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**Young Frankenstein** 

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FALL COLORS — The Howland Library in Beacon hosted an evening of paint, pumpkins and pizza on Oct. 17. Photo by Ross Corsai

# **How They Voted**

Governor enacts another round of bills passed by state legislators

#### By Chip Rowe

ov. Andrew Cuomo has enacted 379 bills so far this year passed by the state Senate and Assembly, with another 45 waiting for his signature. None has been vetoed.

Below are summaries of select laws enacted since Sept. 1 and the votes cast by Republican Sue Serino (whose Senate district includes the Highlands), Democrat Sandy Galef (whose Assembly district includes Philipstown) and Democrat Jonathan Jacobson (whose Assembly district includes Beacon).

#### **Gun rights**

On Sept. 3, Cuomo signed a law that requires legal residents of other states who reside in New York (such as those who own vacation homes here) to waive the confidentiality of their mental-health records from their home states when they apply for a county-issued gun permit. Before the

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# Beacon Mayor Seeks Third Term; Two Others Want Job

Casale faces challenge from council member, write-in

#### **By Jeff Simms**

 $\mathbf{B}$  eacon Mayor Randy Casale may be many things but afraid to speak his mind isn't one of them. Spend a few minutes in his office — the door's always open — and it becomes abundantly clear.

Overdevelopment of Beacon? "We're not developing, we're re-developing, because urban renewal took a lot of properties off the tax rolls in the 1970s."

His name on the Republican line on the general election ballot? "The only reason I'm on their ballot is because they don't have anybody else. I'm a member of the Independence Party."

His philosophy as mayor? "I want to be the mayor for all of Beacon. I pride myself on returning every phone call and email. I can't always tell people what they want to hear, but if I can't do something, I'll be honest with them."

Casale would like a third, 4-year term but he must defeat a strong challenger, longtime council member and Democrat Lee Kyriacou, along with Terry Hockler, who is campaigning as a write-in candidate after being defeated by Kyriacou in the primary for the Green Party line.

If elected, Casale would become the city's second-longest serving mayor behind Clara Lou Gould, who was in office from 1990 to 2007.

A lifelong Beacon resident, Casale, 68, has worked for the city most of his adult life. He was its highway superintendent for more than 20 years before retiring in 2002 and served two terms on the City Council, from 2008 to 2011. He was elected mayor in 2011 and four years ago defeated Ronald Ray, a Democrat, with nearly 70 percent of the vote.

As mayor, Casale will tell you that residential property values have gone up every year since 2014 while tax rates have decreased each of the last three years, with (Continued on Page 3)



Officer Ed Boulanger of the Cold Spring Police Department removes a boot from a vehicle on Main Street after its owner paid outstanding fines. Photo by M. Turton.

# Getting the Boot

With new device, Cold Spring police lock down offenders

#### By Michael Turton

o help recoup unpaid traffic and parking tickets, Cold Spring police have been applying "the boot," a tire-locking device that renders a vehicle inoperable.

Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke said the court periodically releases a list of the

plate numbers of drivers who owe more than \$200 in fines. If officers spot a plate on a car parked in the village, they apply the boot and leave a notice advising the driver to visit the Justice Court office at Village Hall during business hours.

Burke said that since the department began using the device in June, a number of drivers have come in voluntarily to pay their fines to avoid being booted. He noted said that being booted actually can save the driver money, because the car otherwise would be towed, with the motorist paying that fee as well.

A representative of the Beacon Police said the department does not have a boot to use on scofflaws.



# FIVE QUESTIONS: TIMOTHY HASKELL

#### By Michael Turton

**▼** imothy Haskell, of Cold Spring, is a member of Psycho Clan, the creative team behind I Can't See, an immersive "horror theater" experience in Manhattan that runs through Nov. 3. Haskell, who also co-owns the Cold Spring Cheese Shop, has created theatrical haunted houses for 15 years.

#### Why do so many people love haunted houses at Halloween?

We've come to accept this as the spooky season. Being scared is part of the holiday spirit. People like to be frightened because it's cathartic; the pathos of it all, the screaming, the anxiety — the same reasons they go on roller coasters. There's a sense of accomplishment when you're done. It allows you to have an adrenalin rush while not genuinely fearing for your life. You fool yourself into thinking it's dangerous.

#### Is there something fundamental that drives people's fear?

It encapsulates a lot of things: the anticipation, the unknown. When you go into a haunted house, you know someone is going to try to scare you. The unknown is how and what. Just before you enter a haunted house, as the doors open and you're at the front of the line, that's one of the most terrifying moments.

#### Is music a big part of your repertoire?

It is in *I Can't See* because people listen to the show through headphones while blindfolded. In the past, almost everything I did used original music. The moment builds, the string quartet builds, and there's the payoff, the musical bang. Music evokes so much emotion. I use a lot of New Age music in this show. Something soft, lilting and meditative can be unnerving. Sound effects make it much more real. It has to be a holistic sensory assault: it's about emotional and mental recall. The sounds, the smells, the feels, everything you can dredge up, makes it feel real.

moments can also be disarming. One haunted house trope is having a cheesylooking animatronic lunge out. It looks fake; you know people will make fun of it. Then a person comes out from the other side and it gets them. That's Haunted House 101.

#### Why has Halloween become such a big industry?

I don't know what the tipping point was, but it's about to overtake Christmas. It's a holiday everyone can enjoy - a children's holiday that adults have co-opted, so you have two audiences. And it's a nonreligious; it's part of everyone's life.



By Michael Turton

Is it OK to scare the dickens out of children at Halloween?

**Absolutely. The expression** on their faces is great, before they realize they've been pranked!



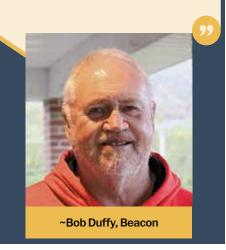
Brendan Barry, Beacon

It's OK to scare them slightly, but not too much.



~Jennifer Schoemaker, Beacon

Only with ghosts and things like that, nothing violent or gory.



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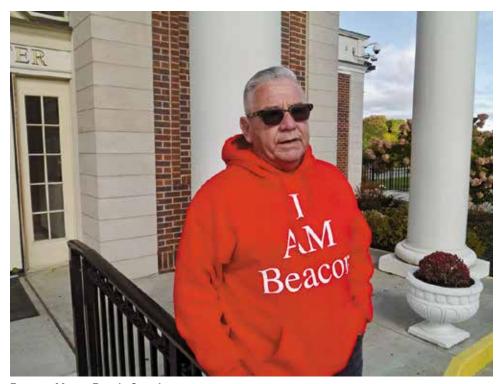
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**Beacon Mayor Randy Casale** 

#### Beacon Mayor (from Page 1)

a fourth decrease proposed in next year's budget. He hired the city's first full-time, paid fire chief in 2014 and, using federal grant funds, will add four full-time fire-fighters between this year and next.

Some \$60 million has been invested in restoring Beacon's aging infrastructure in the past eight years while the city's bond rating and healthy fund balance show fiscal responsibility, he says.

But more than anything else, this election will be about development. Depending on who you ask and what gets counted, between 900 and 1,000 residential units have been approved for construction in Beacon in recent years. Critics say development — punctuated by the three new four-story buildings on Main Street (another application to add a fourth floor to an existing building is under review by the Planning Board) — has gone unchecked on Casale's watch.

And as Beacon builds, some say, the city's charm and affordability slips away.

The mayor, however, argues that a high percentage — 213 of the new units — will be "affordable," based on the city's incometo-rent ratio.

"The word *gentrification* is out there," he acknowledges, "but that comes because your city's doing better. People want to come here. I'm a firm believer that we want our people [who have been here] to stay in Beacon, too, but it's not easy."

Without development adding new properties to Beacon's tax base, he explains, "we wouldn't be able to sustain the city without raising taxes so high that people would be run out of here."

When asked about his vision for the next four years, Casale talks about a lot more than development. Small tech businesses, walkability and open space protection — keeping density closer to the city's center and protecting its outer edges — are all on his list.

If he were selfish, Casale says, "I'd walk out on top and not run for re-election, because the next four years are going to be the toughest." He's referring to the possibility that the economy could regress and property assessments could go back down. If either were to happen, city leaders could be faced with hard choices in cutting costs or raising taxes.

But right now, Beacon is thriving, Casale says. Main Street is vibrant like it was half a century ago and, as mayor, he's in the thick of things. It's his favorite part of the job.

"I'm a face in the community, and that's important for the mayor to do," he says. "And I enjoy what I do. I've met so many good people."

"I want to be the mayor for all of Beacon. I pride myself on returning every phone call and email. I can't always tell people what they want to hear, but if I can't do something, I'll be honest with them."

~RANDY CASALE

#### The challenger

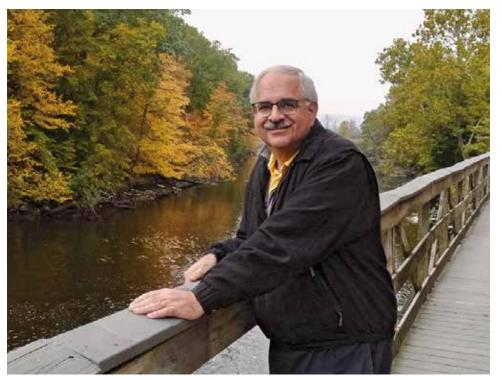
Kyriacou, who has served nine terms as a City Council member, says there's a world of difference between him and the mayor.

The differences, he says, are zoning expertise, planning and vision. Kyriacou, 63, calls himself the council's "zoning geek," pointing to his lead role in crafting last year's revisions of the Fishkill Creek and Main Street zones, as well as the "steep slopes" law, which restricts development on environmentally sensitive land.

The steep slopes law brought the Edgewater development down from 307 apartments to 246, although some residents have pointed out its overall footprint never changed.

"Over-the-top development is ruining a lot of the things that people love about Beacon," he says, "and threatening our quality of life. There's a stark difference between the two candidates, and that's why I'm running."

He cites the long-discussed restoration



Beacon City Council Member Lee Kyriacou

Photos by J. Simms

of the Tioronda Bridge as another example. "My vision has always been the restoration of a federal historic site in the stewardship of the city. The vision from others has been 'what a lousy old bridge.' I see what it can be again as opposed to 'it's gone, let's move on'"

Kyriacou, who works for a financial network in New York City, moved with his wife to Beacon in 1992. Eager to get involved in their new community, his wife joined local boards and a year later Kyriacou ran for City Council to represent Ward 2.

Main Street's zoning at the time called for 13-story high-rise buildings on either end with storefront apartments along the length of the street. "It didn't work," he recalls.

Kyriacou pivoted later to an at-large seat, where he's served, with two breaks, since. A run for mayor wasn't always the plan, he says. "I was on the council for 18 years to try to make changes from the sidelines," but the mayoral campaign is happening "because we need it right now."

Kyriacou says zoning will determine what Beacon becomes as it's developed, and there's still plenty of space to work with. He sees buildings on Main Street that could expand vertically, plus parcels in the Fishkill Creek zone south of Route 9D that lie undeveloped.

In addition, there's the former Beacon Correctional Facility and the Metro-North station — sites that either have revitalization plans attached to them (the former) or likely will again in the future (the latter).

"We need a vision for how it will all fit," he says, "and you need to look comprehensively at what the community's needs are going to be and plan for that. You need to look at every single parcel before you enact zoning. I spend my time reading [policy] to get every word right."

Kyriacou also talks about creating a dedicated fund to address parking in Beacon without raising taxes. Businesses that can't provide adequate parking would contribute to the fund instead.

State legislators would be called on to help address traffic in the heavily congested Route 9D/Interstate 84 corridor, and zoning codes would be revised to require publicly accessible green space as part of new developments in Beacon.

"Development should improve the community, not degrade it," Kyriacou says. "You don't get away with it without contributing" to municipal needs such as green space or parking.

The thought leads him again to the now-familiar refrain: zoning.

"You need to be able to say 'this is what we'd like," he explains. "But you have to build it into your zoning to get it."

Kyriacou says his vision for the next four years is to keep Beacon special. "My vision has always been a diverse community with a sense of community," he says. "I want both of those."

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~Lee Kyriacou

#### The write-in

As a write-in mayoral candidate facing a two-term incumbent and a challenger who's been on the City Council for 18 years, lifelong Beacon resident Terry Hockler knows she's got a challenge ahead of her.

But considerable odds or not, she says she's doing it for the love of her city.

"I love Beacon but I don't like the direction it's been heading," Hockler says, citing affordability and accountability as two of her chief concerns. "It's a pivotal time for us to have the right elected officials."

She'd like to see Beacon take on munici-(Continued on Page 25)

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#### LETTERS AND COMMENTS

#### Missing candidates

I am a longtime member and supporter of the League of Women Voters. It is important to me that citizens not only vote but become informed voters, both about those who run for office and about the functions their government performs. LWV is a highly respected, nonpartisan organization that works to empower and educate voters and expand access to voting. One way it does this is through candidate forums which are designed to be informative, evenhanded and fair.

On Oct. 16, I attended a candidate forum at the Haldane school sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Putnam County. I was disappointed that, of all the candidates running for town or county office, only the Democrats showed up to participate ("Few Challengers at Candidates' Forum," Oct. 18). My understanding is that this refusal by Republican candidates to appear at LWV forums occurred throughout Putnam County.

The voters in attendance, who made it to the forum in spite of a heavy rain, were denied the opportunity to hear even a short statement from candidates (all Democrats) who attended because LWV has a rule that if only one of two candidates running against each other show up, the candidate that attends is not allowed to speak. Fortunately, we were able to hear two candidates for the Philipstown Town Board, Judy Farrell and Bob Flaherty, answer questions.

I am a strong supporter of the Democratic/Team Philipstown ticket — its candidates are each highly qualified, honest, hard-working and dedicated to the betterment of Philipstown. But that doesn't mean I am not interested in hearing what other

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candidates have to say. And there were many people in the audience who would have benefited from an open discussion by all the candidates.

As we all go to the polls, we each should ask ourselves: "Do I want an elected representative who is unafraid to stand before me, present his or her views and listen to my concerns? Or do I want a representative who avoids contact with the broad range of constituents who they are running to serve?"

Margaret Yonco-Haines, Garrison Yonco-Haines is a vice-chair of the Putnam County Democratic Committee.

#### Philipstown.com

Why is it that whenever somebody runs against Tina Merando for Philipstown clerk, their first priority is to revamp the town website ("Questions for Candidates," Oct. 18)? Do they think that is the clerk's main function? Tina handles the website professionally, along with many other, farmore-important duties.

Pauline Minners, Nelsonville Minners is the former Nelsonville village clerk.

I have always found the town website to be a cut above most government sites. The minutes and the agendas are posted in a

timely manner and are easy to find, as well as other documents. I have found that Tina, as well as Joan and Theresa, have always been most helpful.

Tina deserves to be re-elected and has done an outstanding job. I thank her for seeking the position again and wish her success.

Cheryl Allen, Cold Spring

#### Suspended campaign

I applaud Catherine Parr for her honesty and integrity in suspending her campaign for a seat on the Cold Spring Village Board because of her pending move out of the village ("Candidate Pivot," *Letters and Comments*, Oct. 11). Her action shows the quality of her character. I could not help but notice that one of the "related stories" at highlandscurrent.org under her letter was about the debacle surrounding the most recent Nelsonville election [in which the newly elected mayor resigned because he planned to move out of the village]. The connection made me smile, and groan.

Alan Potts, Nelsonville Potts is a former Nelsonville trustee.

That was a classy message from Ms. Parr. I hope the unity vision of her ONE Cold Spring party will help in the effort to find (Continued on Page 5)





#### Saturday, Oct. 26 to Sunday, Nov. 3

- Early voting for Putnam County at Board of Elections, 25 Old Route 6, Carmel. Visit putnamboe.com for hours.
- Early voting for Dutchess County at Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52. Visit dutchesselections.com for hours.

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common ground at the local level, where we all live, after all.

Rob Abbott, Croton

#### **Candidate endorsements**

"Good, solid answers." That is what I heard mentioned after Philipstown Town Board Members Judy Farrell and Robert Flaherty spoke at the LWV forum on Oct. 16. I couldn't agree more. Hearing their answers and reading their responses in the Oct. 18 issue of *The Current*, I feel one comes away realizing the depth of their experience and their passion to help improve the quality of life for the citizens and businesses of Philipstown.

It was unfortunate that town clerk candidate Tara Percacciolo was not allowed to address the audience [because her opponent, Tina Merando, did not attend] but one needs only read her written responses and to talk to Tara to know she has a great command of the town operations and the dedication to see effective changes are made to benefit everyone. It is a pleasure working with them and I encourage all to support them this election season.

Michael Leonard, *Philipstown*Leonard is a member of the *Philipstown*Town Board.

I have had some interaction with the Hustis family since moving to Cold Spring in 1983. Harry Hustis became a treasured customer at my shop on Main Street; dear Charlie was a lunchtime mainstay; Don assisted me with cemetery research and information; Jamie is now a neighbor.

Throughout the week, I run into Chuck Hustis at Foodtown or on Chestnut Street. He and all the Hustises are an integral part of Cold Spring. I believe in his sincerity and desire to do the best for this village, and I support him in his candidacy for mayor.

Rena Corey, Cold Spring

As we select the holders of critical local offices, I want to note how apt the slogan "Good Neighbors" is to characterize Team Philipstown: incumbents Richard Shea (supervisor), Robert Flaherty (town council), Judy Farrell (town council), and Carl Frisenda (highway superintendent), and candidate Tara Percacciolo (town clerk).

Richard, Bob, Judy and Carl have been tireless in their dedication and have done consistently excellent work. And Tara would extend the Good Neighbors vision to the position of town clerk, which is not merely a job but an opportunity to bring a new vision to an important role in town government.

I urge my fellow voters to join in my support by voting for all of Team Philipstown. Stan Lovenworth, *Cold Spring* 

In 2016 I had the pleasure of meeting Camille Linson during her successful run for town justice in Philipstown. Since then, we have developed not only a professional relationship, but I am proud to call her my friend. She is a remarkable individual and if I didn't know her personally, I would still be writing this, just with about 30 fewer words. Camille is a breath of fresh air and always happy to meet anyone who has the opportunity to make her acquaintance; she is wonderfully humble. As Justice Linson, she is a credit to her profession, prepares diligently, and no one has more integrity.

Camille has tremendous respect for the law, the Constitution, and the rights of the individual. She is an intelligent attorney who was educated at Harvard and Oxford. Her law background is highly diversified and she is more than qualified for the job of county judge.

Two of her best qualities go hand in hand. First, she always listens intently to what people have to say! This is a lost art. She is not waiting to interrupt, and when she reveals her thoughts, they are backed with facts. I admire that she is open-minded and seems to treat every interaction as an opportunity to learn something new.

The second dovetails with the first, and that is her desire to do her best in whatever she is involved with. This is the fuel that seems to drive her. The most notable example of this has been during her tenure as town justice. She followed the lead of Judge James Reitz to implement drug treatment court practices in Philipstown. Camille would talk to me about her research and why the drug court model works, the experience she gained with Judge Reitz, and the countless

hours spent researching treatment court and spending time in Reitz's courtroom. This is something her opponent says he cares about but it seems he never found time to get around to it before he started running.

People may attempt to label Camille based on her party affiliation, but they would be so mistaken to think she will be an activist or soft on crime. Justice Linson is for justice, that's it! If one of my loved ones had the unfortunate circumstance of being a defendant, I would want them to be treated fairly. I would want someone like Justice Linson hearing the case; someone who will be there to guarantee individual rights are retained; someone who will not be affected by outside political influences, and someone who has the guts to allow nothing but the law to point the way to justice.

I am a conservative who will be voting for Camille Linson for Putnam County judge. Keith Anderson, *Philipstown* 

Until his tragic passing earlier this year, we were fortunate in Putnam County to have a judge of the highest moral character, intellect and compassion. Judge Reitz's handling of the drug court rightly earned him national praise and recognition and his commitment to help those struggling with addiction earned him admiration from residents.

It is critical that we replace him with someone who has the right experience and judicial temperament. Judge Joe Spofford is the right person for the job. Having

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# **NOTICE**

#### **ESTOPPEL**

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on the 5th day of September, 2019, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Philipstown, Putnam County, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. Such resolution was subject to permissive referendum. The period of time has elapsed for the submission and filing of a petition for a permissive referendum, and a valid petition has not been submitted and filed in connection with such resolution.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: Cold Spring, New York, October 23, 2019.

Tina M. Merando, Town Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 2019.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE TOWN HALL IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN, PUTNAM COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$2,000,000 AND AUTHORIZING, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,000,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

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served as Carmel Town justice for the last 20 years, he has a demonstrated record of being fair, impartial and for treating everyone who has come before him with respect.

Now is not the time for on-the-job training. We need a judge who will hit the ground running and follow through on the important work of Judge Reitz. I can think of no one better than Judge Spofford to do that job.

Cindy Trimble, *Cold Spring* 

I know from personal experience that Camille Linson approaches issues in a careful and balanced manner and applies thoughtful judgment to solve problems. She has been doing terrific work as Philipstown justice for the past three years and I believe that she will be a worthy successor to Judge Reitz.

Robert Bickford, Philipstown For more endorsement letters for candidates in Cold Spring, Philipstown and Putnam County, see highlandscurrent.org. Letters supporting candidates in Beacon and Dutchess County are also posted online and a selection will appear in print next week.

#### **Rent limits**

As we are all aware, economic booms don't last forever and there will be a correction, sooner or later, which will cause a corresponding drop in rents ("New Law Allows Rent Limits," Oct. 11). While stabilizing rents is a good start, we can't rely on the vagaries of the economy. If Beacon is to remain a welcoming and interesting city, we need to insure livability for all income levels.

Mary Fris. *Beacon* 

The discussion of rent controls is too little, too late.

David Eberle, Beacon

#### **Cold Spring trolley**

Turn the trolley into public transportation for everyone ("Little Traction for Trolley with Cold Spring Board," Oct. 11). We would have buses all around our little corner of Putnam to carry people to useful places.

Sara Gilbert, via Facebook

#### Gender-neutral

A letter that appeared in the Oct. II issue, signed by Tracy Prout Bunye and



#### Spooky spider

I took some photographs of a spider outside my window, and I was wondering if you would like to use one at Halloween.

> Owen Sullivan-Hoch, *Garrison*

Owen is a sixthgrader at the Manitou School in Philipstown.

If you add up the variations in sex chromosomes, hormones, internal structures, etc., about 1 in 100 babies is born intersex, i.e., not a binary male or female.

Melinda Moyer

These poor kids, loaded with adult issues. Let them be who they want, but don't make it a label. My daughter (now grown) used to identify as a unicorn. Then she wanted to be a boy. Kids are fluid; stop weighing them down. If you have a penis, you pee in the boys' room, even if you feel like a girl.

Janet Moon

I have young kids and work as a child psychologist, and I agree that kids do change their identities frequently. That said, kids struggling with gender identity are not the same as kids who say they are a unicorn one day and a boy the next. The children I have worked with have felt conflict with their gender identity for years. When you have a 6-year-old in your office who has tried to mutilate his genitalia or a teenager who has been disowned by her family because of her gender identity or sexual orientation, the simplicity of "let them be who they want" isn't enough.

Tracy Prout Bunye

That's so very sad. But I still feel bathrooms are not the arena for this to be addressed. It's not shame-induced; it's privacy. Not all kids want to have this discussion at 10-years-old, even at home with a safe person. They don't want to be confronted with a genitalia conversation in school when they're trying to develop egos and accept themselves in comparison to the norms set by society. Life is so stressful for children now. Sexuality is at the forefront of everything to them.

Janet Moor

The discomfort some children may feel is something we need to be attentive to and consider. Trans kids are in the minority and suffer much more than their cisgender peers. So, in cases where the suffering is unequal, it's important that we consider ways we can protect the marginalized. Take, for example, a trans girl (born with male genitalia and chromosomes, but

clearly identifying as female) who presents as very feminine — dresses, sparkly, glitter, etc. When this child is forced to use the boys' bathroom, imagine how she feels when entering. Imagine what things are said to her by the boys in the bathroom.

Now imagine — and this doesn't require imagination for me, because I know this kid — her being thrown to the ground and pummeled by the boys inside a stall while they scream hate speech at her. Imagine her E.R. visit. Her terror at the thought of returning to school. Her growing awareness that she is truly hated. This is a kid who needs to use the girls' bathroom. If the policy had been in place in her school, she would have entered the girls' room discreetly (or even better, a gender-neutral bathroom), gone into a stall, sat down and peed, and left. Unharmed. Untraumatized.

Tracy Prout Bunye

Thank you for such a thoughtful, well-informed and well-written letter. I am grateful that the Garrison School has enacted this inclusive policy. Much appreciation to all who extend compassion to individuals whose experience is different from their own.

Cindy Hutchison

It is not "unkind" to not want a biological boy to use a girls' restroom. Why should a girl be subject to a boy in her bathroom? To be responsible — and, yes, it's kind too — have a single bathroom for use by anyone. Anything else is not just irresponsible but pure leftist madness. LGTBQ children and adults should be encouraged to understand this is not an issue against them. It is OK to want separate bathrooms and still accept everyone as they are. Stop making them feel like victims and empower them in the right way. Everyone be yourselves, and everyone be kind.

Judy Mclaughlin

The term "gender-neutral" in this case is misleading. The school board passed a policy allowing kids who identify by the other gender to use locker rooms and go on overnight trips as that gender, as well as be called by another name. The letter is trying to group homosexuals and gender-identity issues in the same category. You cannot decide to be another gender. It is physically impossible. You cannot change a person's chromosomes. Trying to make everyone get on the acceptance train is wrong. These kids have issues that need to be dealt with.

**Emily Raitt** 

You're right, gender and sexuality aren't the same thing, though they are often related and inform one another. Sex is based on genes and anatomy. Gender is subjective. All of us have our own gender identity — it is not only trans and gender-fluid folks. What does it mean to be a "woman"? It is likely different for you than for others. It is influenced by many factors but is often rigid in our minds because of sociocultural factors. This is a great topic to learn about if you are open to considering the real, lived experiences of your neighbors.

**Tracy Prout Bunye** 

eight other mental-health professionals, expressed disappointment at comments that appeared on The Current's Facebook page in response to a new policy at the Garrison School. The policy states, among other provisions, that a student may use the restroom and locker room that corresponds to "the student's consistently expressed gender identity at school." The letter elicited many comments of its own on Facebook, some of which are reprinted here, with occasional edits for brevity.

I hope the letter helps more people understand, empathize and support policies like the Garrison School's bathroom policy. Allowing people to use the facilities that match their gender identity is such an easy, painless step to make a child or adolescent's life a little bit easier.

Tara Vamos

Utter nonsense. There are two sexes. End

Ned Farley

Intersex is a lot more common than I realized — I was surprised when I learned more about it. About 1 in 2,000 babies is born with genitals so notably intersex that a specialist team is called in; one in 300 is born with genitals different enough that a pediatrician refers parents to a specialist at some point.

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# **Questions for Candidates**

#### By Jeff Simms and Brian PJ Cronin

n anticipation of the Nov. 5 election, we asked candidates for the Beacon City Council, as well as for the two seats on the Dutchess County Legislature that represent parts of the city, a series of questions by email. Their written responses appear below, presented in alphabetical order by last name.





#### **Beacon City Council**

#### Beacon Wards 1 and 2

Terry Nelson, the incumbent Democrat in Ward 1, and Air Rhodes, the Democratic candidate for the Ward 2 seat, are both running unopposed. Their responses are posted at highlandscurrent.org. Rhodes will succeed John Rembert, a Democrat who did not seek re-election to a second term.

#### **Reacon Ward 3**

The first-term Democrat, Jodi McCredo, is being challenged by Republican Andrew Gauzza, a Manhattan College student who lost to McCredo in 2017.

Aside from development, what's the biggest issue facing Beacon in 2020 and what can the City Council do to address it?

■ Gauzza: Infrastructure. Our council has

been content with simply repaving roads, which is a start, but we must do more. I would propose a plan for our sewage and water systems to be overhauled, as well. An equally pressing issue is the production of jobs. We export large numbers of jobs to New York City and the surrounding areas. The council has a responsibility to work on fixing these issues in a bipartisan manner and to create solutions which will boost the living conditions of every person who lives in Beacon.

■ McCredo: I have seen Beacon, like the rest of the country, become more divided. Social media has played a major role, and it's something we need to change. When my husband and I chose Beacon as the place to purchase our home and raise our children, it was because of the warmth and sense of community we felt. Over the past two years, many of us have held events, such as ward meetings and meet and greets, that were poorly attended. I am determined to work harder to not only schedule events for members of this community to get together, but to make sure that everyone knows about it, everyone who needs a ride gets one, and everyone feels welcome. Our commonalities are stronger than our differences, and we need to get out from behind our screens to remember that.

#### Tell us what makes you a better candidate.

■ Gauzza: I am young, I know how to work through problems and I am a person who can take initiative on issues. I am 21 and have lived in Beacon the majority of my life and I have seen Beacon at its finest and at its not-so-finest. I believe there can be solutions to the issues we face, especially development, but if nobody takes the initiative, we will continue to see the status quo. I have seen numerous projects come to fruition, namely the reformation of the Manhattan College Knights of Columbus Council and the formation of the Manhattan College Young Americans for Liberty Chapter. I have also shown leadership as an assistant coach for the Our Lady of Lourdes fencing team. All of these things have taught me to be a leader and how to interact with people who have legitimate concerns. If I am elected, I will not only work for the solutions that the people of

Beacon deserve, but I will answer any question honestly and I will always be accessible.

■ McCredo: My most important role is representing all of the people in this community. Soon after I was sworn in, I was asked to vote on a new chief of police, and while I feel confident that we made the right decision, I later received some negative feedback about the process. Community members told me they felt their voices should have been heard on such an important decision, and I agree. I then put forth a resolution, which passed unanimously, that all key appointments, hires and promotions would be made public a week prior to our vote, giving the public an opportunity to weigh in. With development being such a huge issue, I voted against the Edgewater project and for the "steep slopes" law put forth by Lee Kyriacou that prohibited maximum build-out on properties containing steep slopes and wetlands. I have a deep respect for my fellow council members, but we don't always agree. I have and will always vote for what I believe is in the best interest of my constituents.

#### Beacon's second building moratorium in two years is due to expire in March. What should be the city's next step in managing ongoing development?

■ Gauzza: The moratorium was a great start but further actions should be taken. One such issue is zoning and planning reform. We should have a quota for how much residential housing is allowed in

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the city, and we should be increasing our commercial zoning numbers. Residential zoning is not as tax-effective and will not bring jobs to the city. The second issue is parking. We need to find a solution, because there is not enough parking on Main Street for businesses to succeed. I would like to have an open discussion with city officials as well as residents to see what a costeffective and pragmatic solution to this problem would be. The third issue is infrastructure. Our sewage and water systems are outdated and overworked. We need a cost-effective solution, which in my mind would be through federal and state grants as well as partnerships with developers in Beacon, along with city spending, to fix large sections of our sewage and water systems, while not burdening taxpayers any more than they are already burdened.

■ McCredo: It's important to get our zoning right because the projects that get approved will affect this community for generations. Earlier this year the council had a meeting with members of the Planning and Zoning Boards which I found extremely helpful because it is important for all of us to be as close to the same page as possible on a vision for this city. We need to preserve our open spaces and our viewsheds and everything that makes Beacon "Beacon." We need to set firmer regulations on what developers are allowed to do and we need to provide stron-

ger incentives for them to include benefits to the community, such as job creation, environmentally friendly building practices, and pocket parks and trail access that we all can enjoy. We need to be proactive about making sure we have the infrastructure in place to support these new developments. We also need to make sure that we have affordable units that are actually affordable to people.

#### Beacon Ward 4

**Dan Aymar-Blair**, an executive with the New York City Department of Education, won the Democratic primary against **Kelly Ellenwood**, the former president of Beacon-Arts and one of the founders of the Wee Play organization, but Ellenwood qualified for the Independence Party line, so both will appear on the ballot. The winner will succeed Amber Grant, who is running for an at-large seat.





Aymar-Blair

r-Blair Ellenwood

Aside from development, what's the biggest issue facing Beacon in 2020 and what can the City Council do to address it?

■ Aymar-Blair: The cascading effects of growth have to be addressed to protect our

quality of life. Parking, traffic, road quality. water and sewer — these aren't sexy topics but I view their improvement as core to the job of a council member. We are already witnessing the stress on our vulnerable water system and I can't count how many neighbors have told me they've stopped going to Main Street because of the lack of parking. Even if growth continues in a managed way that puts the public's interest first, these systems we all depend on could still be overwhelmed. As part of a strategic infrastructure initiative, we need to conduct a comprehensive study of our critical infrastructure and use that information to lay out a multi-year capital plan. Because of the pace of growth, we should establish key performance indicators and stress measures for our infrastructure and share the annual results with the public. This plan must also be forward-looking. It must accommodate infrastructure such as biking corridors, concealed parking structures and public amenities. This is just one way to ensure that Beacon's growth and new development work for everyone, from working-class families to small businesses.

■ Ellenwood: By 2021, the Fishkill Creek Development Zone will likely have 30,000 square feet of commercial space built, with more on the way at Camp Beacon and on Route 52. The potential for good-paying jobs in Beacon is within our grasp, but it can't just be "build it and they will come" — we must be proactive in finding the right fit for our hardworking, diverse, creative

and compassionate community. The mayor and the City Council should hire, or tap into what is available through Dutchess County, someone to really go after those great employers that will help bring equity among our diverse population. Service jobs are plentiful but they don't pay enough. The mayor and council also need to find ways to incentivize these desirable employers. After economic development, infrastructure upgrades are another ongoing priority.

### Tell us what makes you a better candidate.

■ Aymar-Blair: Over these last eight months of campaigning, I've asked neighbors what they expect of their City Council member. They tell me they want someone who gets things done, puts the public's interest first and is responsive. My love for Beacon compels me to serve effectively. That requires welllaid plans and a lot of elbow grease. Whether it's founding an international human rights organization or leading a nationwide caravan to the border, I've shown how hard I'm willing to work when I think I can make a difference in people's lives. I will encourage civic participation, improve community outreach, respond to every email, and visit with neighbors throughout the year. I'll do this not just because it's my duty, but because I enjoy it. It's why I stepped up. I approach problems with curiosity. I have an inquisitive, data-driven leadership style; I like to know what I'm talking about. If there's a

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recurring pothole or a corner that might need a stop sign, I'm going to come check it out so I can be a better advocate. I feel confident I have the skills and experience that constituents will demand.

■ Ellenwood: On Day One I will be able to hit the ground running. I will be a full-time and responsive City Council person, available and ready to help constituents navigate the often-complex municipal and quality-oflife issues that affect our daily lives. After 17 years as a full-time resident, with 15 of those (and counting) in the public schools, in the arts community, on the street, and in the halls of government, I have come to know and understand our city, its people, its needs, its vulnerabilities and its potential. In 2018 I conceived, coordinated and implemented the popular Beacon Free Loop bus. My ability to see around corners and find creative, elegant and, above all, low-cost solutions to some of Beacon's most difficult issues is something the people I will represent can count on. They can also count on me to get the job done - it has always been my reputation to not give up and to follow through.

Beacon's second building moratorium in two years is due to expire in March. What should be the city's next step in managing ongoing development?

■ Aymar-Blair: In a city just 5 miles wide and

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with so many projects in the pipeline, getting development right is a matter of urgency. Our city is being transformed. The first step is to predicate the end of an extended building moratorium on a study of the impacts of different kinds of zoning. Concurrently, we need to undertake a community planning process, even reopening the comprehensive plan for revision. We should also suspend the sale of public land until we have a long-term strategy.

Where we can make quick change is reforming the planning and approval process. I'd like to look at how impact studies are conducted as projects face the Planning Board's scrutiny. We can set more zone-specific architectural standards and give our architectural review board a stronger say on projects. And large projects should come with community benefit agreements. We aren't the first community to face these problems; we know the solutions. My neighbors — whether they've been here for three generations or three months - invariably tell me they feel that something isn't right. Extending the building moratorium, conducting an impact study, having a community-led process and implementing process improvements will demonstrate we're taking their concerns seriously.

■ Ellenwood: Some next steps are in process, e.g., zoning updates and the expansion of the Historic Overlay District. I recently returned to my notes from the 2007 and 2017 Comprehensive Plan public sessions; as I suspected, many voices are on record to strengthen the architectural review process. The Planning Board is limited, despite the expertise that resides there; it needs teeth to ensure that what gets built is high-quality, aesthetically pleasing, and compatible with existing buildings and landscape. Architects must be involved in any major (re)development. Part of Beacon's identity is that of an arts and cultural center; well-designed and constructed architecture (using sustainable

building practices) is something we should demand from those who wish to invest in our city. Tangentially, we should prioritize preserving some of the buildings that could be studios or light industrial maker spaces, including buildings that are in the middle of residential zones. They are part of the character of our hard-working city, and they shouldn't be retrofitted into expensive multifamily units; if they are to become residential units at all, they should be targeted and incentivized for below-market rate housing.

#### **Beacon At-Large**

The two at-large seats are occupied by **Lee Kyriacou**, who is running for mayor, and **George Mansfield**, who is seeking re-election. The other candidates are **Amber Grant**, a Democrat who represents Ward 4, and **Estefano Rendon**, a Republican who Michael Justice, chair of the Beacon Republican Committee, said had suspended his campaign. Grant and Mansfield's responses are posted at highland-scurrent.org.





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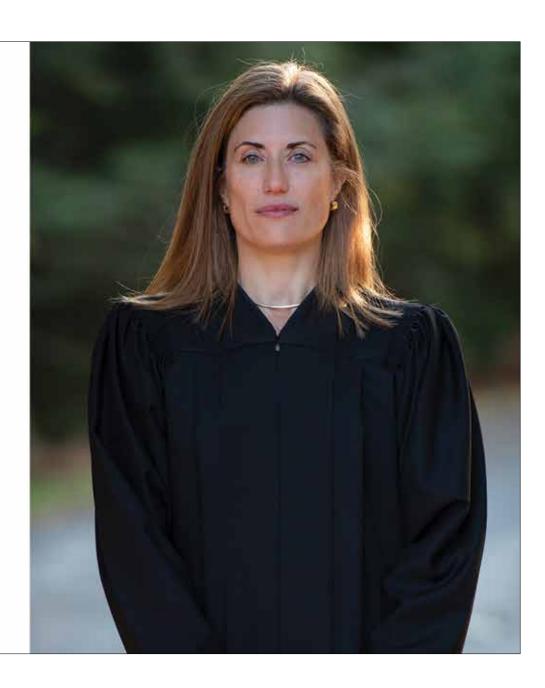
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#### **Dutchess County Legislature**

#### District 16 (Beacon Ward 4)

**Frits Zernike**, a first-term Democrat, is being challenged by Republican **Theoni Salotto**, an attorney in private practice. Salotto declined to respond to three questions that she didn't believe "fall within the purview of a county legislator," and Zernike expressed similar reluctance, saying that "while I do have opinions on them, the second, third and fourth questions have no real bearing on my job as county legislator."





Salotto

Zernike

### Please share your qualifications for the position.

■ Salotto: I am a wife, mother and attorney who has been a resident of the Town of Fishkill for more than 18 years. I have a bachelor's degree in business, am a trained mediator and have been practicing law for 23 years. In my solo practice, I represent children and adults at no cost to them, and have done so for the past 13 years, because I believe in the dignity of every human. Also, having raised three children, I understand that everyone needs help now and then to cope with the complicated world in which we live, and I enjoy helping others.

In addition to my work with families and children in Dutchess County, including 13 years as a Girl Scout leader in Fishkill, I have been a member of the PTA, Fishkill Business Association, Mid-Hudson Women's Bar Association, Dutchess County Bar Association, New York State Bar Association and the Dutchess County Pro Bono Local Action Committee's Volunteer Attorney Program. I am admitted to practice in New York and Connecticut, the federal courts for the southern and eastern districts of New York, the U.S. Tax Court and the U.S. Supreme Court.

One of my goals is to safeguard the hardearned money that taxpayers entrust to us so that those funds are not wasted on unnecessary or inefficient programs. I will endeavor to watch over taxpayer dollars the way families watch over their own household budgets.

I also believe that government can and should help people when people cannot help themselves. I will fight for services for children, seniors and veterans. I will seek innovative solutions to the opioid epidemic and for improved mental-health services. I would like to help make Dutchess County affordable for middle-class families and seniors on a fixed income. But if we are to prosper as a community, we must also work to maintain a healthy business environment within which honest commerce can thrive free of over-regulation and over-taxation. Maintaining this balance of public need and healthy commerce is also my goal.

Finally, government should always represent the interests of the people over special or outside interests. My goal is to always have an open door to my constituents.

■ Zernike: In the two years I have served on the Dutchess County Legislature, I have worked across the aisle to pass legislation I wrote expanding hours of sale for wine and alcohol. As a member of the Democratic Caucus, I have been part of a team that, while in the minority, has driven the agenda for county government. We've seen a reduction in the size of the proposed jail, resulting in a savings of \$8 million in construction costs and \$2.5 million in operating costs annually after 2022.

Thanks in large part to our prodding, we've seen the adoption of an independent commission on redistricting, ensuring that voters will choose their representatives, not the other way around. The county will now make fuller use of its designation as a Climate Smart Community to get grant money and apply it toward making Dutchess greener. We've also advocated a shift toward treating the opioid epidemic as a public health issue, rather than a strictly criminal one. The list goes on. What most qualifies me to continue as county legislator is my appetite to keep fighting for measures to improve the quality of life for all our residents.

### What is the best strategy to attract quality jobs to Beacon?

■ Zernike: One that works for everybody. Defining what we mean by "quality" jobs is important. Tourism and service jobs have fueled Beacon's resurgence, but we need to find and establish a more sustainable economy. Beacon, and the Hudson Valley

in general, need jobs that can employ and sustain residents at all levels. In Beacon, bringing more Main Street office space online would help, too.

#### What can be done to make sure that the rapid development doesn't price people out of the city?

■ Zernike: Most of the fight to keep Beacon affordable will be waged at the City Council level. Regulating short-term rentals to require owner occupancy can help prevent renters being priced out. Zoning requirements providing for affordable housing and allowing multi-family dwellings in residential neighborhoods help, too. At the county level, returning [more] sales tax revenue to Beacon would mean an extra \$800,000 in the city's coffers annually, money that would not need to be levied as property taxes, reducing the tax burden on residents and with it the pressures that price people out.

# Does Beacon have a responsibility to cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)? If so, in what way?

■ Zernike: Beacon has a responsibility to ensure that all its residents feel safe and welcome, and are comfortable in their relations with law enforcement. As a county legislator, that's not something I can have a direct impact on. But I am proud to live in a city where the council passed a resolution declaring Beacon to be a "welcoming, safe and inclusive community."

#### District 18 (Beacon Wards 1, 2, 3)

Nick Page, a first-term Democrat, is being challenged by Michael Justice, a software developer who is chair of the Beacon Republican Committee. The Independence Party candidate, Sandra Moneymaker, said that while her name will appear the ballot, it is there because of a single write-in vote during the primary and that she is not campaigning for the seat.





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### Please share your qualifications for the position.

■ Justice: I'm the CEO of Empire State Consulting Group, a computer programming agency that has served businesses and nonprofits for more than 20 years. I work with businesses and organizations to maximize productivity and lower costs by using smarter software and technology. Solving most business problems requires you to dig deep into an agency's practices to eliminate waste, discover efficiencies and create opportunities for growth.

I'm ready to do this for our community in Beacon and the Town of Fishkill. I'm also chair of the Beacon Republican Committee and served as chair from 2007 to 2009. It's no secret that getting the things we want from government requires us to elect representatives from the community who are prepared to do what is in our best interest, regardless of political affiliation. I am prepared to work with anyone, regardless of political affiliation, to do what is best for Beacon and Fishkill.

■ Page: It's been an honor to serve the people of Beacon and Fishkill, and I've enjoyed a steep learning curve over the past two years as a member of a Democratic Caucus that has led the conversation despite our minority position in the Legislature. Successes have included certification as a Climate Smart county (a designation necessary for state funding that the county had neglected for almost a decade), a plastic bag ban, a transparency resolution that mandates public posting of all county boards and committees and their membership, an independent redistricting law that would do away with local gerrymandering (a similar, though weaker, law was overturned by the majority in 2011, thereby allowing legislators to draw their own districts after the 2010 census), an anti-dog-tethering law and establishment of an animal abuse registry, and the expansion of local hours for wine and liquor stores (allowing stores to be open until 9 p.m. should they so choose).

Thanks to our caucus' energy and competence, a 2019 change in the county-wide balance of the Legislature would see the body move closer toward its intended role as a coequal branch of county government that holds the executive branch accountable, regardless of party affiliation.

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Currently our committee meetings are nearly gavel-in, gavel-out formalities, and many of us are eager to open the conversation so that we can better address the issues facing our communities.

#### What is the best strategy to attract quality jobs to Beacon?

- Justice: The city, county and state need to work together to reduce red tape and provide real economic incentives for employers to bring their businesses to Beacon. When you add the cost, in time and money, of the bureaucracy, and the risk of moving or starting any business, it's a daunting proposition — assuming the business is successful. Incentives that are tied to actual jobs created, not simply promised, would go a long way to lowering the risk of moving a business to Beacon. We have the talent and we have the capacity — we just need to make the process easier.
- Page: We need adequate infrastructure, accessibility and proactive planning and recruitment. We need to ensure water, sewer, road and parking infrastructure is adequate. Internet options must be upgraded, comprehensive fiber in the shortto mid-run and/or we hold our breath and actively position for next generation wireless. The electrification of the commuter line north of Croton and introduction of faster trains should also be advocated, as well as increased connections to our local neighbors. We should take a cue from New

Rochelle and employ thoughtful commercial zoning overlays with detailed requirements and streamlined approval processes. The resulting, considered development would help smooth out our tourist-centric boom-and-bust cycles and bring vitality to Main Street seven days a week. Lagree with the city taking an active role in the direct recruitment of businesses.

#### What can be done to make sure that the rapid development doesn't price people out of the city?

■ Justice: As the pricing of housing increases, the "income stock" of the city needs to increase as well to avoid creating yet another bedroom community in the Hudson Valley. We need to create betterpaying local jobs that provide incomes so residents can afford these newer homes and apartments. Beacon and surrounding

municipalities need to identify locations along or adjacent to transportation corridors that can be developed for commercial use and provide meaningful incentives for companies that pay good salaries to start in or relocate to those areas.

■ Page: We should seriously consider local implementation of the state Emergency Tenant Protection Act. That said, it's not a cure-all and does not apply to the large majority of local housing stock. It's time to give single-family homeowners more flexibility in terms of how they use their property. We should further incentivize/ encourage accessory dwelling units and implement a floating two-, three-, and possibly four-family overlay on significant portions of existing single-family zones to increase stock of more reasonably priced housing options. The city should explicitlylegalize owner- and renter-occupied shortterm rentals to help people make ends meet and to feed local businesses.

Our taxes are too high and our sales tax is unfairly distributed. The 2013 reallocation of county sales tax revenue has cost Beacon almost \$8 million in the years since. With new faces in city and county-wide offices, this could be fixed as soon as 2020. Beacon, as a city, has the prerogative to remove itself from under the county's sales tax umbrella and should explore doing so. Nobody is fooled by election-season mailers that tout superficial property tax cuts - we all feel the burden of high housing costs and we're all seeking substantive relief.

#### Does Beacon have a responsibility to cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)? If so, in what wav?

- Justice: The city has an obligation to follow the law - to the extent that it's obligated to comply, it's important that it does. Government doesn't work when it can pick and choose the laws it wants to enforce. If Beacon or any municipality can find legal fault with a law, they're well-served to challenge it in court to seek relief from enforcement. Alternatively, they can lobby legislators to modify or eliminate the law. Immigration is a national issue: Any change will come from Washington — not Albany, and certainly not the county seat or Beacon.
- Page: I am against ICE interference in the lives of Beacon residents.

"As the pricing of housing increases, the 'income stock' of the city needs to increase as well to avoid creating yet another bedroom community in the Hudson Valley. We need to create better-paying local jobs that provide incomes so residents can afford these newer homes and apartments."

~ MICHAEL JUSTICE

"We should seriously consider local implementation of the state Emergency Tenant Protection Act. That said, it's not a cure-all and does not apply to the large majority of local housing stock. It's time to give single-family homeowners more flexibility in terms of how they use their property."

~ NICK PAGE







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#### AROUND TOWN





▲ RECTOR + FOUR — The Rev. Amanda Eiman and her family, including her newborn twins, on Oct. 10 visited St. Philip's Church in Garrison, where she will become rector in January, succeeding Frank Geer.

Photo by Ross Corsair

■ NEW PRIEST — The Rev. Thomas Lutz (center) was installed at Our Lady of Loretto in Cold Spring on Sept. 29 by Bishop Peter Byrne (right). The pastors are shown with state Sen. Sue Serino, whose district includes the Highlands. Priests in the Archdiocese of New York serve six-year terms; Lutz, whose assignments have included churches in Highland and Patterson, succeeded the Rev. Thomas Kiely, who is now in Woodstock. Photo courtesy Sue Serino



▲ HEAVENLY SOUNDS —
Harpist Kathryn Andrews
(above), who partners with
fellow harpist Kristi Shade
(right) as Duo Scorpio —
a name chosen after the
musicians discovered they
were born on the same
day — performed on Oct.
20 at the Howland Cultural
Center in Beacon as part
of the Howland Chamber
Music Circle's series of
concerts for children.

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# The Calendar

# Her Words, His Pictures

Dutchess couple to receive children's literature award

**By Alison Rooney** 

esa Cline-Ransome and James Ransome love their ABCs: art, books and chocolate.

And so, that will be the theme of a family event with the Rhinebeck couple scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 3, at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison. Cline-Ransome, who writes children's books, and her husband, who illustrates them, will be honored with the Alice Curtis Desmond Award for Excellence in Children's Literature.

In the past the Desmond-Fish has presented the award as part of its annual

spring dinner, but director Jen McCreery says the library wanted to have "a big, family friendly children's event celebrating art and literature" in the fall. The library will be closed to the public for the day while its staff creates an "autumn wonderland" in which the honorees will lead families in an activity centered on collaborative storytelling with words and art. Refreshments will include a chocolate fountain, hot chocolate and tea sandwiches.

The Ransomes have between them written and illustrated more than 80 books, sometimes together and sometimes working with others. Their subjects have included soccer star Pelé, Helen Keller, Benny Goodman and Louis Armstrong.

 $\it The\ Current\ recently\ spoke\ with\ the\ couple\ over\ the\ phone.$ 



# In a book such as *Before She Was Harriet*, about Harriet Tubman, there's a cadence in your language that is especially noticeable when read aloud. Is that always the case?

Lesa Cline-Ransome: Harriet is lyrical. I'm drawn to language and all the books have a certain lyricism. I'm inspired by writers like Toni Morrison. I love to read and am inspired by the power of words to be transformative. That's what I'm looking to convey.

#### I noticed you sometimes use unusual or challenging words. Is that intended to help children expand their vocabulary?

LCR: It's never a good idea to talk down to kids. I want them to come away with a good handle on the language, and sometimes you can't do that if you're oversimplifying.

# When planning a book, how do you determine how much space the text will take versus the art?

LCR: I'm thinking only from the writer's perspective. James has to figure out the best way to tell it visually.

James Ransome: After doing a few rough layouts, I make a dummy book, or two or three, and it comes into focus.

# James, you've written that your drawing took root without formal instruction. Is that unusual?

JR: I tend to believe those who have the desire find a way to make it happen. It's one



Lesa Cline-Ransome and James Ransome

Photo by John Halpern

of the reasons I like going to schools to talk to children. Unfortunately, there are way too many kids who don't have that 'aha' moment and lose themselves in the maze of figuring it out. I was fortunate; a lot of things came my way and made me float forward. I hope that still happens. There was a lack of access [to art instruction], but there are more distractions today. In the South, when I was growing up in the 1960s, it was just myself and my grandmother, in a very rural area.

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# He's Back ... and Bigger Than Ever

Depot Theatre to present bawdy, musical Frankenstein

By Alison Rooney

s Mel Brooks politically correct? Probably not. See the Native American stereotypes in *Blazing Saddles*. See the mental-hospital patients in *High Anxiety*. When deciding to mount — a word Brooks would no doubt approve of — the 2007 musical adaptation of the comedian's 1974 film, *Young Frankenstein*, the producers at Philipstown Depot Theatre knew they would encounter material that might not be to everyone's taste. But director Nancy Swann said they decided that people at the moment are likely in need of a few hearty guffaws.

In their re-jiggering of the oft-told tale of Dr. Frankenstein and his creation, Brooks and co-writer Gene Wilder poked fun at, and with, a hunchback, a buxom blond, a blind man, a prodigiously endowed monster, gypsies, a Naziesque inspector and a frigid fiancée. There's physical humor, such as a



Bobby Convertino (second from left) will play Igor in Young Frankenstein.

Photo by Ross Corsail

blind hermit pouring soup on the monster, walking into a frying pan and nearly burning the monster's finger, thinking it's a cigar. There's ogling humor, as in this dialogue:

Inga: I have a master's degree in laboratory science from Heidelberg Junior College. I can fulfill all your needs. I'm

a very hard worker and, if necessary, I'll even bend over backward for you... Have you thought of any vays you could use me? FREDERICK: Two, and I'm working on a third. Inga: (shrieking): Oh, good! Does zat mean I'm hired?

Frederick: Well, a huge part of me is

pointing in that direction.

And then there's, well — this eternal staple of the genre:

Frederick: As the tininess of human parts were a great hindrance to the speed of my work, I decided, therefore, to make the creature of gigantic stature. Inga: In uzzer vords, doctor, his feet, his hands, his organs vould all have to be of a great size.

Frederick: Exactly.

INGA: He vould have an enormous schwanzstucker.

Frederick: That goes without saying.

Inga: Woof.

Igor: He's going to be very popular.

The musical numbers offer no respite from the double and triple entendres.

Swann says she did make a few concessions to contemporary considerations but otherwise will forge ahead. "When the show was suggested, I went back and watched the movie," she says. "I always felt it was Brooks' best piece, the most developed and honest, and not into just that sophomoric side like you see in a movie such as *Spaceballs*. The broadest humor comes in the musical numbers, and that's where it expands from the film."

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# THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)
For a complete listing of events, see highlandscurrent.org/calendar.

#### HALLOWEEN

**SAT 26** 

#### Boo at the Zoo

#### **BEAR MOUNTAIN**

10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Trailside Zoo 3006 Seven Lakes Drive trailsidezoo.org

Come to the Bear Den at 10:30 a.m. to make snacks for the black bears, who will receive them at 11 a.m. There will also be pumpkin decorating, face painting, games and crafts. The rain date is SUN 27. Allow 20 minutes to walk from the parking lot.

**SAT 26** 

#### **ComicFest**

#### **BEACON**

11 a.m. – 10 p.m. Underground Beacon 462 Main St.

facebook.com/theundergroundbeacon

Get in a spooky mood with facepainting from noon to 3 p.m. and a costume contest for kids (3 p.m.) and adults (5 p.m.). Then return to watch a scary movie at 8 p.m.

**SAT 26** 

#### I Spy Scavenger Haunt

#### CORNWALL

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center 120 Muser Drive | 845-534-5506 x204 hhnm.org

Find hidden objects on the Halloween Trail and win a prize, then stop by the Creepy Crawly Room for crafts. Also SUN 27. Cost: \$10 (\$8 children; \$7/\$6 members)

**SAT 26** 

#### **Halloween Parade**

#### COLD SPRING

4:30 p.m. St. Mary's Lawn Route 9D and Main

facebook.com/coldspringhalloweenparade

Come to watch or join in the 26th annual parade of costumed pets and people.

SAT 26

#### The Ghost in the Mist

#### BEACON

6 - 8:30 p.m. Memorial Building 413 Main St. | 845-831-0514

Costumed guides will lead lantern-lit, hour-long tours in which they share stories of local legends, haunted places and historic Beacon "ghosts." Tours leave every 30 minutes. Cost: \$15 (\$10 children)

SAT 26

#### **Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre**

COLD SPRING

6:30 p.m. Hudson House Inn 2 Main St. | 845-265-9355 hudsonhouseinn.com

Come in costume and solve the mystery of three murders that take







place during a comedic take on a wedding in Transylvania. *Cost:* \$75

SAT 26

#### 15th Annual Haunted House

#### GARRISON

7 - 10 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center 107 Glenclyffe Drive | 845-424-4618 philipstownrecreation.com

The Foot in Mouth Players stage their traditional chills-andthrills experience. Also SUN 27. Cost: \$6 (\$4 seniors, children)

SAT 26

#### **Haunted House Party**

#### **BEACON**

9 p.m. Denning's Point Distillery 10 N. Chestnut St. | iamdecora.com

The party will include a costume contest (first prize: \$500) and music by Decora, 4AM, Christine Dominguez, Tony E, Big Mont and Melzina the X Pat, along with DJ H20 and DJ Mizz. *Cost: \$25* 

**SUN 27** 

#### **Hocus Pocus Parade**

#### BEACON

1 - 5 p.m. Main Street Children can trick-or-treat at

Main Street shops from 1 to 3 p.m.

and then line up at the Visitor's Center for the 4 p.m. parade.

**SUN 27** 

#### Monster March

#### CONTINENTAL VILLAGE

3 p.m. Putnam Road & Highland Drive

The annual parade organized by the Continental Village Property Owners' Association will end at the clubhouse.

**SUN 27** 

#### **Pumpkin Glow**

#### GARRISON

6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org

Bring your carved pumpkin or just enjoy the glow during a sing-a-long with Stacy Labriola. Cider and donuts will be served.

**SUN 27** 

#### Dementia 13

#### BEACON

7 p.m. StoryScreen 445 Main St. | storyscreenbeacon.com

The fifth Beacon HorrorShow festival continues with this 1963 indie slasher. The 1920 silent film *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* will be shown at 7 p.m. on SUN 28, the 1959 dark comedy *A Bucket* of *Blood* at 7 p.m. on WED 30 and the 1968 classic *Night of the Living Dead* at 8 p.m. on THURS 31. *Free* 

TUFS 29

#### **Adult Halloween Party**

**COLD SPRING** 

7 – 9 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040 butterfieldlibrary.org

Anita Peltonen will lead the fun with monster *Mad Libs* and twisted charades.

**WED 30** 

#### Day of the Dead Mask

#### **BEACON**

3:30 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St. | 845-831-1134 beaconlibrary.org

Middle and high school students are invited to decorate a paper maché sugar skull. Supplies will be provided.

THURS 31

#### **Spookytown**

COLD SPRING

4 - 5:30 p.m. Chestnut Ridge

Children ages 5 and younger are invited to trick-or-treat in the senior housing complex and at the Putnam History Museum.

#### COMMUNITY

SAT 26

#### Harvest Beer & Cider Fest

#### **COLD SPRING**

Noon – 5 p.m. Mayor's Park 55 Fair St. | hopsonthehudson.com

Nearly 60 New York breweries will offer samples. There will also be food trucks, live music and, of course, hatchet throwing. *Cost:* \$20 to \$77 (\$25 to \$98.50 gate)

**SAT 26** 

#### **HHLT Young Friends**

#### GARRISON

2 – 5 p.m. Winter Hill 20 Nazareth Way | hhlt.org

This seventh annual fundraiser will include activities for families and children, a hike to the Revolutionary War redoubt and cider-pressing. Climate activist Krystal Ford will be recognized with the Timothy Osborn Roberts Young Friends Conservation Award. Cost: \$25 (ages 12 and under free)

**SUN 27** 

#### **Community Dinner**

#### GARRISON

6 p.m. Garrison Institute 14 Mary's Way | csfarmmarket.org

Support the nonprofit Cold Spring Farmer's Market while enjoying dinner and drinks made from local produce and Fresh Company specialties. Come in costume and you could win dinner for two at Dolly's. *Cost: \$90* 

**TUES 29** 

#### **Trailblazer Awards**

#### MAHOPAC

11:30 a.m. Villa Barone 466 Route 6 | pcctrailblazers.com

The Putnam County Business Council will present its annual awards to "the best and brightest" businesses and nonprofits, including a number from Philipstown, in the areas of promotion, economic development and leadership. Cost: \$55

FRI 1

#### First Friday

#### COLD SPRING

5 – 8 p.m. Main Street coldspringnychamber.com

Look for orange flags outside storefronts on Main Street, which indicate participating retailers. *The Current* will be open at 161 Main from 6 – 8 p.m.

SAT 2

#### **Free Dinner for Veterans**

#### BEACON

2 – 5 p.m. VFW Hall  $\mid$  413 Main St.

State Sen. Sue Serino and the Mental Health America of Dutchess County Vet2Vet Program will offer a free dinner and program about resources for veterans. RSVP to 845-229-0106 by WED 30.

#### KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 26

#### **Smartphone Filmmaking**

#### BEACON

10:30 a.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St. | 845-831-1134 beaconlibrary.org

In this workshop, children and teens ages 12 and older will learn how to use a smartphone to create high-quality short films. Registration required.

WFD 30

#### **New Parent Basics**

#### BEACON

1 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St. | 845-831-1134 beaconlibrary.org

Madeleine DeNitto of Garrison Concierge will discuss the importance of being organized and keeping a daily routine. *Free* 

SAT 2

# Sights and Sounds of Beacon

#### BEACON

10:30 a.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St. | 845-831-1134 beaconlibrary.org

Using story prompts from the National Endowment for the

Arts' Big Read, students ages 12 and older will create multimedia projects to share the story of Beacon. Registration required. *Free* 

SIIN 3

### **Art, Books and Chocolate GARRISON**

2 – 4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org

Children's book author Lesa Cline-Ransome and illustrator James Ransome will lead families in collaborative storytelling. See Page 13. Cost: Pay what you can (\$25 suggested; children free)

#### TALKS & TOURS

**SAT 26** 

### **Hudson Highlands Poetry GARRISON**

1:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org

Heller Levinson, Edwin Torres and Ruth Danon will read from their most recent collections.

SAT 2

#### **Buried Treasures**

**COLD SPRING** 

9 a.m. Stonecrop Garden 81 Stonecrop Lane | 845-265-2000 stonecrop.org

Learn how to naturalize bulbs in your lawn and pot up paperwhites in this four-hour workshop. Take home bulbs to plant. Cost: \$60 (\$40 members)

SAT 2

#### **Translating for Writers**

**GARRISON** 

1:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org

Poets and writers Ann Cefola, Beth Gersh-Nešic and Ann Lauinger will discuss how translation has influenced their literary careers and process.

SUN 3

#### **Pete Souza**

**POUGHKEEPSIE** 

7 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St. 845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

The former White House photographer will talk about his book, *Shade: A Tale of Two Presidents*, that juxtaposes the Obama and Trump presidencies. *Cost: \$38 to \$60* 





#### **VISUAL ART**

**SAT 26** 

#### **Ghent Altarpiece**

**COLD SPRING** 

4 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040 butterfieldlibrary.org

Roberta Shayo will discuss six centuries of the early 15th-century altarpiece, also known as the "Adoration of the Mystic Lamb," which may be the most often stolen artwork of all time. It hangs at St. Bavo's Cathedral in Ghent, Belgium, and has been attributed to the brothers Hubert and Jan van Eyck.

FRI 1

## **Lucille Tortora and Nancy Steinson**

COLD SPRING

6 – 8 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery 121 Main St. | 845-809-5145 busterlevigallery.com

SAT 2

#### **Lattimore Studio Student Exhibit**

BEACON

2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. | 845-831-4988 howlandculuturalcenter.org

Students of Andrew Lattimore, a contemporary realist artist with a studio in Cornwall, will exhibit their work.

#### STAGE & SCREEN

SUN 27

## Compassion and Mercy: Tales for Our Times

BEACON

2 p.m. St. John's Church 35 Willow St. | stjoachim-stjohn.org

Lorraine Hartin-Gelardi, Jonathan Heiles, Muriel Horowitz, Karen Pillsworth, Mary Platt and Ron Sopyla will share original and traditional stories.

THURS 31

#### Young Frankenstein

**GARRISON** 

7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre 10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900 philipstowndepottheatre.org

This 2007 Broadway musical version of the 1974 Mel Brooks film will be directed by Nancy Swann. Also FRI 1, SAT 2, SUN 3. See Page 13. Cost: \$25 (\$20 Thursdays, \$22 seniors, students)

THURS 31

# The Rocky Horror Picture Show

**PEEKSKILL** 

9 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley 1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039 paramounthudsonvalley.com

The 1975 cult classic is known for audience members who dress like their favorite characters, talk back to the screen and do the "Time Warp" dance. The Apoca-Lips Shadow Cast will perform. Rated R. Cost: \$10

FRI 1

#### **Creed Bratton**

PEEKSKILL

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley 1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039 paramounthudsonvalley.com

Best known for his role on *The Office* and his rock group, the Grass Roots, the actor, comedian and guitarist will combine his talents in this one-man show. *Cost:* \$25 to \$30

SUN 3

# Full House (With One Up the Sleeve)

PUTNAM VALLEY

5 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center 729 Peekskill Hollow Road 845-528-7280 | tompkinscorners.org

Six one-act comedies will explore everyday life. *Cost:* \$15 (\$10 seniors, students)

#### MUSIC

SAT 26

#### Blame It On the Bossa Nova

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. | 845-831-4988 howlandculturalcenter.org

Bring your masks and join in a Brazilian masquerade with the Judith Tulloch Band. Cost: \$10 (\$15 door)

AT 26

#### **Dalton Ridenhour**

**COLD SPRING** 

8 p.m. Chapel Restoration 45 Market St. | 845-265-5537 chapelrestoration.org

As part of the Jazz at the Chapel

series, the pianist will perform ragtime, stride and blues as well as songs from his album, *Eccentricity*. *Cost:* \$15 (\$20 door)



SAT 26

#### Lucy Kaplansky

BEACON

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St. 845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The folk and Americana charttopper blends country, folk and pop in her melodies. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)* 

**SUN 27** 

#### **Stop Gun Violence Concert**

BEACON

5 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St. 845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

A group of musicians led by Tom Chapin will perform to benefit the nonprofit AfterLead, which assists victims of gun violence. Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)

FRI 1

#### **Tribute to Hayden Wayne**

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. | 845-831-4988 haydenwayne.bpt.me

Kelly Ellenwood, Rowan Parsaca, Leah Siegel and Michael Bonanno will perform music written by Wayne, who is credited with some 400 compositions, including film scores and classically infused pop. *Cost: \$10 (\$15 door)* 

SAT 2

#### Munich Philharmonic String Quartet

#### NEWBURGH

2 p.m. St. George's Church 105 Grand St. | 845-534-2864 newburghchambermusic.org

The ensemble will perform the

last quartets of Haydn, Victor Ullmann and Mendelssohn as part of the "turning points" theme of the Newburgh Chamber Music season. *Cost:* \$25 (\$5 students)

SAT 2

#### Autumne

**COLD SPRING** 

7 p.m. Chapel Restoration 45 Market St. | 845-265-5537 chapelrestoration.org

The Chamber Music Society of New Paltz will present this art song recital with Nicholas Tamagna, Medina and Inessa Zaretsky performing *Gesange*, by Brahms; *Automne*, by Hahn, Faure and Ropartz; and *Before and After Summer*, by Finzi. *Cost: \$20* 

SAT 2

#### Who's Who

PEEKSKILL

7:30 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley 1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039 paramounthudsonvallev.com

Rock violinist Daisy Jopling and her band will play her arrangements of hit songs by The Who to support her latest release of an album by the same title. *Cost: \$25 to \$50* 

SAT 2

#### **James Emery**

NEWBURGH

8 p.m. Atlas Studios | 11 Spring St. 845-391-8855 | atlasnewburgh.com

Guitarist Emery will lead a chamber jazz trio featuring Rob DeBellis on alto saxophone, clarinet and flute and Kim Cass on bass. Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)

SIIN 3

#### **Rolston String Quartet**

BEACON

4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. | 845-765-3012 howlandmusic.org

Luri Lee (violin), Emily Kruspe (violin), Hezekiah Leung (viola) and Jonathan Lo (cello) will perform Haydn's *String Quartet in Bb Major, Op. 76, No. 4 "Sunrise,"* Mendelssohn's *String Quartet No. 2 in A minor, Op. 13* and Beethoven's *String Quartet No. 13 in Bb Major, Op. 130.* 

CIVIC

MON 28

#### **City Council**

BEACON

7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza 845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

**TUES 29** 

#### Community Energy Forum

GARRISON

6 – 8 p.m. Dolly's Restaurant 7 Garrison's Landing hudsonvalleycommunitypower.com

Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea and Jeffrey Domanski of the Community Choice Aggregation program will discuss a solar-farm program recently approved by the town.

#### Ransome (from Page 13)

# You've written: "I had always been given the impression that there were virtually no African-American artists." How did that make you feel?

JR: My grandmother grew up in a different world — she was born in 1899 — and feared I wouldn't have these opportunities. Because I wasn't exposed to artists who looked like I did, she wasn't sure it would happen. But by the time I studied at the Pratt Institute in the 1980s, a lot had changed. There were still not a lot of books being written about African-Americans, but I was prepared to do stories about anyone. I admired the white artists who did African-American characters. I never presumed anything.

### Did you imagine you'd be doing what you are doing?

JR: I thought I would do a book every three or four years, that I would be busy for six months out of the year, and during the rest of the time I would work in galleries. I would exist between galleries and illustrating, and I

would have long periods where I wasn't busy. It's the opposite — I'm busy all the time. I have tons of ideas and lots of projects. When I think about my childhood and the books I wanted to read, I couldn't be happier creating books for today's young people.

### Do you write each book with an age in mind, or does the publisher decide?

LCR: I just tell the best story that I can, then the marketing group determines the age group. I don't know how they make those determinations. There are many different levels and ways that children can engage with a book.

# You've said that research is one of your favorite things about writing. Is it challenging?

LCR: You have to be accurate — the librarians and editors will hold you close to the fire if you're not! Some publishers don't allow invented dialogue; I don't use quotes that can't be attributed. The research can be tricky, especially the farther back you go. There have been cases where I wanted to do a biography but because of lack of docu-

mentation, particularly during the period of slavery, I've had to make it make it historical fiction, such as with Light in the Darkness: A Story About How Slaves Learned in Secret.

# When you research a historical figure, what are you looking for besides the basic facts of his or her life?

LCR: Something that connects me to the subject, or that connects children to the subject. For instance, I've always loved Helen Keller. I found it fascinating that she experienced the world through a heightened sense of touch and smell. With many of the subjects, I look for a small piece of their childhood that made them who they were, or a turning point in their lives.

### You wrote a book called *Germs*. What inspired that?

LCR: We have four children. When they were five to 11, I was constantly trying to get them to understand the importance of handwashing. I thought, I'm going to write a book about germs. During the research, I started to become a germ-o-phobe: toilet seats, taxis — I was terrified. I had to get all

the amazing info into a book and thought, What better way than to have germs as characters? James had fun with it, as well.

# How do you handle, when writing a biography for children, events in the subject's life that are not behaviors you want to endorse?

LCR: That was a question I had when I started writing the book about Pelé [who would skip school to play soccer], and also with Satchel Paige [who spent time in jail as a teenager]. There are many ways to success. When I was young I hated fictional biographies because generally they profiled people as having perfect lives and perfect families. That's not the lives of most children. Children need to see all sorts of lives. There's not always that perfect path — and that's OK.

Art, Books and Chocolate will begin at 2 p.m. on Nov. 3 at the library, which is located at 472 Route 301. Admission is "pay what you can" for adults (\$25 suggested) and free for children. Reservations are requested by Oct. 30 by visiting desmondfishlibrary.org/abc.

#### Young Frankenstein (from Page 13)

Though Swann has "encouraged everyone to go big" stylistically, they "still have to be honest in their character; it can't be a caricature. The tender moments are still there — it's not all razzmatazz. You have to believe these people would exist. If it gets too broad, you lose the empathy of the audience. You can't

give them time to think, Oh, is it funny?"

The set was designed by Chris Novak. "It has all sorts of tricks — I can't give them away," Swann says. "He's also created projections, which help with quick transitions. There are electric doors designed by Jim Polk, too."

Young Frankenstein was choreographed by Christine Bokhour and the music director is Todd Hulet. The cast includes John

Hartzell (Dr. Frankenstein), Bokhour (Elizabeth), Bobby Convertino (Igor), Emma Morcone (Inga), Cat Guthrie (Frau Blucher), Sterling Swann (Victor/Hermit), Craig Patrick Browne (Kemp), Conor Austin (Ziggy) and Trevor Swann (Monster).

The ensemble consists of Debbie Broshi, Karen Burghart, Gretchen Craig, Laura Danilov, Lee Robin Gebhardt, Selby Kiffer, Artemisia LeFay, Dave Llewellyn, Kevin Spath, Sarah Terrell and Ben Whipple.

Young Frankenstein opens on Halloween, Oct. 31, and runs Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays plus a Sunday matinee through Nov. 17. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 for seniors and students), or \$20 for Thursday shows. See brownpapertickets.com/event/4381588.

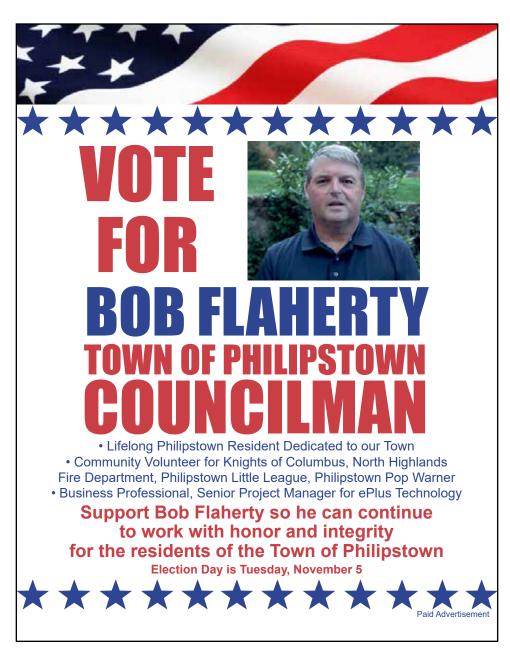
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### **Overheard**

Man: "What's his name?
ALPACA HANDLER: "Prince Caspian."
Man: "He's so handsome."
ALPACA HANDLER: "I know."

#### Woman, about her border collie:

"I could dangle a steak bone in front of her and get no response. She's got nothing but the sheep on her mind."

FIRST WOMAN: "Did you buy a lot?"
SECOND WOMAN: "I went over budget, and my budget wasn't small."

#### From a crossword in the program:

- **4 Down:** The other name for Walliser Schwarznasenschaf
- **9** Across: Mechanical process that disentangles, cleans and intermixes fibers to produce a continuous web for further processing

# Spinning a Few Yarns

Text and photos by Alison Rooney

n a spectacular Saturday this month, thousands of people spilled into the barns and byways of the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck to gaze and touch and compete and learn about wool and the wooly creatures that provide it.

Over two days, the 39th annual New York State Sheep and Wool festival had something for novices and experts alike, including a drop-spindle spinning contest, a Northeast Angora goat show (with the contestants judged "still wearing their mohair"), a llama parade, an auction of farm implements and sheep dog herding demonstrations.

Equally alluring were the hundreds of stalls displaying knitwear, fiber arts and everything one could imagine relating to wool-producing animals. Loopy Mango of Beacon was on hand, along with sellers from as far away as Montana.











#### **Small, Good Things**

# Hudson Valley Tandoori

By Joe Dizney

andoori cooking takes its name from the tandoor, a centuries-old unfired clay oven common to the Indus Valley, one of the earliest sites of human civilization. These wood- or charcoal-fired vessels might be considered "primitive" but are also the basis for some very cultivated cooking.

The fire contained within its walls — which heated and evenly radiated and reflected the heat — combined roasting, grilling, smoking and convection-cooking in one reasonably compact unit. It was the earliest transitional development between earth and brick ovens, a design process that led to that metal-clad gas or electric thing in your kitchen.

Tandoori cooking — particularly Indianinflected meat dishes such as tandoori chicken — also describes a specific preparation: a yogurt-based marinade, heavily seasoned with cayenne, citrus, chilies, cumin, honey, garlic and ginger plus traditional spice blends (most commonly garam, tikka or tandoori masala). Their prevalent distinctive red-orange color comes from generous use of ground red pepper and turmeric among other spices. (A shopping note: Saraswati on Route 9 in Wappingers Falls is a great source for Indian spices.)

The use of yogurt as the base for a mari-

nade is a sophisticated technique, particularly for meats. Unlike aggressively assertive acidic citrus- or vinegar-based marinades, yogurt-based tandoori preparations slowly and gently tenderize the proteins in meat. And because tandoori chicken traditionally uses skinless chicken, as the milk proteins and sugars in the marinade roast they create a creamy, caramelized crust over tender, exceptionally juicy meat.

Small, bone-in pieces of tandoori chicken can be served as an appetizer or a main course, along with traditional flatbreads (also tandoor cooked) and chutneys. But the more refined preparation, chicken tikka, is prepared with boneless meat and is the basis for even more sophisticated preparations such as butter chicken (tikka in a cream-based curry), chicken tikka biryani (a fragrant rice dish) or chicken tikka masala (in a tomato and pureed nut-based sauce).

Granted, this Hudson Valley kitchen version of tandoori lacks the high heat — sometimes upward of 900 degrees in a traditional tandoor — or the direct exposure to fire or charcoal and smokiness. This marinade is great on the grill, but for this home-oven version, a final blast under the broiler will provide a bit of the char that is a feature of "real" tandoori.

The only other non-traditional modification I've made to the marinade is the addition of a bit of cornstarch to replicate a crunchy crust, an effect that may be more necessary or obvious on vegetables. Although chicken is traditional in this dish, the cauliflower can stand on its own if you prefer the vegetarian option.

Joe Dizney is a designer, art director and unrepentant sensualist. When the Cold Spring resident is not thinking about food, he is foraging for, cooking or eating it. Email him at jdizney@highlandscurrent.org.



# Oven-Roasted Tandoori Chicken & Cauliflower Serves 4

#### For the marinade:

2- to 3-inch pieces of ginger, peeled and cut into small coins, smashed and roughly chopped

8 to 10 cloves garlic, peeled, smashed and roughly chopped

- 1½ cups plain Greek whole-milk yogurt (or strained plain whole-milk yogurt)
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons sweet paprika

½ teaspoon cayenne pepper

3 tablespoons garam masala

2 tablespoons ground cumin

2 teaspoons cornstarch

1 tablespoon ground white (or black) pepper

1 tablespoon salt

Zest of one lemon

4 boneless chicken pieces (boneless or bone-in, enough for 4 adults) and/ or 2 cups cauliflower, cut/ broken into large florets

#### For the raita:

1 cup plain Greek whole milk yogurt

1 small, peeled and seeded cucumber

1 tablespoon fresh squeezed lemon juice

2 tablespoons minced cilantro or mint (plus more leaves for garnish)

Salt and pepper to taste

- 1. Prepare the marinade: In the bowl of a food processor large enough to hold at least 2 cups, pulse ginger and garlic until fine. Add the remainder of the marinade ingredients and pulse until blended.
- 2. Place the chicken and/or cauliflower in a large bowl and cover with the processed marinade, working it in with your fingers, particularly the cauliflower florets. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour (up to 8).
- 3. Prepare the raita: Combine all ingredients in a small bowl, cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Preheat oven to 425 degrees; place rack in top third of oven. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper or foil. If using foil, lightly oil or apply a light coating of nonstick spray (spray coconut oil is perfect). If handy, cooking on the sheet pan on lightly greased wire baking racks for circulation will more closely approximate the effect of a tandoori oven.
- 4. Remove chicken and cauliflower from marinade, removing excess marinade. Place pieces on prepared sheet pan or racks in a single layer leaving as much space as possible between pieces. Roast for 20 minutes, then flip pieces and roast for another 20 minutes. At the end of cooking, switch oven to broil and cook for another 3 to 5 minutes to produce a bit of classic tandoori char. Serve topped with dollops of raita and garnished with cilantro leaves.





# Bits of Beacon **History**

**By Robert Murphy** 

#### Halloweens past

A Masquerade March down Main Street on Halloween night, held between 1935 and the 1960s, sometimes drew as many as 1,500 costumed revelers. A highlight in the 1950s was the Tin Can Symphony, with "robots" made with tin cans clinking and clanking along, arms and legs swinging in unison.

The tin men were the whimsical creations of Dave Mohurter, who made them with empty Gulf motor oil cans. His 130 tin men. women and animals entertained generations of parade-goers.

Another memory from that era was the window-painting contest organized in 1951 by Frances Schipbanker, the art teacher at Beacon High School, and the Lions Club. Students from the junior high and the South Avenue and Spring Street schools were invited to compose works on retailers' windows with removable craft paint. The Lions Club signed up merchants, provided materials and arranged for prizes.

The adults may have had a selfish motive in backing this idea. The thinking was, if the children were busy decorating windows, they will be less likely to use soap and eggs on the glass or take part in other mischief.



The Tin Men float appeared in the Halloween parade on Main Street in the 1950s.

sioner of parks for Manhattan from 1910 to 1914 and the man most responsible for the design and layout of the camp.

Each summer the camp served nearly 1,000 children, most of them underprivileged residents of the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Stover proved the perfect steward. He believed that outdoor activity was a key to a child's well-being, and the camp suited him perfectly. He lived there in Mountain Rest, which had been a summer residence of abolitionist preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

Stover left his mark everywhere on the 51 acres of the camp, serving as a mason, gardener and landscape architect. He



**Charles Stover** 

planted trees, walked the grounds with a "divining twig" to find a water source for the Olympic-sized pool, and made an everlasting impression on the children. After his death in 1929, the place was known as Camp Stover in his honor.

#### Dedication of St. Joachim's

Imagine the stirrings among the Irish-American community as it prepared for Mass on Sunday, Aug. 18, 1861, when "Dagger John" Hughes, the archbishop of New York, would officiate at the dedication of the St. Joachim's Church in Matteawan.

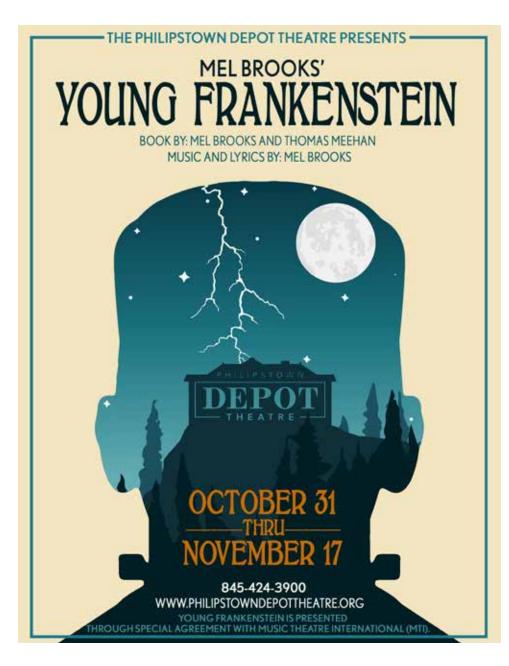
By that time, Dagger John (nicknamed (Continued on Page 20)

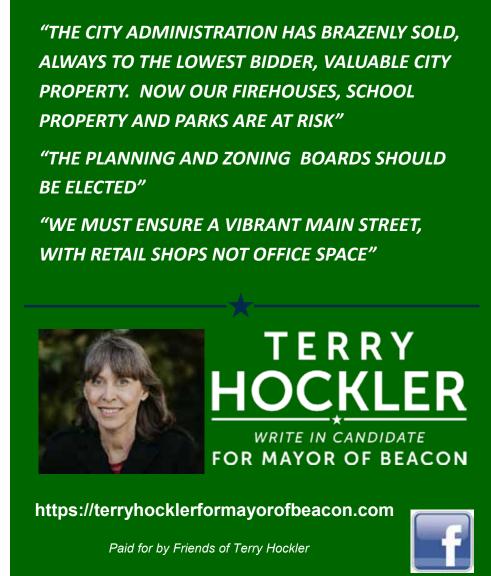
14, won first prize for their witch riding a broomstick silhouetted against a harvest moon painted on Shield's Bakery at 317 Main. Second place went to John Roberts for a genie emerging from a bottle on the window at Dee-Dee Toyland. Maker of parks A sign above the entry to the garden at University Settlement Camp near the foot of Mount Beacon once read: "One's Self

Phillip Baxter, 12, and William Clark,

Must Garden and Gardener Be."

The man who made that sign knew something about the avocation. His name was Charles Stover and he was the commis-





### $Beacon\ History\ {\it (from\ Page\ 19)}$

for the dagger-like cross he put before his signed name and for his battling temperament on behalf of his Irish kinsmen) was a national figure revered for his moral stands against slavery and against the pervasive nativist sentiment toward immigrants.

The Irish at the time were considered a criminal class of alcoholics and moral degenerates overrunning the country after the potato famines drove them to the U.S. The new Roman Catholic church would be an edifice of hope and pride for these immigrants and others who followed, built with contributions from the small wages of laborers and house servants.

In its Aug. 31 issue, the Catholic weekly newspaper, *The New York Tablet*, reported:

"The Matteawan parish has not 100 families; it has no rich patrons. Its members are almost exclusively Irish, and when the fact that their establishment is now worth over \$1,600 is viewed impartially, it proclaims the value of what is sometimes appropriately said of the 'Celtic Mission' in the designs of Providence over this religious people."

#### **Christmas memory**

Marion Conway MacDonald, who died in 1992 at age 88, was a Beacon Historical Society member who knew how to keep



This tin wind-up Santa was Marion
MacDonald's favorite antique Christmas toy.

Christmas well. She said it was always the best holiday: her family home on North Avenue would be filled with decorations and ornaments saved from Christmases long ago. Her favorite Christmas toy was an antique windup tin Santa from the 1870s, which would be brought out and let loose across the piano top for special company.

In the 1980s Marion began a correspondence with Robert Brenner of Wisconsin, an expert on Christmas traditions. Her reminiscences struck a chord and he asked her to contribute to his 1985 book, *Christmas Past*. She wrote:

"It was the custom at our house never to

decorate the tree before Santa came. This applied to me and my little brother when we were young. The tree was put up Christmas Eve and left for Santa to trim. In the morning it was all dressed up with candles (never lit), canes, popcorn and some lovely old ornaments and tinsel.

"As I grew older and understood all about Santa and who he was, I trimmed the tree. Sometimes I trimmed it by myself and sometimes the boy who lived next door to me, George, came over and helped. We had great fun and Mama would make hot cocoa and give us some Christmas cookies.

"When we were small, we always put our stockings at the foot of our bed. My mother must have been exhausted with the routine — making sure I was fast asleep while she stuffed the stockings. An orange always went in first and then nice little tiny presents which usually consisted of some beads, jewelry, or a pretty pair of mittens. We always had a lovely wreath on the front door usually made of real holly or laurel. In the windows there were poinsettias.

"Early in the morning on Christmas Eve, our kitchen became alive with the aroma of all the goodies that Mama was preparing, especially the homemade raisin bread. My grandfather's sister, Aunt Anne, came over early to help Mama. She was a marvelous cook. She would roll up her sleeves and start stuffing the bird.

"In those early days before supermarkets, the local butchers stocked roasting chickens, ducks, geese and, on order, a suckling pig. A turkey had to be ordered in advance. That was the way small towns operated. Aunt Anne made cookies and pies and could do almost anything in the kitchen. Mama loved her and my mother was her favorite niece."

#### Old hardware



What is it?

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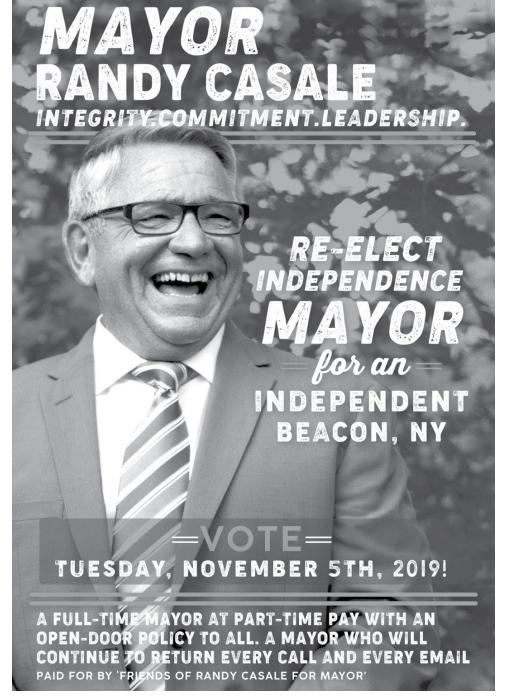
What is the object above? Purchased at a yard sale by Beacon Historical Society member Theresa Kraft, it is metal, with two drilled holes for a wall mount. It is 3½ inches long, with the words "W.H. Deisseroth, Plumbing & Heating, Fishkill Landing, N.Y." engraved on the plate. Most likely it was handed out as promotional advertising for this plumbing concern.

William H. Deisseroth had a shop at 3 North Ave., just off Main Street, in Fish-kill Landing. He opened for business in 1910, when this object was probably made, likely by the Art Brass Co. of New York City, which was known for manufacturing similar pieces for the plumbing trade.

Deisseroth was not only a plumber but a tenor. The "singing plumber" performed with many choral societies and as a soloist all over the Hudson Valley while still keeping his day job.

Give up? It is a toothbrush holder!

Robert Murphy was president of the Beacon Historical Society for 20 years, from 1998 to 2018, and editor of its monthly newsletter for 38 years. These items were excerpted from his blog at beaconhistorical. org. He will be honored by the society on Nov. 7 with a Beacons of History award.







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#### How They Voted (from Page 1)

law passed, police had no way to obtain the records when doing a background check. The law takes effect on Dec. 2.

Passed Senate 62-1

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Passed Assembly 145-1

Galef ✓ Jacobson ✓

That same day, Cuomo enacted a law allowing local police officers to access handgun licenses and applications even if the gun owner opted out of public disclosure. Officers could obtain this information from the state police, but only between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., and they could only make one request at a time, according to the bill's sponsors. This created a challenge when responding to late-night domestic violence calls because officers could not determine if a gun was likely on the premises, the bill stated. A statewide database, yet to be established, will allow officers to check gun records instantly before arriving at the scene.

Passed Senate 41-21 Serino ⊠

Passed Assembly 101-46
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#### • Double jeopardy

New York's criminal code states that a person cannot be prosecuted by the state if he or she has been prosecuted by another state or the federal government for the same  $\,$ crime, with some exceptions. On Oct. 16, amid concerns that President Donald Trump would pardon those in his administration convicted of crimes, Cuomo added another exception. He signed a law that allows New York to prosecute individuals who have been pardoned by the president for federal crimes. The reasoning is that such prosecutions wouldn't create "double jeopardy" — being tried for the same crime twice — because the president would have nullified the federal prosecution when granting clemency.

Passed Senate 38-23 Serino ⊠

Passed Assembly 91-54

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#### Food allergies

As of Sept. 12, day care centers are required to follow guidelines already in place at school districts when they respond to severe food allergies. The law is named for Elijah Silvera, a 3-year-old who died in New York City in 2017 after being given a grilled-cheese sandwich despite having a known dairy allergy. According to lawmakers, after Elijah went into anaphylaxis, the day care did not tell his mother what he had eaten and did not call 911.

Passed Senate 61-0 Serino ☑

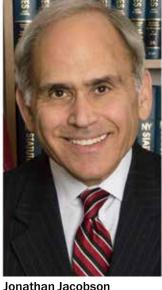
Passed Assembly 148-0

Galef ✓ Jacobson ✓

#### • Changing parties

On Sept. 26, Cuomo signed a law that allows voters to more quickly change their party affiliations. Under the previous law, if a voter asked to change parties, enroll in a party or leave a party, the request took effect on the first Tuesday after the general election. The new deadline is Feb. 14, which allows voters







Sandy Galef

to take part in their new party's presidential primary in April and congressional and state primaries in June. If a voter misses the deadline, the change is made seven days after the June primary. Jacobson, who is chair of the Subcommittee on Election Day Operations, was the bill's primary sponsor in the Assembly.

Passed Senate 40-22

Serino 🗵

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Passed Assembly 106-41

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#### • Medical privacy

On Oct. 7, Cuomo signed legislation prohibiting ambulance and first-response providers from disclosing or selling patient information to third parties for marketing purposes, including to pharmaceutical companies, insurers or nursing homes. It takes effect on April 4. The law provides an exemption for nonprofit ambulance companies and lifesupport first responders who use patient addresses for their own fundraising.

Passed Senate 62-0

Serino 🗹

Passed Assembly 140-0

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#### Petty offenses

Arrest and prosecution records involving infractions and violations — aka petty crimes — are typically sealed by courts so they do not appear on a person's record. But, according to lawmakers, some local police departments don't seal records if a person was arrested on a more serious charge (i.e., a misdemeanor) that was reduced in court. On Oct. 7, Cuomo signed a law that requires that legal records be sealed based on the disposition of the case, not the initial charge. It takes effect on Jan. 5.

Passed Senate 61-1

Serino 🗹

Passed Assembly 138-3

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#### • Rape statutes

On Sept. 18, Cuomo extended the statute of limitations from five to 20 years for rape or a criminal sexual act in the second degree and from five to 10 years for rape or a criminal sexual act in the third degree. Further, the law eliminates the statute of limitation for incest in the first degree and increases the time in which an adult victim can bring a civil suit for that offense from 5 to 20 years. (An abused child can sue until he or she reaches

age 55.) There is no statute of limitations on rape or criminal sexual acts in the first degree. Cuomo was joined at the bill signing by actors Julianne Moore, Mira Sorvino, Amber Tamblyn and Michelle Hurd, who have been active in the Time's Up movement.

Passed Senate 59-3

Serino V

Passed Assembly 135-13

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#### • Church endorsements

On Oct. 23, Cuomo signed legislation restricting nonprofits, including churches, from endorsing candidates for elected office or donating to their campaigns. Tax-exempt organizations are already restricted from participating in political campaigns under a 1954 amendment to IRS regulations. President Trump has vowed to repeal the amendment, and in 2018 the New York attorney general filed a complaint alleging his nonprofit Donald J. Trump Foundation had illegally provided donations to political candidates. Cuomo said that the new law will prohibit nonprofits in New York from engaging in political activity even if the federal amendment is repealed.

Passed Senate 43-18

Serino 🗵

Passed Assembly 145-3

Galef ✓ Jacobson ✓

#### Pelvic exams

Some teaching hospitals allow medical students to practice pelvic exams on immobile patients immediately after gyneco-

logical surgery. On Oct. 7, Cuomo signed legislation that made New York the ninth state to ban pelvic exams on anesthetized or unconscious patients without their prior consent. Lawmakers cited a study that found nearly 100 percent of patients said they would provide consent for student exams if asked. The law takes effect on April 4.

Passed Senate 62-0

Serino 🗹

Passed Assembly 146-0

Galef ✓ Jacobson ✓

#### • Drug recalls

On Oct. 18, Cuomo enacted a law that requires pharmacies to make "reasonable attempts" to contact customers by phone or mail if the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issues a Class I recall, which involves "a dangerous or defective product that could cause serious health problems or death."

Passed Senate 61-0 Serino did not vote

Passed Assembly 141-1

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#### • End of lease

On Sept. 5, Cuomo signed legislation that prohibits companies from charging early-termination fees on auto leases if a customer dies before the end of the contract. Similar laws are already in place for phone, television, internet, energy and water delivery services. The law applies to auto leases created, renewed or modified after Dec. 3.

Passed Senate 62-0

Serino 🗹

Passed Assembly 136-10

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#### Breastfeeding

On Oct. 21, Cuomo signed a law allowing women to postpone jury duty for up to two years if they are breastfeeding.

Passed Senate 62-0

Serino 🗹

Passed Assembly 146-1

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#### • Remembering 9/11

On Sept. 9, Cuomo established September 11th Remembrance Day and mandated that public schools observe a moment of silence each year.

Passed Senate 62-0

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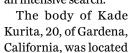
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#### POLICE BLOTTER

#### **Missing West Point Cadet Found Dead**

 $Body\, discovered\, after four-day\, search$ 

West Point cadet Awho went missing last week was found dead four days later after an intensive search.





Kurita

just before 10 p.m. on Tuesday (Oct. 22). He was last seen at about 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 18 but did not report for a scheduled march. The cause of death is under investigation, but foul play was not suspected, the academy said.

Kurita was a member of the Class of 2021. Cadets and military and area police officers searched through the weekend and a group of 130 soldiers from Fort Drum arrived on Monday to assist.

#### Police Arrest Man for 'Topless' Sign

Allegedly displayed near Carmel courthouse

Putnam County sheriff's deputies arrested a Hopewell Junction man on Oct. 15 after he allegedly displayed a billCarmel with photos of a topless woman.

Douglas D. Demasi, 66, was charged with one count of "public display of offensive sexual material," a misdemeanor.

The Sheriff's Department said in a statement that the billboard contained "three large photos of a woman with no shirt, no bra and both breasts entirely exposed." It said Demasi had attached the billboard to the top of his Dodge SUV after driving to the courthouse at about 9:45 a.m.

Demasi told police he displayed the billboard because of a dispute with a Carmel attorney. He said the two men had appeared on The People's Court to resolve it, but that TV judge Marilyn Milian ruled against him, and the photos were of her. (Topless photos of Milian taken by paparazzi in 2013 are posted online.) Demasi was given a ticket to appear at the Town of Carmel Court to answer the charge.

#### **Brewster Teen Arrested**

Charged with rape and sexual abuse

New York State Police troopers on Oct. 18 arrested a Brewster teenager on charges of felony rape and sexual abuse. The 16-year-old was arraigned in Putnam County Family Court and remanded to a juvenile detention facility.

The police said the alleged crime had been recorded and posted to social media and suggested that anyone who distributed the video could also be guilty of a crime.

#### NEWS BRIEFS

#### **Pudding Street Project Underway**

\$28.9 Mupgrade in Putnam Valley

The state will soon begin work on a ■ long-awaited \$28.9 million bridge over the Taconic State Parkway and ramp upgrade at the Pudding Street intersection in Putnam Valley.

The project will eliminate the at-grade crossing that compels vehicles, including school buses, to cross four lanes of the Taconic, the governor's office said. Assembly Member Kevin Byrne, whose district includes parts of Putnam Valley, called the intersection "one of the most dangerous" on the parkway.

The Pudding Street crossing will be closed for about five months beginning next summer and work is expected to be completed by mid-2021.

#### **Prevention Council Honors Drobach**

Recognized for work in substanceabuse recoveru

The Prevention Council of Putnam honored Father Bill Drobach of St. Christopher's Inn in Garrison at its 13th annual fundraiser on Oct. 2 in Mahopac, citing his work in substance-disorder prevention, treatment and recovery.

Barbara Reitz co-presented Drobach with the James Reitz Making a Difference-Outstanding Community Service Award, which was renamed in memory of her late husband, a Putnam County judge who died earlier this year.

John Bourges, program coordinator for the Dwyer Veterans Outreach Program, received the Peter Convery Community Champion Award for his support of Putnam County veterans and their families.



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#### **Obituaries**

# Tom Baldino (1935-2019)

Thomas A. Baldino, 84, a Beacon resident for more than 30 years, died Oct. 15, 2019, at his home.



Thomas was born on June 12, 1935, in

Bridgeport, Connecticut, the son of Dominic and Sophie (Szarek) Baldino. An alumnus of the University of Connecticut and New York University, he retired in 2000 after 20 years as a teacher at the Greenburgh Eleven school district in Dobbs Ferry. On July 18, 2002, he married Marcia Frahman.

Tom was an accomplished guitarist and sailor. He was a band leader of Nostalgia, a swing group, and also played in jazz groups throughout Dutchess County and New York City, including the duo T'N'T.

He was also active in the community. He was a member of the Beacon Democratic Committee and worked with then-Mayor Steve Gold to have solar panels installed at Municipal Plaza. He was the past chair of the Conservation Advisory Committee for the City of Beacon. Tom was a long-time member of the Beacon Sloop Club, where he received a captain's certificate of achievement. He was a captain on the

Woody Guthrie sloop for 20 years. He also received a President's Volunteer Service Award and letter from President Obama.

Besides his wife, Tom is survived by relatives in Italy.

A celebration of Tom's life will be held at the Beacon Sloop Club, 2 Red Flynn Drive, on Sunday, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Beacon Sloop Club, P.O. Box 527, Beacon, NY 12508 for the Woody Guthrie.

#### Marvin Needelman

(1926-2019)

Marvin J. Needelman, 93, of Cold Spring, and formerly of Crestwood, died Oct. 17, 2019, at the state veterans' home in Montrose.



Born May 12, 1926, in New York City, he was the son of Rubin and Ida (Leibowitz) Needelman.

A World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946, Marvin worked in the liquor industry for many years. He was best known locally for running the concessions at the Philipstown Little League and at the Philipstown Depot Theatre in Garrison until he was 90.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Rhoda, and his children, Gayle Needelman and Mindy Jesek (John), both of Cold Spring. He also is survived by his grandchildren, Katherina Jesek, J.M. Jesek, Lauren Lulgjuraj (Johnny), Nicole Needelman and Kaitlin Needelman; his great-grandchildren, A.J Lulgjuraj, Serena Lulgjuraj and Mason Jesek; and a daughter-in-law, Michele Needelman of Suffern.

A graveside service with military honors was held Oct. 23 at Sharon Gardens in Valhalla. Memorial donations may be made to the Philipstown Ambulance Corps, 14 Cedar St., Cold Spring, NY 10516.

#### Bob Travis (1926-2019)

Robert F. Travis, 92, a lifelong resident of Beacon and Wappingers Falls, died Oct. 11, 2019, at the veterans' home in Montrose.



Bob was born Nov. 28, 1926, the son of Fredrick and Emma (Dinges) Travis. He was married to Dorothy Mohr for 36 years until her death in

Robert graduated from Beacon High School in 1944 and, at age 17, enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He was trained in radar naval operations and served on the destroyer USS Tucson, where he witnessed the signing of the peace treaty signifying the surrender of Japan. Following the war, Bob earned a degree from Simmons

College in Syracuse.

He was a senior design draftsman for Texaco Research Center for more than 37 years until his retirement in 1985. While living in Beacon, he served on the Babe Ruth League formation committee, the Beacon School Advisory Committee, led the Beacon Recreation Committee which started an ice skating program and also worked with local police to establish a Bicycle Rodeo and Safety Program. He was president of the Forrestal PTA and Past Noble Grand of the International Order of Odd Fellows. Bob dedicated 60 years of his life to the Boy Scouts, both in the Hudson Valley and Florida. He was proud of the fact that he once had seven scouts attain Eagle ranking at the same time.

He is survived by his children: Robert Travis (Terri) of Tucson, Arizona, and Dawn Fitzpatrick (Kevin) of Darien, Connecticut, as well as four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and his sister, Inez Brown of Beacon.

A private graveside service was held at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Boy Scouts of America, 1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, TX 75038 (scouting.org) or the New Hackensack Reformed Church, 1580 Route 376, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 (nhrc-church.org).

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#### Beacon Mayor (from Page 3)

pal-owned affordable housing projects and would earmark any foreclosures for below-market rate housing. In the accountability column, she proposes electing, rather than appointing, the members of the city's Planning and Zoning Boards.

Hockler, 57, retired in 2014 after 15 years as a secretary in the state Department of Corrections and Community Supervision and later in the Office of Mental Health. Since then she's cared for her grandmother, who will turn 100 next month.

She says she decided in the spring of 2018 to run for City Council, but "the Beacon Democrats never returned my phone calls." Instead, Hockler turned to the Hudson Valley Green Party, which endorsed her run for mayor.

Before this year's June primary, Kyriacou filed what is known as an "opportunity to ballot" petition for the Green Party line. That meant if more registered Green Party voters (there are only about three dozen in Beacon) wrote in his name (or that of someone else) than voted for Hockler, the write-in name would appear on the Green Party line on the November ballot.

Kyriacou got nine write-in votes in the primary; Hockler received seven.

That knocked Hockler off the ballot despite the Green endorsement, leaving her to run as a write-in. Kyriacou will appear on the Democratic, Working Families and



**Terry Hockler** 

Photo provided

Green party lines on Nov. 5, while Casale, a member of the Independence Party, will also appear on the Republican party line.

Green Party officials cried foul, saying Kyriacou had "stolen" the ballot line. He responded, writing in an email that "the Green Party changed a long-standing policy, without announcement, and endorsed a non-Green registered voter. Beacon Democrats asked to interview for the Green endorsement and never received a response. So, as usual, we filed an opportunity to ballot petition to give voters a choice."

Hockler says she's more eager to talk about her ideas for Beacon than to revisit

the primary.

The City Council's recent rezoning efforts — along the Fishkill Creek zone and on Main Street — have "paved the way for reckless development," she says, opening the door for large franchise hotels, offices and apartment complexes. Hockler believes city residents should have a greater say in revising those policies, which is why she advocates electing planning officials.

She also says she'd like to recreate elements of the Beacon she knew growing up.

"There was housing for people who really needed it," she recalls. "Retail was booming in Beacon. There were side streets [off-Main] that had shops, and the businesses stayed here for years. Today, even if a business is successful, they can't pay the high rent."

She favors legalizing short-term rentals, saying they will help maintain "the charm and ambiance of the city," and proposes expanded open space protection and a more powerful architectural review board to help developers plan buildings in sync with Beacon's traditional character.

While she knows her write-in campaign is a long shot, she's hopeful voters will take time to consider her ideas.

"I'm not going to allow anyone to push me out of the way," Hockler says. "I'm running my campaign the best I can and I feel like I've got a good chance. I've lived here all my life and I love the city so much. I want to see what I can do for it."



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### **Coat Drive**

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### **SPORTS**



Erick Lazo, Griffin Lucca and Lachlan Koch of the Diamonds prepare for a blast from the Vikings' Joey DeMarco (13).

Photo by Sheila Williams

# **Soccer Stars**

he **Philipstown Soccer Club** played a full slate of games last weekend, including a Friday night showdown between the club's two boys' U11 teams, the Vikings and the Diamonds. The Vikings pulled out a victory over their hometown rivals, and then, on Sunday (Oct. 20), mounted a dramatic comeback to force a 3-3 tie against the undefeated Cortlandt Eagles at Sprout Brook Park.

In other action on Sunday, the boys' U12 Force avenged their lone loss of the season by trouncing the Cortlandt Nationals, 6-1, bringing their record to 5-1. Meanwhile, on a rain-soaked field in Carmel, breakaway goals from Dean Moyer and Tyler Powers led a second-half comeback for the boys' U9

Fusion that fell short despite heroics from keeper Hudson Schacht.

The boys' U9 Wildcats of the **Beacon Soccer Club** fell to the Yorktown Galaxy, 4-1. Noah Sampliner scored the Wildcats' lone goal on a beautiful play that began with defender Angelo Martino and ended with a pass from midfielder Evan Todd. The Wildcats face the Wappingers Raptors on Sunday, Oct. 27.

The undefeated girls' U11 Fire blanked the New Paltz Flash, 6-0. Drew Kelly scored twice, Claire Morgan had a goal and two assists and Fabiola Vogrincic recorded her first goal of the season. Avery Truet had an assist from midfield, as well. The back line of Julie Whittemore, Lily Mack, Sarah Ramkalawon and Victoria Mckay did not give up a shot attempt, and keepers Hayden Wilson and Victoria Maruggi recorded the shutout. The Fire face Orange County on Sunday.

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# The HIGHLANDS 7-Day Forecast for the Highlands

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**Saturday** 



Times of clouds and

POP: 15% NNE 4-8 mph

sun

SSE 6-12 mph RealFeel 63/43 RealFeel 61/50

**Sunday** 65/52

Rain

65/49

**Monday** 

Rather cloudy and comfortable

**POP: 10%** NNW 6-12 mph RealFeel 65/49 **Tuesday** 62/42



Partly sunny with a couple of showers possible

ESE 4-8 mph RealFeel 62/40 Wednesday 56/43



Cooler with partial sunshine

**SSE 7-14 mph** RealFeel 54/39 **Thursday** 55/40



Cloudy with a chance of rain

POP: 35% **SSE 7-14 mph** RealFeel 51/27

**Friday** 

49/36

Sunny

POP: 0% WSW 8-16 mph RealFeel 44/33

Oct 27

Moonset Sat., 10/26 Full

Nov 12

Absent Absent Absent Absent Grass Weeds Trees Source: National Allergy Bureau

**SUN & MOON** 

Sunset Sat. night, 10/26

First

Nov 4

Moonrise Sat., 10/26

Sunrise Sat., 10/26

7:20 AM

5:59 PM

5:09 AM

5:35 PM

Last

Nov 19

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- 5. Homer's outcry
- 8. Wax-coated cheese
- 12. Bivouac
- 13. Individual
- 14. Field mouse
- 15. Memo acronym
- 16. Series of battles
- 17. Actor McGregor
- 18. Fame
- 20. Easter hat
- 22. Stitch
- 23. Beast of burden
- 24. Commanded
- 27. Human-like robots
- 32. In olden days
- 33. "No seats" sign
- 34. Pizzazz
- 35. Detective
- 38. Say it isn't so
- 39. Actor Beatty
- 40. Neither mate
- 42. Falling-blocks game
- 45. Wedding-related
- 49. Ms. Brockovich 50. Shock and -
- 52. colada
- 53. Unspeakable act?
- 54. Shell game item
- 55. Support
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- 57. Collection
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#### 2. Facility

- 3. Fed
- 4. Go up against
- 5. Earthward airstream
- 6. budget
- 7. KFC additive
- 8. Nevertheless
- 9. Fire some folks
- 10. Wings
- 11. Common noun suffix

- 19. 1927 Lindbergh book
- 21. Rowing need
- 24. "Humbug!"
- 25. Khan title 26. Period of inactivity
- 28. Gun lobby org.
- 29. Pessimistic
- 30. Noise
- 31. Agent
- 36. Bit of grain
- 37. Star Wars inits.

- 38. Raining somewhat
- 41. On the other hand
- 42. Office part-timer
- 43. Great Lake
- 44. 1940 Laurel & Hardy film, - at Sea
- 46. Tragic
- 47. Unsigned (Abbr.)
- 48. NASCAR circuits
- 51. Teensy

## **SUDOCURRENT**

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### **SPORTS**



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# **Playoff Picture**

By Skip Pearlman

#### **VOLLEYBALL**

In a grueling qualifier on Wednesday (Oct. 23) that decided which team advanced to the first round of the Section 1, Class A playoffs, the **Beacon** squad needed five sets to defeat No. 18 Harrison, 3-2. Now comes a true challenge: The Bulldogs (7-11) are scheduled to travel today (Oct. 25) to undefeated Hendrick Hudson, which is the second seed.

Against Harrison (2-16), the Huskies took a close first set, 26-24, and Beacon evened it up by winning the second, 25-19. Harrison went up 2-1 after taking the third, 25-18, but the Bulldogs rallied and won the next two sets, 25-23 and 25-14. Senior Tessa Nilsen led Beacon with 23 kills and 25 digs, and Lejdina Gecaj added 11 kills.

Meanwhile, top-seeded **Haldane** (16-4) has an easier road: The Blue Devils will play in the Section 1, Class D title game on Nov. 3 at Pace University against Keio or Tuckahoe, who face off on Oct. 31.

#### **FOOTBALL**

**Beacon** took a 33-6 thumping last weekend in a Class A playoff qualifier versus undefeated John Jay of Cross River, which is ranked sixth in the state by the New York State Sportswriters Association. The Bulldogs (2-5) closed their season on Oct. 24 hosting Pelham in a non-playoff game.

**Haldane** (2-4) is scheduled to host Blind Brook on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 3 p.m., and visit Edgemont on Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. The Blue Devils will face Tuckahoe — their perennial rival — for the Class D sectional title on Nov. 8 at Mahopac High School. The Tigers



Lejdina Gecaj (18) sends a ball in Wednesday's win over Harrison.



Olivia Spiak digs out a ball against Harrison. Photos by S. Pearlman

(5-1) defeated Haldane earlier this season, 40-16, and are ranked 10th in the state by the sportswriters' association.

#### **GIRLS' SOCCER**

After losing its final game of the season to Arlington B, 3-2, **Beacon** (4-12) just missed the playoffs, ranking No. 22 in a qualifying field of 20 teams. "We had so many injuries this season, we had a different lineup in almost every game," said Coach Hugo Alzate. "I feel bad for our seniors — they were hoping for an out-bracket [qualifying] game." He noted that the younger players picked up a lot of experience this year, and that "things look promising for next season."

**Haldane** wrapped up its season on Oct. 19 with a 2-0 win over Peekskill on goals by Essie Florke and Jade Villella, closing the season at 8-5-3. The Blue Devils will

host Hamilton in a Section 1, Class C playoff game on Oct. 31 at 3 p.m.

#### **BOYS' SOCCER**

**Beacon** closed its regular season with three straight victories, including the finale over league rival Poughkeepsie, 2-0. Seeded No. 7, the Bulldogs (9-3-3) were scheduled to open the Section 1, Class A tournament on Oct. 24, hosting No. 10 seed Nanuet (8-5-2).

**Haldane** picked up its second win on Oct. 18, defeating Putnam Valley, 1-0. The Blue Devils closed the season on Oct. 19 with a 2-1 loss to Yonkers Montessori to finish 2-12-1. Haldane is scheduled to play at Hamilton (12-4) on Oct. 30 in the first round of the Section 1, Class C tournament.

#### **GIRLS' SWIMMING**

**Beacon** finished its season at 9-2 with a

win over Keio Academy on Oct. 23 and will host the 11-team league championship on Saturday, Oct. 26.

#### **CROSS-COUNTRY**

At the Section 1 Coaches Invitational on Oct. 19 in Poughkeepsie, with runners from 74 schools competing, sophomore Ava Muscat of **Beacon** finished 72nd in 29:24 and sophomore Kayla Lare was 74th in 29:39.70 for the girls and junior Zachary Cader ran a personal best 17:23.7 to finish 10th and sophomore Salvatore Migliore was 61st in 18:48.2 for the boys. On Oct. 7, the boys edged Lourdes by nine points to win their second straight league championship.

The **Haldane** team will travel to Pawling on Saturday, Oct. 26, for the Northern County championships and to Poughkeepsie on Nov. 9 for the Section 1, Class D race.



### The Next Level

**Devin Heanue** of Garrison (Haldane '19) has played in six games for SUNY Binghamton men's soccer team (4-7-2), including 110 minutes against Bucknell; **Devin Lambe** (Beacon '19) has six goals and two assists for the Plattsburgh State men's soccer team (9-6); **Declan Costello** (Beacon '16), a goalie for the SUNY New Paltz men's soccer team (8-7), started and had a save in a 2-0 win over Morrisville State; **Colin Battersby** (Beacon '16) finished 11th in 28:45.9 for the SUNY New Paltz cross-country team in its first home meet in four years; **Willa Fitzgerald** (Haldane '19) has played in five matches for the York College women's volleyball team (14-12) and recorded two kills and a dig; linebacker **Brad Dowd** (Haldane '19) has two solo tackles for the St. Thomas Aquinas College sprint football team (2-3); his brother, **Craig Dowd** (Haldane '19), is an offensive lineman for the Spartans.