



Massachusetts

(at or about the Great Hill)

Agawam

(a place where the salmon jump)

Chicopee

(a place of violent water)

community

Consider place names
and their origin.

Nonotuck

(the mid-point place on the river)

Norwottok

(a far away land)

Wachusett

(near the mountain)

Greetings!

Do you know that *Democracy Now!*, a national, daily, independent, award-winning news program, is broadcast from 8:00am to 9:00am, Monday through Friday on WMUA, 91.1FM? The program, hosted by award-winning journalists Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez, provides its audience with access to people and perspectives rarely heard in the U.S.: corporate-sponsored media, including independent and international journalists, ordinary people from around the world who are directly affected by U.S. foreign policy, grassroots leaders and peace activists, artists, academics and independent analysts.

In the last two decades we have seen unprecedented corporate media consolidation. The U.S. media was already fairly homogenous in the early 80s: some fifty media conglomerates dominated all media outlets, including television, radio, newspapers, magazines, music, publishing and film. In the year 2000, just six corporations dominated the U.S. media. For true democracy to work, people need easy access to independent, diverse sources of news and information, so tune in! For more information, contact Kate, kate@earthlovers.org

take action!

In 2003, Frances Crowe, a community activist and leader, began a grassroots campaign to get *Democracy Now!* on a local radio station. Solidago Foundation and the Media Education Foundation were allies, as were a number of committed community members. Together, with the help of Kate Harris, they were successful in securing a spot for *Democracy Now!* on WMUA, 91.1FM (at UMass). Send this postcard to a friend or colleague who you think might be interested in listening.

"Hear me, four quarters of the world—a relative I am! Give me the strength to walk the soft earth, a relative to all that is! Give me the eyes to see and the strength to understand, that I may be like you. With your power only can I face the winds."

—Black Elk (1863–1950), Oglala Sioux holy man

☞ Do you value being a member of a diverse community? If so, why? Do your values translate into action? If not, reflect on why. Do you wish this to change?

☞ Ask a child about their school or community. Ask if she notices any differences between the ways people are treated.

☞ One of the ways people can become allies is through self-education. Take it upon yourself to do a meaningful piece of learning about a religious tradition which interests you. Call AFSC (413.584.8975) if you'd like some support in this endeavor.

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S S e E p P t T i E e M m B b E r R e

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Getting sensitive to language Using geographic terms to apply to one group of people can privilege the existence of one group at the expense of others who fit in this larger category. For instance, when we use the word "American" to refer to the culture and citizenry of the United States, we deny the fact that the "Americas" includes numerous countries and cultures as there are 35 nationalities represented in the Americas.			<i>"A peaceful heart makes a peaceful person. A peaceful person makes a peaceful family. A peaceful family makes a peaceful community. A peaceful community makes a peaceful nation. A peaceful nation makes a peaceful world."</i> —Ven. Maha Ghosananda (1929), Cambodian monk, teacher		(1838) Frederick Douglass escapes to freedom from slavery. Annual convention of the Islamic Society of North American, brings over 70,000 Muslims together annually in Chicago.	The Jones Library English as a Second Language (ESL) Center will facilitate a fall volunteer tutor training. Information: 413.256.4090 joneslibraryesl@hotmail.com
Heads Up: Hispanic Heritage Month begins September 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico was liberated on September 16 and Chile on September 18.	Janmashtami (Hindu). Honors the birth of Krishna, celebrating Dharma, righteousness over evil. During Janmashtami, devout Hindus observe a total fast until the midnight arti.	<i>"The challenge of social justice is to evoke a sense of community that we need to make our nation a better place, just as we make it a safer place."</i> —Marian Wright Edelman (1939), founder of the Children's Defense Fund, first Black woman admitted to the Mississippi bar	<i>"Nonotuck, also spelled Norwottuck, is a place name that in Algonkian roughly translates to mean 'the mid-point place on the river.' Today, we know it as Northampton. The Native peoples who had inhabited this place for millennia were, in the 1600s, closely allied with the Pocumtuck and Agawam at Springfield. English fur traders William and John Pynchon described the Nonotuck as independent-minded people who made formidable allies and respected trading partners. The willingness of Native people to participate in trade and tolerate English neighbors, however, directly led to their displacement when the fur trade diminished as English populations increased."</i> —Marge Bruchac, Abenaki, historical consultant for New England museums, a traditional singer and storyteller, and author of <i>Native Presence in Nonotuck and Northampton</i> in the upcoming 350th volume published by UMass Press.		"Let us not become the evil that we deplore." —Congresswoman Barbara Lee (1946). On September 14, 2001 she casts the lone vote against President Bush's use-of-force resolution in response to the tragedy of September 11, 2001.	
Birthday, Pedro Albizu Campos (1891–1965), leader of Puerto Rican Independence Movement	<i>"The basic community has some unique characteristics: it enables each member to find himself or herself as a person. It develops a sense of solidarity, a sense of a community of brothers and sisters.... Here is a mighty force for changing the structures of injustice that mark our society."</i> —Adolfo Pérez Esquivel (1931), Argentinean, Nobel Laureate, non-violent activist and organizer		<i>"...this year I want to call myself to task for what I have done and not done for peace. How much have I dared in opposition? How much have I put on the line for freedom? For mine and others?"</i> —Marge Piercy (1936), from <i>The Birthday of the World</i> , Jewish American novelist, essayist, and poet		Ganesh-Chaturthi (Hindu). Honors the elephant-headed god, Ganesh, who is said to remove all obstacles. Ganesh is a deity of auspiciousness, wisdom and wealth. 6th Annual North Quabbin Garlic and Arts Festival, Forster's Farm Orange, MA Info: www.seeds ofsolidarity.org	
 Gabriel Camacho	(2003) Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride to Washington, D.C. from cities across the U.S. demanding amnesty for the millions of undocumented workers.	<i>"O ye who believe! Stand out firmly for Allah, as witness to fair dealing, and let not the hatred of others to you make you swerve to wrong and depart from justice. Be just: that is next to piety: and fear Allah. For Allah is well-acquainted with all that ye do."</i> —Our'an 5:8	Fall Equinox The Dunbar Community Center provides these opportunities to underserved young people and their families in the Mason Square area: afterschool enrichment, cultural development, fitness, special needs advocacy. Information: 413.788.6143	(1868) El Grito de Lares (The Outcry of Lares), an uprising in Puerto Rico in protest of oppressive Spanish rule	Yom Kippur (Jewish). Begins at sundown Everywoman's Center, at UMass, provides services and advocacy to students and community members. The Center also has a Multilingual Interpreters Project and a Women of Color Leadership Network. Info: 413.545.5827	Yom Kippur (Jewish) Yom Kippur is the traditional day of atonement. Scripture teaches that the prayers and rituals of Yom Kippur repair transgressions between human beings and God, but brings no atonement for transgressions committed by one human being and another until the injured party is reconciled.
Turners Falls is named after Captain William Turner who led a massacre at an unguarded Native encampment at the falls in 1676. Hundreds of Native women, children and men perish as well as Turner and forty other colonists.	The town of Amherst is named after Lord Jeffrey Amherst who, in 1763, ordered the use of smallpox infected blankets against the Native Americans.		Model Koshar Sukkah (inhabited by "spiritual beings"), built by Emma Morgan's Aleph (K-1) Hebrew School class at Congregation B'Nai Israel in 1989. Sukkot (Jewish). Begins at sundown.	Sukkot (Jewish). Jewish tradition teaches that Sukkot is the season of joy and thanksgiving. At this time, Jews build a Sukkah (harvest booth) which symbolizes human vulnerability and God's protection.		

