blue Elvis film.
- 11. Martha Washington decorated with this shade of blue.
- 12. A rolling thunder of expletives is a blue one of these.
- 14. Houses on an island off Massachusetts are often trimmed in this shade of blue.
- 20. Old Blue-eyes.
- 21. Famous blue waltz named for this European river.
- 23. Semi-precious stone used by Navajo lapidaries.
- 25. Shade of blue in an arctic vista.
- 26. A blue named for a red-breasted bird product.
- 27. A blue named for a branch of the military.



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THE PERSISTENT GARDENER

Planting Just Around the Corner

BY WOODY BROWN

MONTAGUE CITY - Almost always when you buy vegetable plants you hear the admonition, plant out of doors after all danger of frost has passed. For most vegetables, that's good advice. Of course, there are exceptions such as peas, lettuce and spinach, which can stand a little nip of cold air.

What isn't said about the frost sensitive plants like tomatoes, melons and peppers is that they are also affected by soil temperature. These three vegetables are particularly sensitive. They want and need a warm soil, 60 degrees Fahrenheit or better.

I know the urge to get the first tomato in the neighborhood tempts many of us to get those plants in the ground as quickly as possible. However, in my experience, the rush isn't worth it. Wait a week or two after the first frost-free date. I believe your plants will be more vigorous and heavy bearing.

Furthermore, you won't lose much time, if any, in the arrival of that luscious homegrown tomato or pepper.

Two terms you often see when you buy tomatoes are determinate and indeterminate. If you've wondered what these words mean in relation to the tomatoes you are considering, here goes.

In a determinate tomato, the stem growth stops when the terminal bud becomes a flower bud. Tomato plants of this type are also known as self-topping or self-pruning. In an indeterminate tomato, the terminal bud is always vegetative, thus the stem grows indefinitely until frost kills the plant. Indeterminate plants can be trained on a trellis, a stake or in wire cages.

It is a little late for me to be talking about varieties since you may very well have purchased all your seeds and plants. Nonetheless I'd like to make a few comments about varieties. I believe the principal reason we



enjoy crops from our own gardens is the flavor of these crops. The flavor of a homegrown tomato far exceeds in delight that "thing" we get at the supermarket. We exclaim this fact to ourselves and to our friends.

So may I suggest that you don't settle just for the tried and true and that you take a wild fling with a few new varieties every year. This year, for example, I'm growing eight different varieties. Three I've never tried before. For my taste buds, I'm determined to find the perfect flavor. I try a different variety of cantaloupe every year in hopes

of finding one that will produce decent sized melons and taste as good as Hatch's up in Gill. I still can't match him!

Finally a word on how big a garden you should have. If you're just starting out, I suggest you keep it small. Grow what you really like to eat. Don't grow sweet corn in a small garden however much you like it. It just plain takes up too much room. A couple of tomato plants, some lettuce, spinach and carrots might be enough.

You might want to add a squash or cucumber. Another year you can start early with peas, and as you get into the season, some beans. Remember that a garden is to enjoy, not to labor over to the point of annoyance. You should be able to finish the weeding and still sit down to sip a glass of Chardonnay before sunset.

Happy gardening!

The Greenfield Garden Club's 10th Annual Extravaganza Plant Sale

Saturday, May 28th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the home of the club's display garden on Trap Plain, at the corner of Silver and Federal Streets in Greenfield. The sale will feature plants, bulbs, a green thumb tag sale, a coffecan raffle, soil testing by master gardeners for \$1; also composting information and demonstrations by representatives of the Franklin County Waste District. All proceeds from the sale 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 at m.mcguane@comcast.net or our website: www.greenfieldgardenclub.org

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Brady Deal Gets Done

BY LEE CARIGNAN

TURNERS FALLS - The New England Patriots re-signed quarterback Tom Brady to a 6-year, \$60 million dollar deal that will keep him in New England through the 2010 season. The three-time Superbowl winning quarterback will get a \$26.5 million signing bonus, which will be paid in two installments. \$14.5 million will be paid this year and \$12 million next year. This contract should ensure that Brady would play his whole career as a Patriot. The deal had been in the works for a while and finally got completed last weekend.

Brady, who still had two years left on his old agreement, with high cap numbers, didn't want to sign a contract that would hurt the team's salary cap. The new deal will cut \$1.58 million off this year's cap number. Brady has become the best quarterback in the league and was willing to take less money than the Colts Peyton Manning (\$14.1 million per season) and the Falcons Michael Vick (\$13 million per season). Brady could easily have asked to be the highest paid quarterback in the league. That's not what he's about. Brady knows that would have hurt the Patriots chances of

continuing their dynasty.

Getting Brady signed was vital for the Patriots franchise going forward. They now have their most important player signed for the long term. With their biggest expense out of the way, the Pats can move forward with other financial issues. They now know what they have to work with to sign other players. The new collective bargaining agreement should push the salary cap up around \$100 million in two more years, so it made sense for the Pats to get this deal done now, at a fair price, while they had more leverage.

In other Patriots news, linebacker Chad Brown signed a two-year contract this week with the Pats worth \$2.35 million, plus incentives. With the uncertainty of Teddy Bruschi and the loss of Roman Phifer,



the Patriots have been very active in the linebacker market this off-season. They have already signed Kansas City Chiefs inside linebacker Monty Beisel and selected linebacker Ryan Claridge of UNLV in the fifth round of April's college draft.

Brown, a 13-year veteran, will give the Patriots experience and flexibility, something they covet from their linebackers. At 6'2, 245 pounds, he is big

enough to take on guards against the run and is agile enough to cover receivers. He is also a very good pass rusher.

Three other teams were interested in Brown, including his hometown Denver Broncos, his former team the Pittsburgh Steelers, and the New Orleans Saints. Brown chose the Patriots because he felt they gave him the best chance to win a Superbowl. He also liked the fact Belichick gave him a personal call and let him know how much he liked the linebacker's game over the years, and remembered Brown back in the days when Belichick was coaching the Cleveland Browns.

Brown began his career with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1993, but left as a free agent to sign with the Seattle Seahawks before the 1997 season. The 34-year-old linebacker averaged 93

tackles a season during his years with the Seahawks. Brown has had nagging injuries in recent years, playing only eight games in 2002, fourteen games in 2003 and seven games in 2004. Brown, who only played half of last season, said he feels fresh going into this year, and his broken bone injury from last year is completely healed.

With the Chad Brown signing, the Patriots have improved their depth at middle linebacker. They now have a legitimate every down player that can help fill the void if Bruschi sits out next season.

Good news for fans still looking for Patriots tickets. The Patriots will be selling a limited number of individual game tickets. The tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster on Saturday, May 21st at 10 a.m.

Small Town League off to a Great Start

BY JOHN DUDA

GILL - Gill Pride held on to beat the Montague Green Dragons 7 - 6 on Tuesday, May 10th, as pitchers Alyssa Weld and Mackey Hemphill combined for 14 K's and multiple hits. Brooke Hastings doubled and singled with Jackie Lafleur getting two hits. For the Green Dragons, pitcher Stacey French with 7 K's hit along with Alyssa Nicotra. A good crowd was on hand to cheer for both teams on opening day.

On Wednesday, May 11th the Vernon Rockets snuck past Gill Pride 19 - 7. Lindsay Johnson led the Rockets with 4 hits including a triple and a home run. Mary Richardson had 3 hits. Jane Booth pitched well in relief while second baseman, Natasha Vaughn, had 6 unassisted put outs and two hits. Outstanding rookie Kate Dowd got a hit for Gill Pride.

There's more excitement to come from the Small Towns League. Another great season and another good reason to pick up every issue of the *Montague Reporter*!

John Duda is the coach of the Gill Pride.

Turners Falls Water Department

2004 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

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The Board of Water Commissioners meets the first Wednesday of each month at 4:30 at the Turners Falls Water Department.

The Annual Meeting of the Turners Falls Fire District is held the third Tuesday in April.

Quality on Tap!

This is the seventh annual consumer confidence report on the quality of drinking water supplied to our consumers. Our water system is routinely inspected by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The DEP inspects our system for its technical, financial and managerial capacity to provide safe drinking water to you. To ensure that we provide the highest quality of water available, your water system is operated by a Massachusetts certified operator who oversees the routine operations of our system. We are pleased to inform you that during the year 2004 the Turners Falls Water Department met all State and Federal Standards for quality and safety.

Where Does your water come from?

The Turners Falls Water Department's main source of water consists of two artesian wells. These gravel-packed Wells #1192000 1G and #1192000 2G pump 1.2 to 2 million gallons of water per day to the filter plant. The treated, filtered water is then discharged into the gravity fed distribution system. There are over 57 miles of underground mains and pipe within the Turners Falls Water District. The storage facilities in Turners Falls have a total storage capacity of 6.3 million gallons. Lake Pleasant and Green Pond are emergency backup surface water supplies.

Is My Water Treated?

Our water system makes every effort to provide you with safe and pure drinking water. To improve the quality of the water delivered to you, chlorine is added to the water to reduce levels of iron and manganese. The water quality of our system is constantly monitored by us and the DEP to determine the effectiveness of existing water treatment and to determine if any additional treatment is required.

Protecting Turners Falls Water Supply

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has prepared a Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) for the water supply source (s) serving this water system. The SWAP Report assesses the susceptibility of public water supplies. The steps in the source water assessment program are; to identify the location of all public drinking water sources; to inventory land uses within the recharge areas around each source; assess the susceptibility of each water source to potential contamination. This information will help water suppliers, local governments, and the public decide on appropriate land uses and best management practices to protect drinking water sources. Although the TFWD has many safeguards in place, the overall susceptibility ranking to contamination of the groundwater supplies is high, based on the presence of numerous high ranking threat land uses within the Zone II water supply protection areas. The report commends our water system on its proactive approach to source protection, only allowing water supply activities in Zone I, installing secondary containment in the well house and closing out a floor drain. Our Department has begun to address the protection recommendations by developing a Wellhead Protection Plan and by working with local officials to compare local wellhead protection controls. Also work with local officials on floor drain controls that meet DEP requirements.

A complete SWAP report is available at the Turners Falls Water Department, Montague Board of Health and online at www.state.ma.us/dep/brp/dws/. For more information, call the Turners Falls Water Department @ 863-4542.

Things You Can Do To Protect Our Water Supply

- Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly
- Do not use the rivers beds to dispose of any waste
- Minimize your purchase and use of hazardous products. Dispose of unused quantities properly.
- Take used motor oil and other such fluids to the Towns hazardous waste collection sites.
- Support Water Supply protection initiatives at the next Annual District Meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MONTAGUE POLICE LOG

False Alarms and Honest Mistakes

Thursday 5-12

3:33 p.m. Report of a car broken into at a 5th Street address. Report taken.

Friday 5-13

2:23 p.m. Report of a fire alarm at Turners Falls High School. A male juvenile was arrested and charged with setting off a false fire alarm and disruption of a school or assembly.

3:07 p.m. Report of a fight at a Central Street address. Summonses issued.

Saturday 5-14

12:49 a.m. After a motor vehicle stop by the Gill - Montague bridge, [redacted] was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor (2nd offence), possession of a class D drug, and speeding.

Sunday 5-15

7:17 p.m. Report of a domestic disturbance at a Central Street address.

[redacted] was arrested and charged with domestic assault and battery. [redacted] was arrested and charged with trespassing.

Monday 5-16

9:11 a.m. Report of vandalism in Sheffield School parking lot. Motor vehicle window was smashed. Report taken.

Tuesday 5-17

3:20 p.m. Walk-in to station reported a breaking and entering at a Highland Street address in Millers Falls. Unfounded.

11:39 p.m. Report of a breaking and entering at a Franklin Street address in Millers Falls. Person said apartment had been entered on a regular basis. Under investigation.

Wednesday 5-18

1:18 a.m. Report of a robbery at an Avenue A address. A wallet was reported stolen. Person called back and said it was an honest mistake.

7:09 a.m. Report of a traffic hazard in the alley behind Doggie Dips and Clips. A trailer was blocking the dumpster. Owner told to move it.

**Turners Falls Water Department
2004 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report**

Sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and some infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on lowering the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the **Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)**

In order to ensure your water is safe to drink, testing is done according to regulations established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These regulations limit the amount of various contaminants. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: **Synthetic Organic Compounds** -pesticides and herbicides, **Volatile Organic Compounds** -gasoline and solvents, **Microbiological organisms** -viruses and bacteria, **Naturally occurring radioactivity and Inorganic contaminants** - salts and metals. The Department of Environmental Protection has granted the Turners Falls Water Department a waiver on testing of Inorganic contaminants and Synthetic Organic Compounds because the source is not at risk of contamination. The last samples collected for these contaminants were taken on 1/21/03 for SOC and 8/28/03 for the IOC and both were found to meet all applicable EPA and DEP Standards. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Range Detected	Highest Level Detected	Sample Date	Violation (Y/N)	Possible Source of Contamination
Nitrate	10 ppm	10 ppm	0-0.14	0.14	04/22/03	N	Run off from fertilizer use Leaching from septic tank sewage Erosion of natural deposits
Bromoform	Unregulated Contaminant		0.97-1.03	1.03	6/22/99	N	Byproduct of Drinking Water Chlorination

Lead & Copper Testing

On August 31, 2004 the TFWWD sampled 30 homes for Lead and Copper. Again our results are below the Lead & Copper rule action levels. Our next round of Lead & Copper samples will be due the 3rd quarter of 2007.

Contaminant	Date Collected	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile	# of sites above action level	Likely Source
Lead	8/31/04	15 ppb	0	1 ppb	0	Corrosion of household plumbing; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper	8/31/04	1.3 ppm	1.3	0.0362 ppm	0	Corrosion of household plumbing; Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservation

Definitions

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set close to the MCLGs (see below) as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Unregulated Contaminant - Contaminant for which the Environmental Protection Agency has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring is to assist EPA in determining if regulation is warranted.

Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant which if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

90th Percentile - Of every 10 homes sampled - 9 were at or below this level. ppm-parts per million ppb-parts per billion

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**MPRD is an official Tennis Welcome Center site.*



Free events at the Co-op!

Friday, May 27th at 6 p.m.
Artistic Resistance to occupation. Slideshow & discussion about anti-occupation work through the arts in the West Bank.
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Tuesdays, May 24th to July 12th, 5:15 p.m.
Self-Breema exercise class.

Tuesday, May 31st at 7 p.m.
"You Are What You Read," book discussion of Chocolate by Joanne Harris. Organized by the Greenfield Public Library. Held at the library. For more information, call Jessica Darcy at 772.1544 Ext. 21. Chocolate tasting provided by Green Fields Market.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



JACK COUGHLIN ILLUSTRATION

FRIDAY, MAY 20TH
Bellybowl Dinner & Music Series presents *Little Cyn and the Devils*, a dance band playing a mix of zydeco, roots, rock, and country with a strong Louisiana flavor. Bring your dancing shoes and be prepared to rock n' zydeco! 7 - 9 p.m. 104 4th Street, Turners Falls. For more info or directions call 863-4064.

Third Friday Contra Dance with *Tomczak Productions*, Guiding Star Grange Hall, 401 Chapman St., Greenfield. 8:00 p.m. to midnight. (802) 387-9380.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MAY 20TH & 21ST
The Media Arts Cafe features the film *The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill*, Rated G. A documentary by filmmaker Judy Irving set in San Francisco captures the birds' inner feelings and outer lives. A homeless musician finds meaning to his life when he starts a friendship with dozens of parrots. This is a bird lovers must!!! One show each night at 8:30 p.m. \$10 general admission, \$8 seniors, \$6.50 students. Ticket price includes complimentary beverage. Media Arts Cafe is in the Green Trees Gallery, 105 Main St., Northfield.

FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY MAY 20TH, 21ST & 22ND
Ja'Duke Center for Performing Arts presents *The Wizard of Oz*. at the Shea Theatre, 71 Avenue A, Turners Falls. 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday. For more info or to reserve tickets please call (413) 863-2281.

SATURDAY, MAY 21ST
Adding 21st Century flash to vaudeville tradition, Dan Foley and Joel Harris are *The Airborne Comedians*. Whether balanced atop seven-foot unicycles or frantically flinging objects at one another, this pair is a sure bet to make you laugh. Live at the Wendell Full Moon Coffeehouse in town hall on the common in Wendell center. Visit www.wendellfullmoon.org for info and directions. Proceeds to benefit Swift River Preschool. Showtime 7:30 p.m. Sliding Scale Donation \$6 - \$12 at the door. Decadently Delicious Dessert-o-rama, special blend fresh brewed coffee

by Dean's Beans, Non-Smoking and Alcohol Free.

The Town of Ervings Memorial Day Parade & Civil War Monument Dedication will take place at Veterans Field, Moore St. (Rt. 63). Parade begins 10 a.m., Dedication at noon, Civil War encampment (10th & 25th Mass Regiments) and food. Bellybowl Dinner & Music Series presents an eclectic mix of live acoustic folk, bluegrass, blues and improvisational music. 7 - 9 p.m. 104 4th Street, Turners Falls. For more info or directions call 863-4064.

The Pioneer Valley Symphony, Paul Phillips, Music Director and Conductor, presents its season finale: Haydn's Nelson Mass. Also to be performed are Elgar's Cockaigne Overture and Brahms's Variations on a Theme by Haydn. 7.30 p.m. at John M. Greene Hall, Smith College, Northampton. Advance tickets are \$16.00 general, \$14.00 senior, \$10.00 student and \$5.00 children, available at World Eye Bookshop, Greenfield; Broadside Bookshop, Northampton; and online at www.pvso.org. Door prices are \$18.00 general, \$17.00 senior, \$10.00 student and \$5.00 children.

Third Saturday Contra Dance with *Blue Sky*, Guiding Star Grange Hall, 401 Chapman St., Greenfield. 8:00 to 11:30 p.m. (413) 774-2830.

FRIDAY, MAY 27TH
New Wendell Community Dances at Town Hall, held monthly every **fourth** Friday: *Contact Improvisational Dance Jam*. Fragrance free, drug and alcohol free, all ages, wheelchair accessible. 7 to 10 p.m. Sponsored by Stay Local, Play Local. Come and check out contact improv, a group or partner dance form which plays with connection and improvisation. Warm-up offered first half-hour, otherwise open structure. Please refrain from wearing fragranced products (incl. perfume,



Rory Block
Saturday
May 28th

Memorial Hall
Shelburne Falls
7:30 p.m.

cologne, essential oils and scented hair products) to create access for organizers and participants with chemical injury. Admission by donation, suggested fee \$4-\$9.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 28TH
Hilltown Folk presents Rory Block performing with Elric Walker opening • 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall in Shelburne Falls. One of the greatest acoustic blues artists alive today, the New York Times has declared Rory Block's "playing perfect and her singing otherworldly." Weilding a fiery guitar and and haunting vocal style, Block has been called a "national treasure in the form of the Mississippi Delta blues." Rolling Stone said of her, "Some of the most singular and affecting Country Blues anyone, man or woman, black or white, old or young, has cut in recent years." But quotes and accolades aside, you will simply be entranced by the passion and intimacy of Rory's performance. \$15 advance, \$18 door, under 18 half price!

Fourth Saturday Contra Dance with *Tophill Productions*, Guiding Star Grange Hall, 401 Chapman St., Greenfield. 8:00 to 11:30 p.m. (413) 773-1671.

SUNDAY, MAY 29TH
Town of Gill Memorial Day

Ceremony beginning at the Gill Congregational Church at 10:00 a.m., with Mr. Paul Seamans speaking, and continuing across Main Road to the war memorial for the Rose Ceremony, the honoring of the colors and the playing of Taps. We hope you can join us for this special event in honor and memory of those who have fallen while wearing our country's uniform. For more info call Gary Bourbeau at 863-8613.

NOW THROUGH MAY 29TH
Green Trees Gallery features artist M. E. Kane, "Casualties or Creations". Works in charcoal and oils of the sculptural stumps left by the Army Corps of Engineer's Tully Dam project. Green Trees Gallery, 105 Main St., Northfield. Call (413) 498-0283 for more information. Gallery Hours: Thursday - Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

NOW THROUGH JUNE 12TH
New Art Exhibit opens at Northfield Mount Hermon. Trying to find truth is a concern of Arthur S. Goldberg, Northfield Mount Hermon class of 1955. And he does it by collecting art. Goldberg recently decided to share his muse by donating 11 of his paintings to NMH to coincide with his 50th reunion year. The Arthur S. Goldberg Collection is a near survey of contemporary art in New England. *Sharing a Passion: Gifts from the Collection of Arthur S. Goldberg* will run through June 12th at the Nada/Mason Gallery on the school's Northfield campus. A reception with Mr. Goldberg will be on June 11th at 5:30 pm at the gallery.

Hot Spot Teen Center

Monday - Ongoing Digital Arts Project, 3 to 5 p.m. except 5/30
Tue & Wed - Ongoing Music Project, 3 to 5 p.m.
Thursday - Technology Drop-in hours, 3 to 5 p.m. and Movie Night, 6 to 8 p.m.
Friday, May 20th - Film Festival, 6 - 8 p.m.
Friday, May 27th - Open mic, 6 - 9 and Avenue A Music Project CD Release Party

These programs are free (except some skate 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.

Hot Spot Teen Center is in
The Brick House
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24 Third St, Turners Falls

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May 20th & 21st
Beauty and the Beast

This version will mesmerize viewers with its dreamlike artfulness. Modern versions of the tale pale in comparison to director Jean Cocteau's velvet web of imagery and storytelling. 1946, B&W. 96 min. French w/subtitles. Music before the movies: Friday - Doug Creighton & Dedo Norris, Saturday - Leo T. Baldwin & Some Old Hippies - 7:00 p.m. Film at 7:30.

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- MONSTER IN LAW in DTS sound
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Play It Again Sam at NMH

NORTHFIELD - As movie buffs are wont to point out, what Humphrey Bogart actually says in *Casablanca* is "Play it once, Sam" and then, "You played it for her, you can play it for me!" But literary accuracy notwithstanding, Woody Allen's play is titled *Play It Again, Sam*, and the Northfield Mount Hermon theatre department will be offering it for their spring production. In this comedy, neurotic writer Allan Felix has just gone through an unexpected divorce. He seeks the help of his best friends to get back into the dating game, and also gets unsolicited coaching from the spirit of Bogart, his movie idol. Directed by David Rowland, showtimes are on May 27th, June 3rd and 4th at the Silverthorne Theatre on the school's Northfield campus. Show time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2 and all are welcome. For reservations, please email David Rowland at david_rowland@nmhschool.org.

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16. RUBY	15. MUNCHKINS
17. BRAIN	17. BAUM
19. GLINDA	18. WATER
20. GALE	21. TOTO
22. MARVEL	
23. HOME	
24. SPOOKS	

The Evening Star

BY FRAN HEMOND

MONTAGUE CENTER - Way back when, I remember my mother showing my brother and me a heavenly sight. From a second story porch in a city suburb, a gorgeous yellow planet dominated the evening sky.

"The evening star," she said, and I grew up wondering which of our lovely planets had introduced me to the glory of the night.

We in New England are at the mercy of weather patterns and cold and must give star-watching a priority when a fairly cloudless, decently warm night arrives. We can 'tough it out' Yankee-style, or even see just a bit of the show. Some of us have watched a Perseid meteor shower through a convenient bedroom window.

And certainly the full Flower Moon, which the almanac says will rise about 8:30 in the east on the evening of the 23rd of



May, and set shortly before dawn on the 24th, is worth a sighting, on some part of its journey, weather permitting.

The beauty of an almanac is that it tells you the times of risings and settings of the sun, moon and planets, and, if you have a general idea of the ecliptic (the path of the sun across the sky), your chance of identifying the planet is good. If the planet is in conjunction with the moon, so indicated by symbols on the right hand calendar page for that month and day, you

cannot miss the moon's nearby companion for the night. Jupiter is in conjunction with the moon on May 19th, for example. With patience, even if you have forgotten the symbols for Jupiter and all, you can retrieve the loss by use of the good little chart in the almanac. Venus, for instance, is symbolized by a mirror, so apt.

The internet must have the data to follow these celestial events, but the Old Farmers Almanac has kept some of us informed for many years about

day and night doings in the sky.

The planets are the kings and queens of the night. In earlier days, they were represented driving their chariots across the sky. The Greeks and Romans, the Norse too, and probably others we do not know about, unhampered by a brightly lit Earth, transposed an exciting culture to the night skies. The constellations must have given generations to whom night was mostly dark a feeling of the finite: a sheltering closure, guarded by their gods and supermen.

That is how the 'evening star' that blazed in the heavens seemed to a child. I have decided it was probably Venus. But reliving the magnificence of a star-studded night when my errant cat stayed out after dark, and appreciating the brilliance of Jupiter in spring, I am not sure.

Protest Against Military Recruitment

Friday, May 20th

at the Military Recruitment Office, Federal Building on Main Street, Springfield. 4 to 6 p.m.

In response to recent exposures of serious recruiter improprieties, including fraud and coercion, the U.S. Army is issuing a stand down order to all its recruiters for May 20, 2005. Various peace and community groups are responding with a national call to action the same day. Stand with us this Friday in Springfield to protest the unethical and illegal tactics used by recruiters. Sponsored by: American Friends Service Committee, Arise for Social Justice, Catholic Workers (Spfld), International Socialist Organization, Lokapala Organization, Traprock Peace Center, Veterans for Peace, Waronoke Peace Action, Western Mass. IAC/TROOPS OUT NOW Coalition



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Friday, May 20th, 7- 9 p.m. - Nightjars: Presentation and Field Trip.

Dave Small, president of the Athol Bird and Nature Club, will introduce participants to nightjars in a presentation in the Great Hall of the Great Falls Discovery Center and then lead a trip to a near-

by field site for observations; nighthawks, whip-poor-wills, and perhaps a woodcock in late courtship display. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, May 21st, 8 - 10 a.m. - Birding in the Local Area

Join John Greene, expert naturalist and birding by ear specialist, as he discovers newly arrived spring migrants. Co-sponsored by USFWS, Friends of the

GFDC, and Pioneer Valley Institute. Meet at GFDC.

Free and open to the public.

Saturday, May 28th, 8 - 11 a.m. - Accessible Birding Adventure: Indigo Buntings

Join Marcy Marchello and Taj Schottland on an outing in search of spring birds in Turners Falls. We will carpool to Northfield to look for indigo buntings and other easily viewed birds singing on terri-

tory in fields and wetlands. Advance registration required; please call Marcy at 413-545-5758.

Saturday, May 28th, 1- 2 p.m. - It's Nest Building Time

All are invited to join us in this family activity to discover the challenge of nest building. Find out why each bird's nest varies by species and habitat. Free and open to the public.

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