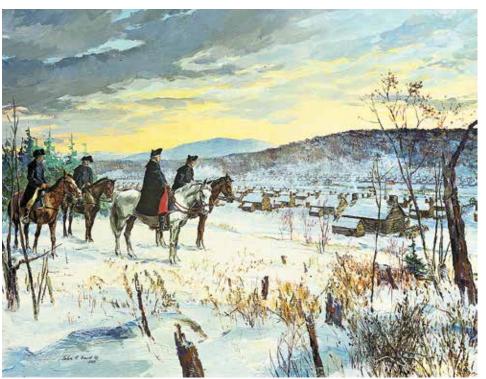
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This painting by Hudson Valley artist John Gould, "The Last Cantonment 1783," is "a good depiction of what the Fishkill Supply Depot would have looked like during the Revolutionary War," according to Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot.

Image courtesy John Gould

Revolutionary War Battle Rages in Fishkill

Critics oppose themed tourist complex on historic site

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

hat may be the last battle of the American Revolution is being fought in Fishkill.

The fight pits an historical organization and residents against a pugnacious developer. It also involves a local government that until recently seemed ready to accommodate him.

At stake is a 10.5-acre parcel on the east side of Route 9 (the Albany Post Road of colonial days), opposite the largely vacant Dutchess Mall.

Over many years, the dispute has involved a thicket of litigation; allegations that someone salted the property with bones to suggest it contains important patriot burials; political maneuvering; withering attacks on social media; and spying on the historical group by an undercover investigator hired by the developer.

The skirmish reflects broader concerns about the impact of development on neighboring communities, including Beacon, which could end up processing the site's sewage, and Philipstown, which shares mountains, streams and Revolutionary War history with Fishkill.

Sometimes called Crossroads, the parcel lies across Snook Road from the 18th-century Van Wyck Homestead, a onetime farmhouse now owned by the Fishkill Historical Society that served as a Continental Army headquarters in the epicenter of the Fishkill Supply Depot, which operated from 1776 to 1783.

Established by Gen. George Washington, the entire supply depot sprawled from northern Philipstown to Fishkill Landing (part of present-day Beacon) and Fishkill village (which served as New York's wartime capital for six months) and extended eastward along the current state Route 52.

During the Revolutionary War, several thousand soldiers and others lived or worked on the site, which included such facilities as barracks, officers' quarters, blacksmith and craft shops, warehouses, stables, training grounds, an armory, artillery placements, powder magazine, a prison, and other operations essential for the war. Gen. Israel Putnam oversaw the depot, and, like Washington, Alexander Hamilton and John Jay and other colonial leaders came and went.

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Beacon Counts Its Blessings

City completes natural resource inventory

By Jeff Simms

wo years ago, Beacon began to document its natural and cultural resources. What exactly did the city have going for it?

How about this: more than 4 miles of Hudson River shoreline; state-certified "important areas" for rare plants and animals; estuarine, marine, freshwater and forested wetlands; and 10 parks and preserves.

What's next? Figuring out how to protect them.

The 64-page Natural Resource Inventory, or NRI, was completed this month. It is filled with dozens of maps and charts, definitions and data on nearly everything under the sun, literally, within the 4.7-square-mile city.

"It really is a foundational planning tool," said Laura Heady, the conservation and land-use program coordinator for the state Department of Environmental Conservation's Hudson River Estuary Program, which

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Putnam D.A. Requests Phone Breaker

Also says new state evidence law unworkable

By Leonard Sparks

he Putnam County district attorney plans to buy a device that will allow investigators to retrieve photos, texts and other information from the locked Apple and Android phones of suspects.

The Legislature's Audit and Administration Committee on Jan. 23 approved a request from Robert Tendy to spend \$9,500 to purchase Cellebrite, which is made by an Israeli company for law enforcement agencies and governments.

Cellebrite's system is "a powerful investigative tool, and we will be using it to our advantage," Tendy said.

A court order is required before a phone can be accessed, he noted. "You can't just grab a guy's phone and apply Cellebrite," he said. "If you did that, any information

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HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED — The Lewis Tompkins Hose Co. in Beacon held its annual memorial service and breakfast on Jan. 26 to remember late members. A service at St. John the Evangelist Church was followed by a meal at the firehouse. Those remembered included two members who died in 2019 (Larry Natoli and Alex Bowen), all firefighters lost on 9/11 and in various wars, and Bobby Cramer, the former president of the company who perished fighting a fire at 144-146 Main St. on Jan. 29, 1955, and is the only Beacon firefighter to die in the line of duty. His daughter, Mary Cramer Wassi, who was 4 at the time, attends the service each year. Photo by Ross Corsair



FIVE QUESTIONS: ANGEL ELEKTRA

By Michael Turton

ngel Elektra will present a Drag Queen Story Hour for children at the Putnam Valley Library on Saturday, Feb. 1. Registration is full.

What books do you use in your story hours?

We read all kinds of stories that deal with acceptance, love and tolerance; that's what we want kids to take away from the experience. Examples include *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *Julian is a Mermaid*. All books are approved by the local librarians and have absolutely nothing to do with sexuality.

What is your goal?

I'm changing the world by dressing up as my favorite characters. I can't tell you how many children have approached me with stories of not being accepted. Is that the world we want to live in? When I was a child I needed this kind of experience to help me identify myself. Unfortunately, there was no program like DQSH.



How do you respond to a local Catholic priest who wrote that programs such as yours "promote gender confusion in innocent children and spread immoral disordered ideas among children and adults"?

The program does not promote gender confusion. We simply do what a librarian does, except with a little sparkle. Immoral disorder? That shouldn't even be a conver-

sation. I was raised in a Christian household and taught to love one another and not judge one another. Catholic priests should reevaluate themselves and worry about the mishaps they are involved in.

What do you think are the misconceptions and fears some people have regarding those who are not heterosexual?

They fear drag queens are pedophiles. My mission is to change that perspective. Drag is an art form. It has no gender; anyone can do drag! I do it because I enjoy performing; I studied musical theater and doing drag allows me to embrace creativity. I am a married, gay man. It's all about expressing love and acceptance.

What would you say to parents who are unsure about bringing their child?

Parents can bring them if they wish, or not! Eventually the child will be able to make his or her own decisions.

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By Michael Turtor

Where is Super Bowl LIV on your priority list?

Pretty low. I don't care for either team, and I didn't bet anything.



~ Rob Runcie, Cold Spring

It should be a good game. I grew up in the Bay area. Go 49ers!



It's probably a negative number on my list. Don't know who's playing. Don't care.



Putnam Considers Human Rights Commission

Would work to counter hate crimes, intolerance

By Holly Crocco

hile only a few hate-crime incidents have been reported in Putnam in recent years, lawmakers seem to agree that the county should create a Human Rights Commission.

"This was driven by the people of Putnam County," said Legislator Nancy Montgomery (D-Philipstown), during the Legislature's Jan. 23 Rules Committee meeting. "I've received a lot of emails and phone calls and input from people who are interested in joining."

James Hyre, an administrative law judge with the Westchester Human Rights Commission, told lawmakers that from Sullivan and Dutchess counties south to Suffolk on Long Island, Putnam is the only county that doesn't have a commission.

Hyre, who drafted a lengthy proposal for the Legislature to review, said he was motivated by the number of hate incidents being reported around the state. "It's disgusting," he said, noting that law-enforcement officials reported 525 incidents to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in 2018 — 352 in New York City and 146 elsewhere.

According to the state, the Putnam County sheriff reported an incident in 2017, and the New York State Police reported two incidents in Putnam in 2017 and one in 2018. There were no incidents reported in 2014, 2015 or 2016.

Hyre said hate crimes don't affect just the immediate victim but the community. "What we need to do is put something in place to protect all of our citizens, and creating a Human Rights Commission will do just that," he said.

"Every community does things differently, and the magic will happen when you folks appoint people to this commission and they decide what they need in Carmel, or what they need in Patterson, or Philipstown, and they work together to make these things happen," he said.

One task of the commission would be to organize seminars on discrimination in housing, employment, credit and public accommodation, Hyre said. It would also host discussions on addressing hate and intolerance, organize programs to celebrate diversity and speakers for schools and community events, and collaborate with religious organizations and governmental agencies.

The state Division of Human Rights has "a significant budget," he said, and the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Department of Housing and Urban Development also have resources.

"Nobody's ever knocked on their door and said, 'Please come to Putnam,' "he said.

Hyre recommended that a commission be comprised of 12 volunteers, including two people from each town in the county. They

would be appointed by the county executive and approved by the Legislature. The commission would have no budget or staff.

Montgomery said a commission would help bring communities together. "In each little pocket of the county we have organizations that are working on these issues," she noted, but there is no "conversation happening on a county level. This county needs more of an opportunity for public participation, and this is the way to do it."

Terry Raskin, president of the Putnam Valley Library board, said she and her colleagues supported the idea. "Education is key to preventing discrimination of any kind," she said.

Masha Waldman, who lives in Mahopac, said acts of intolerance and hate are more prevalent in Putnam County than residents may believe.

"It's very easy to live in this bubble and not realize what's going on if you are white, straight and financially secure," she said. "We have incidents now and then where there's a flair-up of boys behaving badly at a sports event. We say, 'Oh, it's a few bad apples.' I'm sorry to tell you the truth - it's pervasive and it's insidious."

Legislator Amy Sayegh (R-Mahopac Falls) acknowledged that prejudice and bullying happen everywhere, including in Putnam, but said she thinks schools and communities do a good job at promoting respect and kindness. "I think our kids are pretty great," she said.

More Hate Group Signs in Beacon

Flyers promote white nationalist group

Posters promoting Patriot Front, a white nationalist group, appeared in and near Beacon last week with slogans such as "Not Stolen. Conquered" and "Reclaim America." Propaganda from the group, which is based in Texas, also showed up in Brooklyn earlier in the month.

In October 2018, posters promoting The Daily Stormer, a neo-Nazi website, were posted on two churches in Beacon.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks extremist groups, has documented more than 1,000 posters and banners hung by hate groups across the country since January 2018 and says members of Patriot Front and another white supremacist group, Identity Evropa, are responsible for most of them.

From 2014 to 2018, lawenforcement officials in Dutchess County reported 19 hate-crime incidents to state officials. Data for 2019 has not yet been released.

Legislator Neal Sullivan (R-Mahopac) said the Legislature will work with the Law Department to create a commission, which he said could take a few months.

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you got would be suppressed because you didn't have a search warrant."

The purchase comes as county prosecutors face a new pressure: a new state requirement, effective Jan. 1, requires them to automatically turn over evidence to defense attorneys within 15 days of an arraignment.

The change to the discovery process, during which prosecutors and defendants share information before trial, was approved by the state Legislature last year as part of the annual budget process, along with a law that ended cash bail for misdemeanor and many nonviolent felony charges that has received much more attention.

Prosecutors have always had to share evidence but were able to withhold written statements, recordings and other information until the trial started. Defense attorneys also had to request the evidence in writing.

Critics said the old rules, derided as the "blindfold law," allowed prosecutors to release information at the last minute, giving defense attorneys little time to respond, and to withhold evidence during plea-deal negotiations or before a defendant appeared before a grand jury.

The law includes a list of 21 types of material that must be shared with defendants, including co-defendant statements, grand jury testimonies, witness names, laboratory results, deals made with prosecution witnesses and evidence collected from cellphones and computers through tools such



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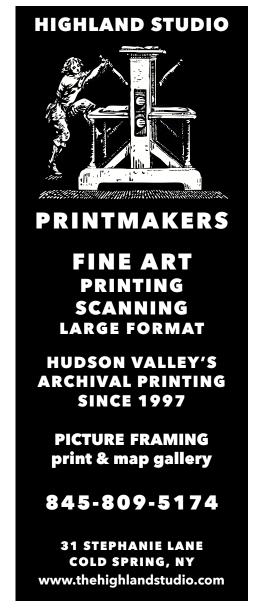
Prosecutors can request that a court extend the deadline by 30 days when the discoverable materials are "exceptionally voluminous or, despite diligent, good faith efforts, are otherwise not in the actual possession of the prosecution."

Judges can impose a range of sanctions for failure to comply, including declaring a

mistrial or dismissing some or all charges.

Tendy said he believes the new law is too restrictive, because lab results or searching through multiple tapes and gathering witness statements and hospital records can easily take longer than 15 days.

State legislators, he said "don't understand how much time it takes to certify a case for readiness," Tendy said.



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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Willie's closes

I do not use Uber and I don't spend a lot of time in Beacon — reasons given for the demise of Whistling Willie's in Cold Spring — but I had been a regular customer for a long time ("Whistling Willie's Closes Its Doors," Jan. 24). However, I did not spend a single dollar there after the 2016 football season, and I know I am one of many sports fans in the area who would say this.

At that time, the front door of Willie's was covered with a large red, white and blue mural with bold letters that read "We Stand!" This, as everyone at the time was aware, was a show of support for a blatantly racist (i.e., typical) position staked out and harped on repeatedly by our wonderful president.

The display struck me at the time as an extremely unwise business decision, and while Uber, Beacon and other factors may have played a role in Willie's fortunes, perhaps the lesson is that one's business is not the best place to trumpet divisive political views.

If you can't help yourself, please spare us the snowflakey complaints about all the other things that took customers away.

Jay Mueller, Cold Spring

Select comments from The Current's Facebook page:

I think their food killed them.

Eileen Brady

They should have let the old-timers who hit the antique stores be their business. Beacon belongs to the young. I love the Depot and always go there.

Gail Miller

I stopped at Willie's several times after hiking and had great fun.

Samantha Jones

I gave it a couple of shots after Bill [Sohan] passed, but it was never the same. The Listening Room [live music on Wednesdays] was a high point.

Mark Westin

Food went downhill, prices went up. Not a lot of choices with good food in Cold Spring. Joanne Kenna

I used to go all the time in the 2000s and never had a problem with the food. The service was pleasant but just took forever. Paul Volpicelli

Correction

In "On the Spot" in the Jan. 24 issue, we inadvertently switched the photos of Taylor Del Villar and Sandy Endres. Taylor said she looked forward to snowboarding during the remaining days of winter and Sandy to celebrating her 15th leap-year birthday.

I wonder if Barber and Brew had an effect. We love it there and walked past Willie's to have a drink there.

Michelle McCoy

There's nowhere to hear live music anymore. We would eat the yucky food when we wanted to hear live music.

Mindy Jesek

Beacon speeds

Just after moving to Verplanck Avenue in December, I called the Beacon Police Department about people speeding on the 25-mph street. I was told it has been a problem for years. The department put up a box that monitors speeds digitally but it was only there for about week. During that time, people may have slowed down (a little).

This morning I saw flashing lights and glanced out the window. A deer had been hit and was in the road. The police were coercing it to cross the road but its leg was broken. He collapsed in the road. This could have easily been a child walking to school. Children walk up and down this street, crossing back and forth every single day. What will it take to get people to slow down?

Something is seriously wrong when I have the police, a city council member, the mayor and multiple residents telling me it's always been a problem. Take a moment to stand on Verplanck in the morning and watch people speed by. The number of tickets that could be written would bring in lots of revenue for the city.

Kim Beller, Beacon

Carbon credit

Based on the timing, I would have thought Randy Casale would have been asked to comment, because all of this happened under his watch as mayor ("Beacon's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Fall 25 Percent," Jan. 24).

Ralph Fleming, Cold Spring

Thank you for the report of Beacon's (Continued on Page 5



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greenhouse gas reduction. And congratulations to the forward-thinking voters and leaders of Beacon. A 25 percent reduction is nothing to sneeze at. Imagine if all 18,000 U.S. cities with populations under 20,000 did the same. That would have a very real impact on the climate crisis from our little chunk of the planet.

Citizens Climate Lobby has a bill on the House floor with 75 co-sponsors, including Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, which would force companies producing carbon emissions to take serious action. (See energyinnovationact.org.) Let's hope our leaders at the federal level will get "hot" about climate change and follow in Beacon's footsteps.

Personally, I recently installed solar panels on my home and in a week with four cloudy days, I've produced more electricity than I've used. Plus, it gives me great pleasure to watch my tea water boil with energy from the sun.

Carinda Swann, Beacon

Looking back

I'm 81 and have lived in Garrison since 1946. It's always fun to read about individ-

uals who you knew of or knew well over these many years ("Looking Back in Philipstown," Jan. 24).

Leonard Lindros, Garrison

New on Main Street

Good luck, best wishes ("Clothing Store, Cafe Coming to Cold Spring," Jan. 24). Hope that whomever opens this establishment has lots of money, because Main Street is no longer the Boulevard of Dreams thanks to Amazon and all the other online venues that are putting brick-and-mortar stores out of business.

Patty Villanova, Putnam Valley

We need a diner! We have way enough coffee and way too few burgers and fries.

Sara Dulaney, Cold Spring

I can't understand "parking waivers." They are selling non-existent spaces. It's unfair to penalize and extort funds from potential businesses that want to open in Cold Spring. Opening a business is hard enough, but to make them jump through hoops like this and a multitude of other regulations is just not right.

I applaud the survivors on Main Street

who are making a living at it and am sad for those who had life dreams crushed by arcane rules and petty complainers. What do so some people want - no businesses and Main Street turned into a long area of housing? There has to be a better way to encourage business and not hinder it with unfair regulations. We have some great talent in the village and great ideas that could be tapped.

Tony Bardes, Cold Spring

Nelsonville tower

The settlement by the Nelsonville Village Board that will allow a cell tower to be built on Rockledge Road permits the telecommunications companies to add 5G antennae to the tower without village approval ("Nelsonville Approves Cell-Tower Settlement," Jan. 24). Any amendment to the village code addressing 5G installation cannot be applied retroactively.

Responsible scientists have raised serious concerns about 5G radiation exposure. which transmits at far higher frequencies than 4G technology. Higher frequency radio transmissions penetrate deeper into tissue, posing potentially catastrophic health risks.

Bill O'Neill, Nelsonville

 $O'Neill\ is\ a\ former\ mayor\ of\ Nelson ville.$

NOTICE

GARRISON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT GARRISON, NEW YORK 10524

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DATES SET IN GARRISON

Garrison Union Free School will hold its Kindergarten Registration for the 2020-2021 school year on Tuesday, February 4 and Wednesday, February 5 from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. on both days in the hallway outside of the Main Office. The child does not need to accompany the parent/guardian for registration.

Parents/guardians are required to bring the following:

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 - Telephone, utility, cable bill, etc. (2 required)

Information about the **Tuesday, April 28th** orientation for parents/ quardians at 10:00 am will be given out at registration.

For additional information, call 424-3689 ext. 221

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Philipstown on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 7:30 P.M. at the Philipstown Recreation Department, 107 Glenclyffe, Garrison, New York to hear the following appeal:

Michael Kinsley, 8 Ferris Drive, Garrison, New York, TM#90.12-1-10. The applicate is seeking approval to construct a new, addition of 18'x35' to the rear of the house, where a portion of the addition lands within the setback of the side yard. As seen on the property survey, the existing house shows to be 22'2" from the property line at the rear of the house. Therefore a variance of 7'10" will be needed for proposed addition. Which is found under town code 175 (SR)Zoning District).

At said hearing all persons will have the right to be heard. Copies of the application, plat map, and other related materials may been in the Office of the Building Department, $\boldsymbol{2}$ Cedar Street, Cold Spring, New York.

Robert Dee, Chairman of the Town of Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals

Dated January, 13,2020

NOTICE

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ATTN: Transportation Dept. and received not later than April 1st, 2020

Contact Elisa Travis at the Haldane Transportation Department at 845-265-9254 ext. 171 if you have any questions.

Applications can be found on the haldaneschool.org website

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$Supply \, Depot \, \textit{(from Page 1)}$

The depot also sheltered British prisoners of war and its hospitals treated wounded men from battles as far away as New Jersey — a grueling trek in the age of wagon travel — as well as victims of disease.

In 1974, the land around the Van Wyck Homestead, including Crossroads, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Crossroads is thought to contain Revolutionary War graves, although that's a subject of fierce debate.

What is planned

Domenico Broccoli, of GLD3 LLC and Snook-9 Realty Inc., owns Crossroads, which he has valued at \$15 million.

Around the gas station, Broccoli wants to construct a complex called Continental Commons, with a 2.5-story, 90-room hotel; 5,000 square feet of restaurant space (perhaps with an International House of Pancakes); 16,000 square feet of retail; and a 720-square-foot visitor's center, along with parking lots and walkways, all designed to replicate an 18th-century colonial village. In a rendering of the project, military re-enactors interact with visitors, and the buildings are designed to resemble Hudson Valley landmarks, such as the Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck and Boscobel.

The developer said he will protect any graves, although he maintains that the actual military burial ground lies some miles northeast and that claims to the contrary are a "scam."

The Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot (FOFSD), a nonprofit historic preservation organization, has contested the project both in Fishkill Town Board and Planning Board proceedings and in court, and neighbors and other residents have objected on environmental and aesthetic grounds.

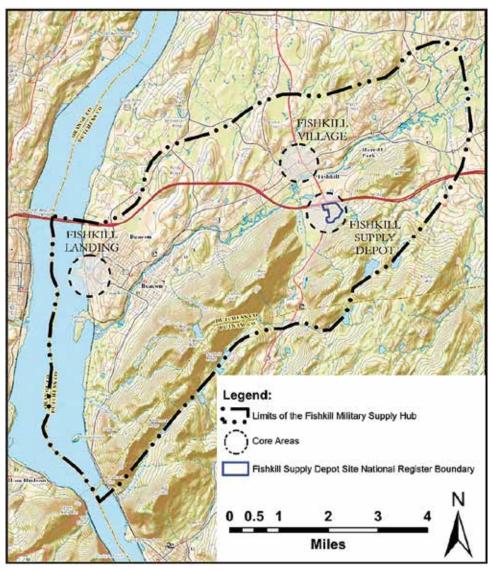
In part, opponents question the plan's compatibility with the town's 2009 comprehensive plan, which directs town officials to work with state and federal agencies to purchase or preserve the undeveloped portions of the supply depot and "explore how these can best be used to commemorate the activities that occurred on these hallowed grounds, especially those lands where gravesites of former soldiers have been identified."

They also point to empty retail space and vacant motel rooms along Route 9 and consumers' passion for internet shopping as negating any need for more malls.

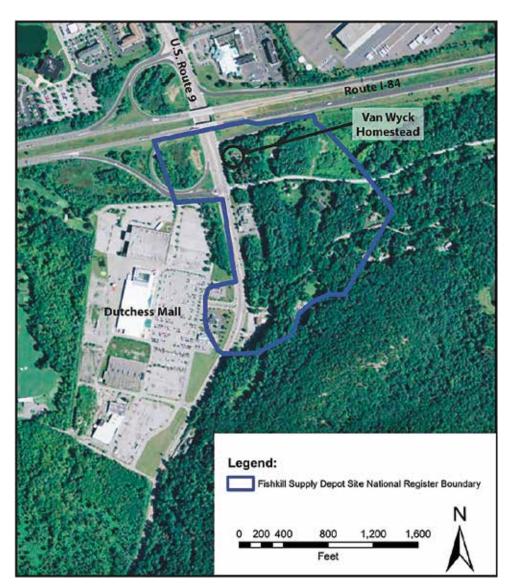
A 2007 dig at the site's cemetery uncovered eight graves, including one with a skull or skeleton and coffin nails; three more burials were revealed in 2013. Artifacts from the 18th century have turned up, as well.

The FOFSD sees this work as confirming "that hundreds of America's first veterans, casualties of the War of Independence," are buried elsewhere on the site in unmarked graves. "There is no known burial site of Revolutionary War soldiers that is larger." In addition, the group says, the depot "is among the American Revolution's most important military logistics sites."

In 2017, citing the possibility that more history remains hidden underground, the FOFSD warned that "commercial development will destroy unique ruins, dishonor



A map shows the extent of the Fishkill Supply Depot, its core areas and the boundary, in blue, of the land designated in the National Register of Historic Places.



The boundary of the area on the National Register of Historic Places Hunter Research Inc. (2)

the memory of the heroes who served — and are buried — at the site, and permanently scar the historic landscape of Fishkill."

At a June 2019 Planning Board hearing, Keith Riley, a FOFSD trustee who teaches social studies in the Carmel school district, noted that "in the 1970s, we allowed a valuable piece of history to be paved over. I cannot tolerate this. The Continental Army who fought and died for us deserve better." (Dutchess Mall opened in 1974 on what had been part of the Supply Depot.)

"You can build an I-HOP anywhere, but there's only one Fishkill Supply Depot," said Lance Ashworth, a West Point graduate who is president of the FOFSD.

Johanna Yaun, the Orange County historian and coordinator of the Mid-Hudson activities planned for 2025 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the start of the Revolutionary War, which will focus on "supplying the army," recommended the board order an in-depth, sophisticated archaeological study of the Crossroads site. She predicted the board "would look very foolish" otherwise. "Just look across the street at that empty [Dutchess] Mall and ask if that is the legacy you want to leave behind," she said.

Theresa Kraft, the FOFSD's secretary, who is also Beacon's co-historian, said on Dec. 4 that the Crossroads tract's relevance lies not only in what may lie buried but in what occurred there. "The battle lines have been drawn," she told town officials. "Please help protect the Fishkill Supply Depot."

The developer's view

Broccoli portrays Continental Commons as "a groundbreaking new concept" that "embraces and honors the historic nature of its surroundings and provides visitors a renewed perspective on the meaning of the American Revolution."

His project website contends that opponents disseminate "made-up facts" and that the parcel's "archaeological potential has been exhausted" after numerous digs.

The Continental Commons Facebook page refers to the FOFSD as "a radical and extremist anti-development group." Assorted online postings likewise accuse FOFSD of being "backed by secret donors" (in its most recent tax filing, from 2018, the nonprofit reported receiving \$20,000 in donations and spending \$15,000, mostly on legal fees) and utilizing "scare tactics and biased evidence."

The developer argues that FOFSD confuses his property with the 18th-century Rombout cemetery, on Route 52, known to contain graves of Revolutionary War soldiers. "That's the historic cemetery" involved but "they made people think" old references to one "at the base of the mountain" meant the Crossroads site, he said. Unmarked Revolutionary War graves also could be scattered throughout Fishkill, he added, because "the Fishkill Supply Depot was huge. It wasn't Domenic's 10-acre land."

Broccoli suspects FOFSD members "planted stuff" on his property. In 2012, he said, his team examined the northern end of his site, away from the area of the known burial ground. At a depth of 26 to 31 inches, "we found anomalies that were similar to graves"; he theorizes that unnamed



The plans include "a structure to honor a stable from the Fishkill Supply Depot."

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members of FOFSD created these to bolster claims that his property has the "largest cemetery in the country" from the Revolutionary War.

Furthermore, Broccoli said, his land once had billboards that could have left depressions resembling burials. The FOFSD "made people believe that they were graves, that these hundreds of anomalies are hundreds of graves," he said. "It's a big scam and I'm not stopping until the truth is told."

The bones

The Continental Commons website links to a video clip in which a narrator states that FOFSD member Marty Byster "has admitted that he and other members have buried bones on the Continental Commons property."

On an accompanying audio recording, Byster seems to ask another member: "Were you there when we reburied bones along the foundation that's exposed?" The narrator speculates that perhaps FOFSD members "want the bones to be discovered, stopping any development, and forcing the value of the land down so they can force the landowner to sell it to them."

In 2017, GLD3 LLC sued Byster and his purported, unidentified accomplices over the alleged bone-burying, asserting that their actions interfered with Broccoli's "ability to use the property for development."

The suit did not accuse Byster or anyone else of criminal conduct; instead, it wanted a judge to bar them from entering the site without permission and to remove the supposedly planted bones.

According to the suit, Ian Bondy, whom Broccoli hired to spy on the FOFSD, recorded Byster's "bone" comment during a break in a 2015 Planning Board meeting. In a court affidavit, Bondy said that he joined the FOFSD using the name Alec Crosby and even served on its board, recording the group's activities and compiling some 75 hours of material for Broccoli.

Byster said he remembers mentioning a bone or bones on the occasion Bondy cites but denies wrongdoing. "I didn't plant anything," he said in an interview.

What did happen, he said, was that after archaeological digs, he and other FOFSD members received permission, from a man who was then Broccoli's business partner, to close trenches left partly uncovered. Assisted by Boy Scouts, they completed the work in 2010, in what was was hardly a secret undertaking, Byster said. "I backfilled a trench that contained bones," he said. "I did nothing but refill a trench."

Byster said he has spent nearly \$30,000 defending himself against the lawsuit, which continues.



The Van Wyck Homestead

Photo by L.S. Armstrong



A rendering shows the north end of the proposed Continental Commons development, with the hotel at left, a visitors' center at center and the existing gas station at right.

Political maneuvers

Local politics have complicated the debate. On Dec. 4, the Fishkill Town Board held a public hearing on approvals for water and sewer hookups for Continental Commons.

The town board scheduled a follow-up hearing and vote on the water and sewer connections for Dec. 18. But when that day arrived, it lacked a quorum, so then-Supervisor Robert LaColla, a Republican who had lost his seat in the November election, moved the proceedings to Dec. 30 — the day before he would leave office and the board would switch from Republican to Democratic control.

Before the Dec. 30 meeting took place, the incoming supervisor, Ozzy Albra, a Democrat, obtained an injunction from the Dutchess County Supreme Court to stop any action on Continental Commons.

When the newly constituted Fishkill Town Board met on Jan. 8, one of its freshmen members, Louise Daniele, a Democrat, proposed a moratorium on development, to allow time to review the town's comprehensive plan and zoning laws.

"This is something that should have already been in the works, but instead we've just been building and building," she said.

Supervisor Albra said that "when you've got the lawyers, you've got the engineers, and you've got the cash, you've got the power" in zoning and planning cases. "I'm going to flip that so the citizens have the power.... We'll protect our water, history and environment."

The Town Board plans to continue its discussion of a moratorium at its next meeting, on Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Water issues have figured in the environmental concerns about the project. Critics have noted that Continental Commons is over the Fishkill aquifer, which supplies wells and the town with drinking water. But because it plans to connect to a town water district, Continental Commons would not imperil the aquifer and its water and sewer lines would not be funded by taxpayers, according to draft legislation prepared for the Town Board's aborted Dec. 30 consideration.

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The developer has posted signs on his parcel accusing the Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot of "tampering."

Photo by L.S. Armstrong

Rolling Hills May Hit Bumps

Development would tap into Beacon water, schools

By Jeff Simms

Rolling Hills, a 30-building, 463-unit multi-use complex proposed for 57 mostly wooded acres about a mile outside of Beacon, remains under review by the Town of Fishkill but faces a new set of hurdles as officials consider a building moratorium and changes to zoning laws.

The site would draw its water from Beacon and also sits inside the Beacon City School District. Younger children living at Rolling Hills would attend South Avenue Elementary, according to Superintendent Matt Landahl.

The project's two parcels are part of the Rombout Water District, which Beacon allows to buy up to 500,000 gallons of water per day from its system. The Rombout district currently uses about half that amount, officials said.

The project would also include 24,000 square feet of retail space just north of the Hudson View Park apartment complex and the Mount Gulian Historic Site.

However, in the past month, the makeup of the five-member Fishkill board has changed. Bob LaColla lost his bid for a third term as supervisor, and Azem "Ozzy" Albra, who won the seat, campaigned on a promise he would stop Rolling Hills.

Board Member Raymond Raiche also lost his race for re-election to Louise Daniele, who in her first meeting called for a development moratorium.

The other members of the board are Ori Brachfeld, who was re-elected, Jacqueline Bardini and, as of the Jan. 8 meeting, Kenya Gadsden, a former Beacon school board member who ran unsuccessfully in the fall for Dutchess County clerk. She was appointed to complete the term of Doug McHoul, who resigned in December.

Albra said on Wednesday (Jan. 29) that he expects the board to discuss a six- to nine-month building moratorium at its Feb. 5 meeting. If adopted, a building freeze would give officials time to revise the town's 2009 comprehensive plan, he said.

"All projects that are not shovel-ready," including Rolling Hills, "would be affected" by the freeze, Albra said. "Projects that have been approved would be allowed to proceed."

Beacon remains under a building freeze of its own, its second in two years, that expires on March 3. On Jan. 27, the City Council discussed extending it into early June while consultants continue repairs to a network of drinking-water wells just beyond the city line. The council must hold a public hearing (scheduled for Feb. 18) and ask the city and Dutchess County planning boards to review the plan before it can vote.

$Fishkill\ ({\it from Page 7})$

Chazen Companies, Broccoli's consultants, estimate Continental Commons would consume 18,211 gallons of water daily. Its sewage would be channeled into the Beacon treatment system since the Town of Fishkill contracts with Beacon for sewage services.

Broccoli has sued Albra in state Supreme Court over the scuttled Dec. 30 water and sewer connection hearing and Town Board vote. "He went and stopped my approvals," Broccoli said on Thursday (Jan. 30).

The Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot also have gone to court. After the Planning

Board in April ruled the project would "not have a significant adverse impact on the land," the FOFSD asked a court to overturn the decision. It accused the Planning Board of favoring the developer and cited a 2015 meeting at which board Chairperson Mary Hendricks said, "I'm not afraid of some 'hysterical' society."

The FOFSD also expressed concerns that Hendricks in 2017 had used her personal email to share information from an archaeological consulting firm that was later hired by the Planning Board, keeping the documents out of the public record.

The group won a preliminary round: In



The Continental Commons logo

November, a state judge prohibited Broccoli from "disturbing the ground in any way" as the litigation proceeds.

Undeterred, on Dec. 12, the Planning Board reaffirmed its April decision, declaring that Continental Commons "will not result in any significant adverse impact on archaeological or historic resources" or the natural environment.

The project "will undoubtedly result in changes to the aesthetic or scenic quality of the area," it acknowledged. But farming and development had already altered the site and its "archaeological potential," it said.

Furthermore, its members found the project to be "consistent with the character of the neighborhood" — Route 9's commercial sector. If anything is "inconsistent with the neighborhood," it said, it is the 18th-century Van Wyck farmhouse.

NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Proposals for the: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS HALDANE HIGH SCHOOL AND MAIN BUILDING Will Be Received By: HALDANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Administration Office 15 Craigside Drive Cold Spring, NY 10516

Proposals must be received on or before 3:00 PM local time on **February 13th, 2020** and must be in accordance with the requirements of the Bidding Documents to receive consideration. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time. Bidding Documents, including drawings and specifications, will be available beginning on **January 16th, 2020** at the offices of:

FULLER AND D'ANGELO, P.C. ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS 45 KNOLLWOOD ROAD – SUITE 401 ELMSFORD, NY 10523

Proposals must be submitted on the Form provided by the Architect with all blanks appropriately filled in. They must be submitted in <u>sealed</u> envelopes bearing on the outside the name and address of the bidder and title of the Project as noted above.

All bid prices shall be filled in, both in words and figures. Signatures shall be in ink and in longhand. Proposals which are incomplete, conditional or obscure may be rejected as informal. Additional copies of the Proposal Form will be furnished by the Architect upon request.

No oral or telephonic proposals or modifications of proposals will be considered.

Bidding documents, on CD, in PDF format, will be available, at no cost, to all prospective bidders. The CD's will be available at Fuller and D'Angelo, P.C., 45 Knollwood Road, Suite 401, Elmsford, NY 10523; telephone number 914.592.4444. A \$15.00 shipping fee will be required for CD's requested to be mailed.

A Pre-Bid Meeting for Prospective Bidders will be held on **January 27th, 2020**. The meeting will start promptly at **3:30PM.** All bidders will assemble at the Administration Office, 15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring, NY 10516.

BONDS:

A bid bond is required for this project. The Owner will also require, prior to the execution of the Contract, a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond

LUMP SUM BIDS:

Two bids will be received for: Contract #1: General Construction Contract #2: Site Construction

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The Philipstown Garden Club and The Putnam Highlands Audubon Society
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Audubon Report - SURVIVAL BY DEGREES

Changes to the environment and climate are reflected in current bird populations.



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Hannah Waters - Senior Associate Editor for Climate Change at Audubon, will share the findings of this 2019 report:

Survival By Degrees: 389 Bird Species on the Brink

Kyle Bardwell - is a published author and recognized photographer. This part of the workshop is interactive using computers. A few laptops are available at the library, or you can bring your own, or just come & listen. We will learn how to identify birds in our zip code that are at a risk, advocate for birds, & design garden habitats that are for the birds and use native plants.



If you love birds and gardening, you have to attend this workshop!

For more information contact Karen Ertl 845-424-3343





The report points out the high level of biodiversity in the Hudson River. Fishkill Creek, which connects to the river, is seen here near Madam Brett Park.

Photo by J. Simms

Inventory (from Page 1)

advised the city's volunteer Conservation Advisory Committee while it prepared the inventory. "We're trying to get communities not to react to every project that comes their way, but to be proactive, instead, by thinking 'What is our vision for this community?'"

One section of the NRI describes the topography and geology of Beacon; another indexes wildlife habitat, which around Dennings Point and much of the city's eastern border is considered "high value."

Another chapter catalogues natural scenic viewsheds, naming the Hudson River, Fishkill Creek and the Fishkill Ridge, which includes Mount Beacon, as the most significant. A map highlights the parks and other recreational areas where people can enjoy the views.

Each section includes "implications for decision-making," which offers recommendations for policy-makers. In the case of scenic viewsheds, which both the City Council and Planning Board have wrestled recently with protecting, it suggests expanding direct access to the Hudson and creating walking and biking paths that connect the three scenic areas, while ensuring that preservation remains a priority when reviewing development plans.

Drawing from Beacon's comprehensive plan and water master plan, the NRI also contains potential development build-out and water-supply maps.

"This is essentially the best-known information that we have available," said Air Rhodes, a City Council member who was part of the Conservation Advisory Committee when it began drafting the report. "These are maps that we'll be able to perfect and refine over the years."

Natural resource inventories date to

a 1970 state law that authorized municipalities to create conservation advisory committees. But as technology advanced and provided more detailed maps and data, the inventories have become more complex.

In 2014, Heady co-authored a guidebook, *Creating a Natural Resource Inventory*. Since then, 18 towns, cities and counties in the estuary region, which stretches from Brooklyn to Schenectady, have completed NRIs, with eight more underway. But with 261 municipalities in the region, participation is still low.

In Ulster County, the Town of Wawarsing, a rural community with about 2,000 fewer people than Beacon, revised its zoning laws last year after completing an NRI and a supplementary Open Space Plan, said Town Supervisor Terry Houck, to create an expanded agricultural district and a Shawangunk Ridge protection plan.

The town also designated two "critical environmental areas" — the 8,000-acre Cedar Swamp forest wetland and 3,000-acre Catskill-Shawangunk Greenway Corridor. Doing so aligns with the goals of the state's Climate Smart Communities program, which provides grants of up to \$100,000 for climate adaptation and assessment projects for municipalities that develop the plans.

Beacon's NRI brings the city closer to bronze certification in the Climate Smart program, which would increase its chances of receiving state grants, as well.

The Beacon report, which can be downloaded at highlandscurrent.org, concludes with a handful of high-level recommendations: consider climate change in decision-making across all sectors, engage residents in the stewardship of natural resources and consider the impact of development on natural resources. Each is then broken down into specific steps for city leaders to review.

NEWS BRIEFS

Seeger Collection Wins Grammy

Named as best historical album

A musical compilation produced to mark what would have been folk singer Pete Seeger's 100th birthday won a Grammy on Jan. 26.

Pete Seeger: The Smithsonian Folkways Collection, a six-CD collection with 137 tracks that was released in May, won for best historical album. Seeger himself won three Grammy Awards: for Best Traditional Folk Album in 1996 (Pete) and 2009 (At 89) and for Best Musical Album for Children (Tomorrow's Children) in 2010.

The subjects of the other nominated albums in the category were Kankyo Ongaku, the Woodstock festival, Bobbie Gentry and Vladimir Horowitz.

Airbnb Releases Rental Figures

Dutchess, Putnam hosts earned \$12.1 million

A irbnb said hosts in Dutchess and Putnam counties earned more than \$12.1 million from nearly 69,000 bookings in 2019.

In Dutchess, hosts earned \$10 million from 57,700 bookings, and in Putnam, hosts earned \$2.1 million from 10,900 bookings. In the seven-county region that includes Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties, Ulster led the way with \$31.9 million in revenue from 184,600 bookings.

Beacon to Form Citizens' Committee

Needs volunteers for Main Street initiative

The Beacon City Council is looking for residents and business owners to join a citizens' committee as part of an initiative to address parking, traffic, transit and pedestrian challenges on Main Street.

Applications can be downloaded at bit.ly/beacon-application and emailed to cityofbeacon@cityofbeacon.org.

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Haldane Happenings



▲ FIRST GRADE — In 2004 Marley Chefalo (left) was a Haldane Elementary School first grader in Catherine Scrocca's class. This month, Chefalo began her first student teaching assignment alongside her former teacher, in the same classroom.



▲ THIRD GRADE — Jennifer Windel's class visited Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie for a look at a robotic surgery system used by Dr. Ryan Swan, a hepatobiliary surgeon and father of two Haldane students. The da Vinci robot allows surgeons to perform delicate operations through a few incisions. Swan and his wife, Gina, moved to Cold Spring three years ago from Charlotte, North Carolina.



▲ TWELFTH GRADE —Erin Ledwith, a Haldane senior who attends the Pines Bridge program in Yorktown Heights, was honored at the school board meeting on Jan. 22 as a Student of Distinction. She received a certificate and medal and an ovation from administrators, teachers, family and friends who packed the meeting room. Ledwith is shown with Superintendent Philip Benante (left) and her parents, Noreen and Woody.

JILLIAN PRANSKY DEEP LISTENING

Winter Wellness Workshop Saturday, February 1, 2020, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

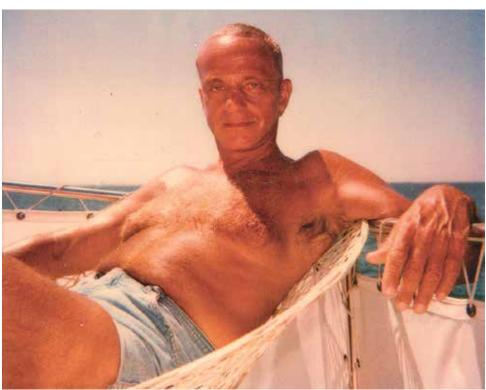
Magazzino Italian Art Foundation 2700 Route 9, Cold Spring, NY 10516

Tickets are available on Eventbrite



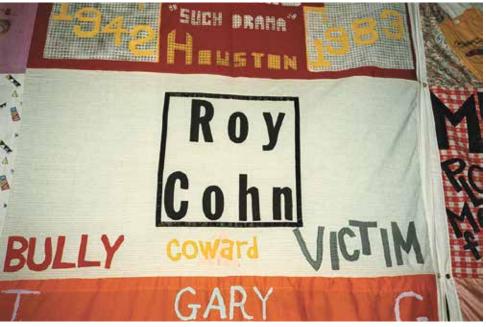


The Calendar



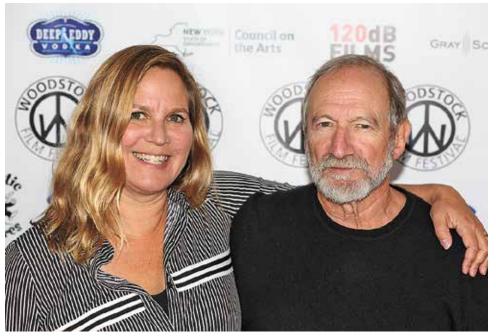
Roy Cohn

Photo by Peter Manso



The AIDS Quilt panel created for Roy Cohn

UNT Digital Library



Ivy Meeropol with her father, Mike, at a screening of her documentaty last fall at the Woodstock Film Festival

Photo by Laura Revercomb



Cold Spring filmmaker examines the legacy of Roy Cohn

By Alison Rooney

vy Meeropol never met Roy Cohn, but he played an important role in her life. The Cold Spring filmmaker is a granddaughter of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were executed as traitors in 1953 after being convicted of relaying details of the atomic bomb to the Soviets.

Cohn became famous as the tenacious — and often unscrupulous — 23-year-old federal prosecutor of the Rosenbergs. He cemented his reputation the following year as chief counsel to Joseph McCarthy during the U.S. senator's infamous hearings to identify and investigate suspected communists.

Meeropol examined her family's story in her 2004 documentary, *Heir to an Execution*. Her most recent film, *Bully. Coward*. *Victim.*, focuses on Cohn. Distributed by HBO Documentary Films, it premiered at the New York Film Festival in September and will be shown in Garrison at a sold-out Depot Docs screening on Feb. 7. It will also be screened at the Jacob Burns Center in Pleasantville on March 28 and will premiere on HBO in June.

"I knew who Roy Cohn was from a young age, but vaguely — he was a bad guy who had something to do with my grandparents being executed," Meeropol recalls.

Two experiences as an adult heightened her interest in Cohn and the ramifications of his life and influence. The first, which she documents in *Bully. Coward. Victim.*, and which gave the film its title, occurred when she and her father, Michael Meeropol, visited a display in 1987 in Washington, D.C., of the 40,000 panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. Incredibly, the first panel they spotted was one with Cohn's name sewn in, along with the three-word description.

Meeropol recalls mixed feelings. Cohn's homosexuality was revealed to the public following his diagnosis with AIDS, although he denied having the disease. He died in 1986 at age 59, five weeks after being disbarred for defrauding a client.

"When we walked up to the quilt," Meeropol says, "my feeling was, 'Oh good, the bastard,' then, 'Oh, the poor guy.' I wanted to capture that same conflicting feeling in this film."

Meeropol says her parents were supportive of her making the film, though her father (who also lives in Cold Spring) asked: "Do you really want to spend all this time thinking about this horrible person? Why don't you have some fun?"

Her father and his brother, who were adopted following the death of their parents, are central figures in the documentary. (It is dedicated to her mother, Ann, who died in May.) Although records from the Soviet Union years later showed that Julius Rosenberg had been a spy, the brothers for years have fought to clear their mother's name.

After spending several years delving into Cohn's background, motivations and how his influence is felt today, Ivy Meeropol says she still considers Cohn to be the embodiment of the three words from the quilt: bully, coward and victim.



When we walked up to the quilt my feeling was, 'Oh good, the bastard,' then, 'Oh, the poor guy.' I wanted to capture that same conflicting feeling in this film. ~Ivy Meeropol

"I know it's controversial, but to me anyone who cannot be themselves, and live life as they wish to — any gay person, anyone forced to hide and suppress themselves because of societal judgments — is a victim," she says. "It doesn't mean I forgive him. He certainly suffered because of that. Not to psychoanalyze, but that suffering turned him into a monster, but anyone who dies of AIDS is a victim."

As Tony Kushner, the playwright who depicted Cohn in *Angels in America*, says in Meeropol's film, "You can dislike the man, expose him as a monster, but there's nothing gained or learned by just presenting him that way."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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

COMMUNITY

WED 5

Wellness in Philipstown

COLD SPRING

9 a.m. Philipstown Hub 5 Stone St. | coldspringnychamber.com

The Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce's monthly breakfast meeting will include a panel on local health initiatives. Cost: \$15 (\$20 door; members \$10/\$15)

Community Blood Drive

COLD SPRING

2 - 8 p.m. North Highlands Fire Co. 504 Fishkill Road | 800-933-2566 nybloodcenter.org

Walk-ins welcome, Bring photo ID. Eat well and drink fluids before you donate.

Hudson River EagleFest

GARRISON

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Boscobel 1601 Route 9D | 914-762-2912 x110 boscobel.org

Celebrate the bald eagle migration to the Hudson Vallev and watch them feed on fish in the river from viewing sites set up by the Putnam Highlands Audubon Society. Cost: pay what you wish

SAT 8

Winter on the Farm

WAPPINGERS FALLS

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Stony Kill Farm 79 Farmstead Lane | 845-831-3800 stonykill.org

Get a tour of the barn and take a horsedrawn sleigh ride. There will also be an open greenhouse, crafts, a campfire, snowshoe rentals and a pancake brunch.

SAT 8

Community Valentines

BEACON

Noon - 4 p.m. NY Textile Lab 146 Main St. | newyorktextilelab.com

Create Valentine's Day cards using thickened, natural cochineal dye



handmade paper and textile scraps. Drop-in anytime, Children welcome, Online registration required. Cost: \$30 (\$27 members) for 5 valentines

TALKS & TOURS

Winter Wellness Workshop

COLD SPRING

3 – 5 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art 2700 Route 9 | 845-666-7202 magazzino.art/events/upcoming

Jillian Pransky will lead a mindfulness and slow-flow vinvasa workshop for deep relaxation. Cost: \$60 (\$100 with props)

Estate Planning Seminar

GARRISON

10:30 a.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org

Attorney Michael Martin will cover the options available to protect your assets.

The War Before the War

HYDE PARK

2 p.m. FDR Library (Wallace Center) 4079 Albany Post Road | 845-486-7770 fdrlibrary.org/events-calendar



from his book, The War Before the War: Fugitive Slaves and the Struggle for America's Soul from the Revolution to the Civil War, in this event organized by groups that include the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County and the Mid-Hudson Antislavery History Project. Online registration required. Free

Survival by Degrees GARRISON

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

Members of the Philipstown Garden Club and the Putnam Highlands Audubon Society will discuss Audubon's recent report on the state of birds, which shows 389 species on the brink of extinction. The discussion will include how to create habitat and food for birds in vour vard. Free

KIDS & FAMILY

Take Your Child to the Library Day

COLD SPRING

Noon - 2 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040 butterfieldlibrary.org

Enjoy Lego fun, crafts and snacks.

Storytime with Vern Kousky

COLD SPRING

10:15 a.m. Split Rock Books | 97 Main St. 845-265-2080 | splitrockbks.com

Kousky will read from his latest picture book, Lawrence: The Bunny Who Wanted to Be Naked.

SUN 2

Youth Showcase

BEACON

4 - 6 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St. 845-855-1300 | townecrier.com Abigale Lily, Isabella Duluk, Zen Seiler, Grace Cuite and Nathaniel Ramos will perform, Free

Kindergarten Registration

COLD SPRING

Haldane School (Room 116) 15 Craigside Drive | 845-265-9254 x122 haldaneschool.org

To schedule an appointment, contact Jodi Champlin by phone or ichamplin@haldaneschool. org. Children are welcome but not required to attend. Also, TUES 4, WED 5, THURS 6, FRI 7.

TUES 4

Kindergarten Registration GARRISON

9 - 11 a.m. & 1 - 3 p.m. Garrison School 1100 Route 9D | 845-424-3689 x221

Registration will take place outside the main office. See website for requirements. Also WED 5.

WED 5

Card Games Club

BEACON

3:30 - 5 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St. | 845-831-1134 x101 beaconlibrary.org

Do you play Magic, The Gathering, Yu-Gi-Oh!, Pokemon or other card games? The library will launch a new club for middle and high school students. Bring your own cards. RSVP requested. Email community@beaconlibrary.org.

Pre-School Info Session

BEACON

9:15 & 10:15 a.m. Beacon Hebrew Alliance 331 Verplanck Ave. | 845-831-2012 beaconhebrewalliance.org

Ilana Friedman, the director of the Beacon Hebrew Alliance's preschool program, will answer questions and lead a tour. Also MON 13.

Disco Bingo Night

6 p.m. Methodist Church 216 Main St.

Girl Scout Troop 2032 will host games and raffles, with bingo starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring a paper product, such as paper towels, to donate to the church and receive a free ticket for a prize. Email gshoth2032@ gmail.com for information.

SUN 9

Valentine's Day **Craft Party**

COLD SPRING

1 - 2:30 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave. I 845-265-3040 butterfieldlibrary.org/calendar

All ages are welcome to make unique gifts for someone special. Register online.

SECOND SATURDAY

Black History Month Exhibit

BEACON

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Howland Public Library

313 Main St. | 845-831-1134 beaconlibrary.org

Beacon resident Barbara McCaskill organized this exhibit of artwork, political posters and historic ephemera. It will be on view through Feb. 27. See Page 15.

Helena Hernmarck

BEACON

1:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. | 845-431-4988 hudsonvalleyyarntrail.com

The tapestry artist and weaver will discuss her decades-long career using wool, sourced from farmers in her native Sweden, that absorbs rather than reflects light to tell stories. Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)



SAT 8

Barry Le Va

BEACON

2 p.m. Dia Beacon | 3 Beekman St. 845-440-0100 | diaart.org

As part of the DiaTalks Series, curator James Meyer will interview the sculpture artist about his work and installation at Dia. Cost: \$15 (\$12 students and seniors; free for children under 12, members and Beacon residents)

[In]Action Figures 8 **BEACON**

6 - 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery

163 Main St. | 212-255-2505 shop.cluttermagazine.com/gallery

The gallery's eighth installment of this annual show will feature the art of the action figure, whose heyday was the 1970s and 1980s. Through March 6.

MUSIC

SAT 1

Concert of Concertos

4 p.m. Aquinas Hall Mount Saint Mary College $845\text{-}913\text{-}7157 \,|\, newburgh symphony.org$

The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra will perform works by Mozart, Beethoven and Prokofiev with three sopranos. Cost: \$25 (students free)

Joshua Bell

POUGHKEEPSIE

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

The violinist will be accompanied by Alessio Bax on piano in a program that includes Schubert, Franck and Bach, Proceeds benefit the Hudson Valley Philharmonic. Cost: \$100 to \$150

The Dark Horses

BEACON

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

Nine Orange County musicians will pay tribute to George Harrison, from his Cavern Club days with the Beatles through his solo career, including collaborations with Eric Clapton, Jeff Lynne and The Traveling Wilburys. Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)



Storm King School Singers

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

Students from the private school in Cornwall will perform under the direction of Gabriela Mikova Johnson. Free

FRI 7

Yarn

BEACON

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

The Americana-alt country band will perform. Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)

Beacon Rising Choir

BEACON

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

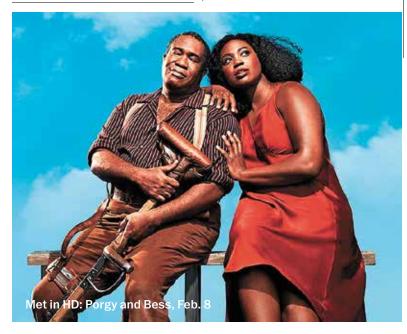
This community choir, which emerged from a singing circle and the Resistance Choir in 2017, will perform songs of inspiration, peace and protest. The concert benefits Compass Arts Creativity Project, the Beacon Community Kitchen, Newburgh LGBTQ Center, Beacon Prison Rides and the Love Quest Foundation. Cost: \$15 (\$20 door, ages 12 and under free with adult)

Daniel Kelly and David Rothenberg

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Cold Spring Coffeehouse 92 Main St. | 845-591-2073

The first in a monthly Hudson Line series will feature the Cold



Spring composers and improvisers in concert, with Kelly on keyboards and Rothenberg on clarinet and producing nature sounds. Free

SAT 8

9 Horses

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. | 845-431-4988 howlandculturalcenter.org

The trio — mandolinist Joe Brent, violinist Sara Caswell and bassist Andrew Rvan will celebrate the release of its most recent album, Blood From a Stone. Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)

SUN 9

Prognosis

BEACON

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

This Pink Floyd tribute band's multimedia show uses lighting and video to create a memorable experience and includes music from The Wall and Dark Side of the Moon. Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)

STAGE & SCREEN

THURS 6

Evening of Poetry

BEACON

6:30 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St. | 845-831-1134 beaconlibrary.org

Beacon Poet Laureate Peter Ullian and former Dutchess County Poet Laureate Bettina "Gold" Wilkerson will read selections from their work.

THURS 6

Tournées French Film Festival

POUGHKEEPSIE

6:30 p.m. Vassar College (Taylor Hall) 124 Raymond Ave. | vassar.edu

This month-long festival of six films begins with Faces, Places (2017), by Agnès Varda and the street artist JR. Founded in 1995, the festival is a program of the FACE Foundation and the French Embassy. There is an opening reception at 6 p.m. The film on SAT 8 will be $\it The Big Bad Fox and$ Other Tales (2018). See website for the full schedule. Free

Matilda, The Musical

BEACON

7 p.m. Beacon High School 101 Matteawan Road | 845-850-2722 beaconperformingartscenter.com

Based on the Roald Dahl

children's novel, this musical follows a precocious young girl with psychokinetic powers who takes on the evil headmistress of her school. Also SAT 8, SUN 9. Cost: \$12 (\$5 students)

Met in HD: Porgy and Bess

POUGHKEEPSIE

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

The high-definition simulcast of the Gershwin's masterpiece stars bass-baritone Eric Owens and soprano Angel Blue in the title roles from the Metropolitan Opera House. Cost: \$21 to \$28

SUN 9

Academy Awards Viewing Party

BEACON

7 p.m. Story Screen Beacon 445 Main St. | storyscreenbeacon.com

Watch the Oscars with champagne, photos on a red carpet, trivia rounds and live commentary. Cost: \$15

VISUAL ART

African American Artists of the Hudson Valley

BEACON

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

The 26th annual African-American History Month exhibit will include works by Jan Benoit, Ronald E. Brown, Rhonda Green-Phillips, Arnold Hayes, Ondine Thomas James, Richard Outlaw, Symantha Outlaw, Olivier Spearman, Gina Waters, Donald Whitely and Rochleigh Wholft. Through Feb. 29.

SUN 2

Portraits by Brendan K.

BEACON

Noon - 3 p.m. Beacon Bubble & Bath 458 Main St. | 845-440-6782

Sit for the artist for 45 minutes and take home your own portrait. Cost: \$11



Student Art Show

COLD SPRING

5 - 7 p.m. Philipstown Hub 5 Stone St. | coldspringnychamber.com

This reception will open an exhibit of civil rights-themed artwork by fifth-graders from Haldane Elementary. Accompanying the exhibit will be a three-day display of work by the school's second, third and fourth graders in the windows and interiors of Main Street businesses organized by the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce and the Haldane Arts Alliance as part of the chamber's First Friday events.

Erotic or Not? Sex in Art

PEEKSKILL

3 p.m. Hudson Valley MOCA 1701 E. Main St. | 914-788-0100 hudsonvalleymoca.org

In this lecture, which is part of the ongoing Art History with a Twist series, artist and art historian Marcy B. Freedman will discuss sexual themes through history. Cost: \$20 (\$10 members)

CIVIC

SAT 1

Village Board

COLD SPRING

7:30 p.m. Village Hall 85 Main St. | 845-265-3611 coldspringny.gov

The board will review recommended updates to the village code.

MON 3

Forum on Strategic Plan

COLD SPRING

6 p.m. Haldane High School (Room 211) 15 Craigside Drive | 845-265-9254 haldaneschool.org

Share your thoughts on how to put Haldane's strategic plan into action. RSVP to mshields@haldaneschool.org.

MON 3

City Council

BEACON

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

TUES 4

School Board

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Haldane High School (Room 211) 15 Craigside Drive | 845-265-9254 haldaneschool.org

TUES 4

Putnam County Legislature

7 p.m. Historic Courthouse 44 Gleneida Ave. | 845-208-7800 putnamcountyny.com

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Philipstown Town Board **GARRISON**

7:30 p.m. Community Center

107 Glenclyffe Dr. | 845-265-5200 philipstown.com

Roy Cohn (from Page 11)

Seeing *Angels in America* was the second experience that provoked Meeropol to learn more about Cohn.

"My family and I were invited to see it, and we were blown away," she says. "Once I started making documentaries, I always had 10 ideas popping around in my head. It was always in the mix, because I kept wondering, 'Why has no one made a film about this guy?' There was a scripted narrative film, but no good in-depth documentary treatment.

"I hoped someone else would do it, because I didn't want to. I didn't want to revisit my family's story — I had already done it with Heir. But Cohn's so fascinating as a figure in American history. He intersects with almost every major movement and trend from 1945 through the mid-1980s, from the rise of conservatism to the '70s disco years.'

She says she resisted the idea until the election of President Trump. "I woke up the morning after the election and thought 'I have to make this film,' " she recalls. "I had a such a unique perspective. I remember a group of my friends got together and asked each other, 'What are we all going to do now?' I decided that I would channel my rage and fear" about the election.

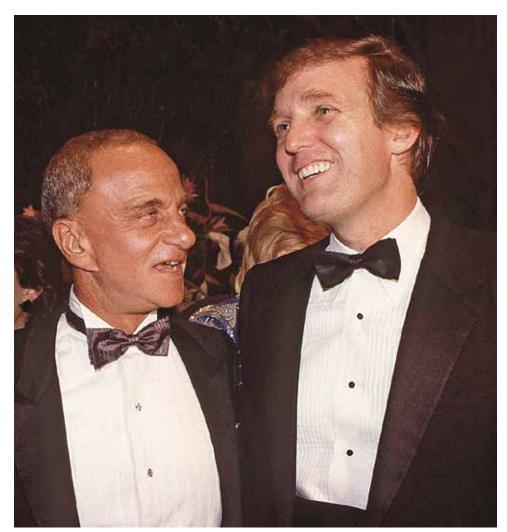
Bully. Coward. Victim. is not a chronological narrative. Instead, it takes a frag-

mented approach, mirroring the revelation of the many strands of Cohn's duplicitous life, including his connections to the mob; his hedonistic life over summers in Provincetown, Massachusetts; and his decadeslong relationship with Donald Trump as his personal lawyer.

"I wanted to move around in time, weaving my family's story in and out but never having it dominate," Meeropol says. "We skipped the 1960s — Cohn spent a lot of time being indicted. I started calling it an impressionistic biopic."

While conducting research in Provincetown, Meeropol connected with Peter Manso, a journalist who had interviewed Cohn at length and still had the tapes. "Until I found Manso and the tapes of Cohn talking about his life conversationally, I didn't know I had a film," she says. "Those are the kind of things that are so exciting about making a documentary: the hunt, the discovery."

She is part of the film but says she decided early on that, unlike *Heir*, it was not about her journey. "It's not like I've been haunted by Roy Cohn, nor has my father, but it's about using my family to understand the power and recklessness that this man had, and its deep impact," she says. "This is my dad's story in many ways. This film had to be about my father helping the audience understand what happened to him and his parents."



Roy Cohn with Donald Trump at the opening of Trump Tower in 1983 Photo by Sonia Moskowitz

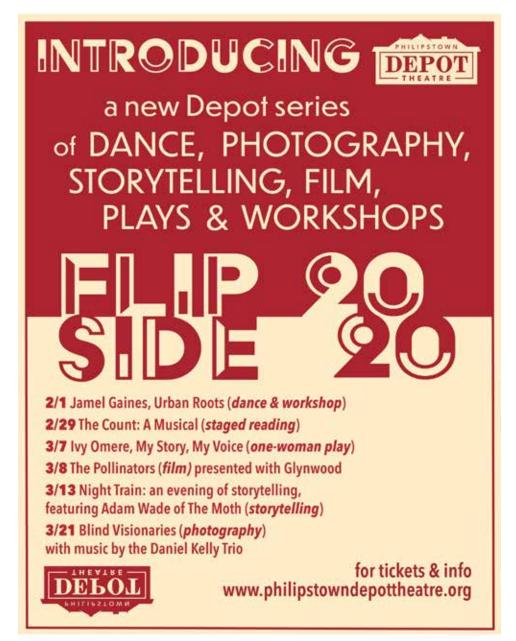


Open Call to Artists

Deadline to participate is 2/26. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center invites artists to submit 2D art in any medium. Work is open to any interpretation of song. The exhibit will run from March 14 thru April 5. On April 5th the Anne Anastasi Art Prize of \$150 will be awarded to the artist whose work was voted Best in Show by gallery guests. Find all details on our website at www.tompkinscorners.org/artist-invitation-song.

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center 729 Peekskill Hollow Road Putnam Valley, NY Call Kate at 860-466-9528





Black History, Close to Home

Beacon library to host memorabilia exhibit

By Alison Rooney

oncerned that black history is being lost, Barbara McCaskill has over the years built a collection of clippings, posters, photographs and other memorabilia. Every so often the Beacon resident asks others — she describes herself as "persuasive" — to borrow parts of their collections and puts together an exhibit.

That time has come again. Her most recent effort opens on Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Howland Public Library in Beacon, with a reception from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The display will continue through March 1.

McCaskill, 75 (or, as she says, "nearly 76!"), mounted her first exhibit at the library in 2011, two years after she joined the Southern Dutchess chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She timed it to coincide with Black History Month, which takes place each February.

The following year, McCaskill returned to the library but also created a display at the Rombout Middle School. A librarian there had created a questionnaire for students to research famous black Americans, but most of them were contemporary figures that the children would have heard of.

"The idea of my collection was to put on an exhibit where parents could explain to their kids who everyone was," McCaskill recalls.

To assemble her exhibits, McCaskill says she make lots of phone calls and visits to persuade people to lend their material, but nothing seems unfamiliar because phone calls and visits are also what she does as part of her volunteer work. Items for the display "come in little by little — I'm still working on some people," she says, with a smile. "I want to highlight not just famous people but people who have done things in the Beacon community."

The local honor roll includes people such as community activist Leatice Morgan, who ran two foster homes and whose name can be found on a street sign running off South Avenue. "She knew all of the politicians in Albany," McCaskill says. "Whatever it took to keep her program going, she did it." (Morgan died in 2005 at age 91.)

Sometimes the memorabilia comes from unlikely sources. In the 1980s, McDonald's gave out "Faces of Black History" tray sheets that highlighted prominent African-American inventors such as Madam C.J. Walker (1867-1919), who lived in Westchester County and whose line of hair products for African American women made her a millionaire.



Madam C.J. Walker put herself in the driver's seat



Barbara McCaskill, with one of the binders from her collection.

Photo by A. Rooney

McCaskill grew up in Kingstree, South Carolina. Her two older sisters attended South Carolina State. "I was the third in line," she says. "There was no such thing as financial aid, so I said to my dad, 'I can travel instead. I can go to New York, because it's too much money pressure on you guys.'

"My father said he would send me to New York, to my grandmother's. It was 1963, the year that our president [Kennedy] was killed, and I thought, 'Now I will find my own little fortune.'

"But that didn't happen and, like everything else, I stopped dreaming of it. I landed a nice little waitress job in White Plains and that's where I met my first husband."

McCaskill and her husband discovered Beacon when their son's gospel choir performed in the city. "It reminded me of the small town I grew up in," she says. After the family moved to Beacon, she initially commuted to a job in West Nyack. Frustrated with the drive, she opened a daycare for infants through 12-year-olds.

It was during that period when she began to look into how she could get more involved with her new community. A member of the City Council, Eleanor Thompson, asked McCaskill if she'd be willing to run the afterschool program at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center on South Avenue.

The center later added senior services

but closed in 2007. "It's very missed now," McCaskill says.

McCaskill is an active volunteer. "I've always liked to be a part of community organizations," she says. "They do a good job letting people know where they can get hope."

One of the goals of the NAACP's Southern Dutchess chapter, which is inactive but hoping to reorganize, was to get people registered to vote. At events such as "the Strawberry Festival, the corn one, the pumpkin — we'd always have a table there and most of the time I was the one sitting at it," McCaskill says. The organization also had programs for the homeless and veterans.

She also is active in the Hudson branch of the Les Souers Amiables Civic Club, which presents college scholarships and was organized locally in 1948.

Anyone interested in either organization can contact McCaskill at 845-831-4882. She doesn't do the internet but relies on other, seat-of-the-pants methods. "When I get involved," she says, "you're going to hear about it!"

The Howland Public Library is located at 313 Main St., Beacon. The exhibit can be viewed during library hours, which are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday; and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.



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The Process of Fixing

Cultural center gets muchneeded renovations

By Alison Rooney

▼ he work on the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon, like any historic structure, is never finished.

"We are always in a process of fixing," explains Craig Wolf, the board president for the nonprofit HCC, which moved into its home on Main Street after the library moved out in 1976.

The building, which was the first in Beacon to be added to the National Register of Historic Places and has been described as Norwegian Gothic in style, was designed as a library in 1872 by Richard Morris Hunt at the bequest of his brother-in-law, Joseph Howland, a Civil War general and former state treasurer.

After the library decamped a century later, it took three years to organize an effort to convert the building into a cultural center. That work has continued during the 40 years since, including an overhaul years ago of the slate roof, which was "hugely expensive - we're hoping it will last a very long time," Wolf says.

In earlier days, he says, HCC received a good deal of support from the Beacon Community Development Agency because it was on the historic register and also in a census tract defined as lower income. Community development is now overseen by the Dutchess County Department of Planning, and the center relies more heavily on state grants and private fundraising. (It held its first gala last vear and raised about \$21,000.)

Along with its fundraising, the HCC board has set aside funds over the years to take care of the building and pushed ahead with four major projects.

The floor

The building's 147-year-old floor was restored. "We had to work with a contractor called Strictly Hardwood, even though our floor is soft wood," Wolf says. "In the old days, when forests were younger and harvesting was newer, they'd cut long pieces,



The Howland Cultural Center

Photo by Jeff Simms

because they were cheaper to install." The contractor replaced the floor in certain spots where it was worn down, then sanded and stained it to match the original, before finishing it with coats of polyurethane.

The heat

The gas-fired heating system was replaced with twin furnaces. "It's much more efficient," Wolf says. "We've seen a drop in the bills for the past couple of years."

The geothermal

"This building is quite remarkable in that we have two ways to heat it: gas and geothermal," Wolf says. Installed a decade ago, the geothermal system "involved drilling five water wells in the side vard," he says. It provides not only heat but air conditioning. "The building had been hard to use in the

summer," he says. The geothermal needed upgrading; because the main pump had failed, and the technology has advanced, the board decided to redo the entire system.

The portico

The rehabilitation of the building's front portico and central façade (the front doors and everything above them) remains on hold until warmer weather returns.

"There's a considerable amount of deterioration in some of the wood," Wolf says. "We've done temporary repairs, but we want to do it well and right and restore some missing features. We're likely to use epoxy consolidation, a process of injecting a compound into the wood which hardens up, and you shape it. It's a cross between wood and plastic, so it's solid and unlikely to rot.

"We're using skilled and time-consuming



Some of the damage at the entrance to the Howland Cultural Center that its board hopes to have repaired.

Photo by A. Rooney

techniques because we don't want to throw some 2-by-4s on it," he says. "In some cases, we're not sure how much deterioration exists until contractors start tearing it apart." The HCC has sched-



Craig Wolf

uled its second gala for May 14 and is hoping for another fundraising success. "So much [work] needs to be done," Wolf says. "We're building our shopping list."

The list includes window rehabilitation, replacement of some brickwork, other woodwork around the building and "minor projects hither and yon: some look like maintenance, some bigger money," Wolf says. "When we get into projects it's hard to talk about how much they would cost because we haven't had a professional or specialist in preservation do the research. But obviously we're looking at the upper six figures and beyond in the coming years."

The building will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2022, which will be linchpin for a campaign. But for now, Wolf says, "people who have contributed can be pleased with how much got done for good value."



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Small, Good Things

The Spicy Bits

By Joe Dizney

t always happens about now: arctic air and snow on the ground send me mentally globe-trotting to warmer climes for culinary inspiration.



I know, I know: comfort food is about carbohydrates, roasting, long, slow braises and root vegetables. But sometimes escapism is in order, and even the blandest basic ingredients can be monumentally transformed — just as civilization was — by a little spice trading.

Dried seeds, pods, roots, berries and herbs are the alchemical ingredients that have defined global cuisines since the dawn of history. Exotic flavors and ingredients (peppers, cumin, cardamom, ginger and turmeric) offer flavor and textural variety, aka the spice of life!

As primitive as we might like to think of early cultures, centuries of experimentation have resulted in some heady and sophisticated cooking. Nowhere is this more evident than the Indian sub-continent, where many strains of cooking are refined and cultivated but also humble, universal and available to the masses.

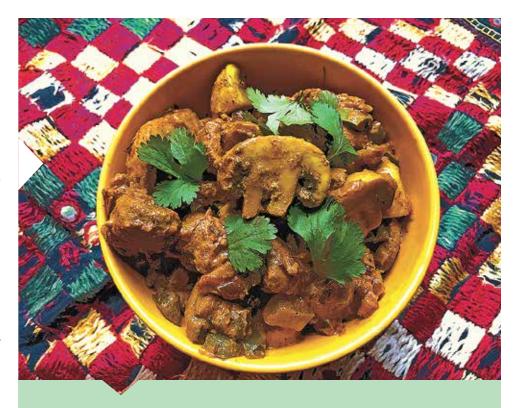
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Even the language we've come to identify with the exotic celebrates a mundanity that is refreshing in the face of Instagram culture. Take tikka masala. As far as I can ascertain, the roots are "small bits or pieces" (tikka) and "spice or spicy" (masala), so let's call it "spicy bits" for short.

Its most recognized form, chicken tikka masala, is a dish of spiced, yogurt-marinated and roasted chicken pieces stewed in a fragrant, tomato-inflected cream "curry" (itself a vague term for a sauce of spices). Not even the chicken is a constant. Lamb, seafood and vegetable permutations are spread over a large geographic area.

On offer here is an "authentic" — at least in my Hudson Valley kitchen — recipe for mushroom tikka masala. It is bits of mushrooms and bell pepper flash-fried in ghee, which is clarified butter available in the Foodtown dairy isle, and briefly stewed in a curry of onion, garlic, ginger, cumin, coriander and turmeric. The most exotic and identifiably "Indian" ingredient - fenugreek leaves, or kasoori methi — is available at Saraswati Indian Market on Route 9 in Fishkill.

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 $it.\ He\ shares\ another\ spicy\ winter\ recipe\ on$ $the\ most\ recent\ episode\ of\ Beacon\ resident$ and chef Jennifer Clair's podcast, Kitchen $Radio.\ See\ homecookingny.com/podcast.$



Mushroom Tikka Masala

Serves 4

- 4 tablespoons oil or ghee
- 2 teaspoons cumin seeds
- 2 large yellow onions, chopped fine
- 3 tablespoons ginger-garlic paste (see note, below)
- 14.5-ounce can crushed tomatoes in sauce
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric powder
- 4 tablespoons dried fenugreek leaves (kasoori methi); optional
- 2 pounds large white button and/or cremini mushrooms, wiped clean
- 2 large green bell peppers, 1/4" dice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 2 teaspoons medium-hot chili powder
- 3/4 cup whole-milk Greek yogurt
- 2 to 3 tablespoons ghee
- ½-to-1 teaspoon medium-hot chili powder

1/4 to 1/2 cup heavy cream (or substitute coconut cream)

- 1. In a large saucepan, heat oil or ghee to medium and add cumin seeds. Once they begin to sizzle, add chopped onion. Cook stirring often until onions brown slightly. Add ginger-garlic paste and stir for about 45 seconds to a minute. Sprinkle in the ground coriander, cumin and turmeric and chili powder. Add crushed tomatoes in puree. Bring to a low boil then reduce heat to maintain a low simmer while you prepare the mushrooms. Add hot water as needed to keep the sauce from thickening too
- 2. Trim the mushroom stems a bit leaving the caps whole, if possible. If too large, cut in halves or quarters. Toss with the bell peppers and reserve in a large bowl. Whisk together the yogurt, peppers, turmeric and chili powder. Add the spiced yogurt to the mushrooms and peppers and work it all together gently with your hands.
- 3. Heat oil or ghee to medium-high heat in a large skillet. When hot, add the mushrooms-pepper mix in one layer. Do this in batches so as to not crowd the pan. Cook the mushrooms until they start to brown. Don't move them around too much or they won't brown.
- 4. When all of the mushroom-bell pepper mix is cooked, add it to the tomato sauce. Add salt to taste. Add fenugreek and cook over medium heat for 3 minutes. Stir in heavy (or coconut) cream and simmer for another 3 to 5 minutes. Serve over jasmine rice and garnish with chopped cilantro.

Note: Ginger-garlic paste is a commercially available Indian preparation. I found it at Saraswati in Fishkill. It is basically a puree of equal measures ginger and garlic, smoothed with a little oil. The commercial preparation of course has additives to prolong shelf life, resulting in a questionable product. Make it yourself and freeze any excess for other uses.





Start Reading Now



February book club selections

Helen Savoit Book Club

TUES 11, 1:30 P.M.

Miss Emily, by Nuala O'Connor

Howland Public Library, Beacon

Kids' Book Club

THURS 13, 4 P.M.

New Kid, by Jerry Kraft

Split Rock Books, Cold Spring

Fiction Book Club

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THURS 13, 7 P.M.

Austerlitz, by W.G. Sebald

Split Rock Books, Cold Spring

Graphic Novel Book Club (for Adults)

TUES 18, 7 P.M.

You & a Bike & a Road, by Eleanor Davis Split Rock Books, Cold Spring

History Book Club

THURS 20, 7 P.M.

Postwar: A History of Europe Since 1945, by Tony Judt Split Rock Books, Cold Spring

Butterfield Book Club

MON 24. 7 P.M.

Water Dancer, by Ta Nehisi Coates Butterfield Library, Cold Spring

Beacon Book Club

THURS 27, 7:15 P.M.

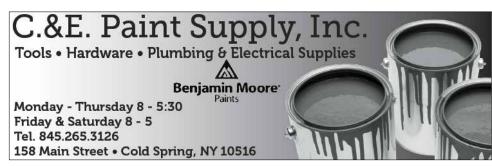
The Pale-Faced Lie, by David Crow Location visible to members meetup.com/Beacon-BookClub

Real Estate

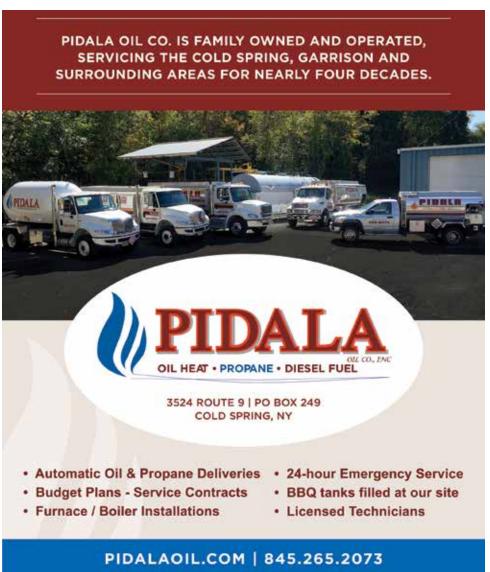
Market Report (December)

	Bea	con	Philipstown		
	2018	2019	2018	2019	
New Listings	1	3	2	6	
Closed Sales	5	4	11	10	
Days on Market	88	77	72	79	
Median Price	\$272,000	\$406,250	\$460,000	\$628,750	
% List Received	91.8	90.3	94.9	96.3	
Inventory	21	22	60	64	

Source: Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors (Ingar.com). Excludes condos. Philipstown includes Cold Spring, Garrison and Nelsonville.







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By Chip Rowe

Editor's note: Beacon was created in 1913 from Matteawan and Fishkill Landing.

200 Years Ago (January 1820)

A Dutchess judge considered whether to jail the insolvent Nathan Ashby of Fishkill Landing in light of a state law passed the year before that "abolished imprisonment for debt in certain cases."

150 Years Ago (January 1870)

The county began grand jury selection for an indictment of John Heroy, who was accused of stealing \$175 in goods from George Sullivan's store in Matteawan.

The Matteawan Manufacturing Co. was turning out about 120 dozen hats a day.

Capitalists from Massachusetts visited Matteawan to prospect the water power for the establishment of cotton mills and "are in negotiation for certain preliminary privileges."

125 Years Ago (January 1895)

On appeal, a state judge ruled Edward Meredith to be sane. Meredith had been convicted of murder and sent to Sing Sing, where he "declared that he had found grave irregularities in the prison books." In response, prison officials sent him to the Asylum for the Criminally Insane at Matteawan, saying he suffered from delusions. He had been released in 1894 and immediately wrote a tell-all book.

100 Years Ago (January 1920)

John T. Smith of Beacon, who served five terms in the Assembly representing southern Dutchess County, died at his home. He also was president of the First National Bank of Beacon.

Frank Shaw, 19, killed himself with two shots to the chest while stretched over the Beacon grave of Romola Gerow, 15. (A second newspaper account gave her name as Eva Taylor.) The Newburgh man was apparently distraught because his sweetheart had died while he was serving in the Army overseas.

Frankie "The Bronx Spider" Jerome won a decisive victory over Ray Lucas of Newburgh

Looking Back in Beacon



Frankie "The Bronx Spider" Jerome fought in Beacon in 1920.



John Reed, the author of *Ten Days That* Shook the World

in a boxing match at the Wright-King Club with knockdowns in the first, fifth, seventh and ninth rounds. [Jerome died in 1924 at age 24 after being knocked out in a match.]

Harrison Ellison of 67 Tioronda Ave. was arrested on suspicion of being John Reed, the author of Ten Days That Shook the World, a firsthand account of the Bolshevik Revolution, who had been indicted in Chicago for "criminal anarchy." Ellison told police he was not Reed but a former attendant at the Matteawan State Hospital who hadn't been to Chicago in 15 years. After being held for four days, Ellison was released when New York City detectives arrived with a photo of Reed, who was clearly not him. [In fact, Reed had fled to Moscow in 1919 and died there in October 1920.] The county district attorney said he had no idea why Illinois authorities, in a telegram to the sheriff, identified Ellison as Reed and asked that he be extradited.

The steamer Poughkeepsie, enroute to

New York from Beacon with a load of poultry, fruits and vegetables, was caught in the ice near West Point. Trucks were sent to Garrison but the ferry managers said their boats were too small to take them across. The ferrymen also refused to use their boats to carry the perishables back to Garrison.

While repairing the floor of the Academy of Music, carpenters came upon the mummified remains of two cats, which they surmised must have run under the floor when it was being installed 50 years earlier.

In the first volleyball game of the season, the Poughkeepsie YMCA defeated the Beacon Tire Co., 15-8, 15-10, 15-9.

Charles Taylor of Beacon, treasurer of the Colored World War Veterans Association, based in Newburgh, was accused of embezzlement.

Louise Coldwell Post, formerly of Beacon, wrote a letter to the *Beacon Herald* about her new home on the island of Java.

Plans were made to add a maternity ward to Highland Hospital.

A jury deliberated for nine hours but deadlocked in the retrial of a lawsuit brought by a woman who demanded \$10,000 from the city after she slipped on a sidewalk and injured her back. She had been awarded \$2,500 but a state appeals court overturned the verdict.

A county judge granted Nellie Dolson, 22, a divorce from her husband, William, 28, "on the identification of his signature on a Poughkeepsie hotel register" with a woman who was not Mrs. Dolson.

Sgt. Major Edward Corwin of Beacon met John J. Pershing while photographing the general being introduced to the soprano Luisia Tetrazzini before a concert.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals noted in its annual report that the number of flagrant abuses in Beacon had dropped dramatically in recent years. It also reported it had investigated 612 complaints, secured 32 convictions, humanely dispatched 89 horses and ordered another 88 to be retired from the streets.

75 Years Ago (January 1945)

Beacon police responded to a report that two boys had drowned near "The Trees" swimming hole but discovered it was a misunderstanding. A woman had called to say that when she asked two children she found crying on Grove Street what was the matter, one replied that "two boys on a sled went in the creek." Police found sled marks leading to the creek edge, but a priest located the boys in Groveville.

Priscilla Cavaccini of Cannon Street escaped injury when she leaped from her automobile as it skidded off Fishkill Avenue and dropped 25 feet to the tracks.

The Beacon High school boys' basketball team, coached by Bill Hamm, defeated Poughkeepsie, 38-27, for its eighth straight win after losing its first two.

A 25-year-old Beacon woman was arrested for allegedly stabbing an assistant chef at the Dutchess Hotel in the head after the two had an argument at a tavern and he came to her home to continue it.

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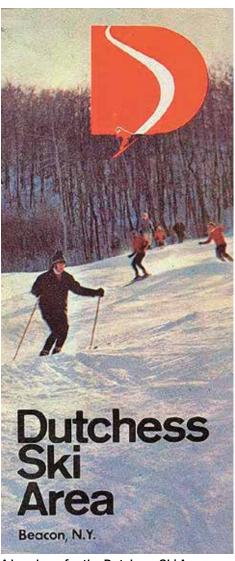
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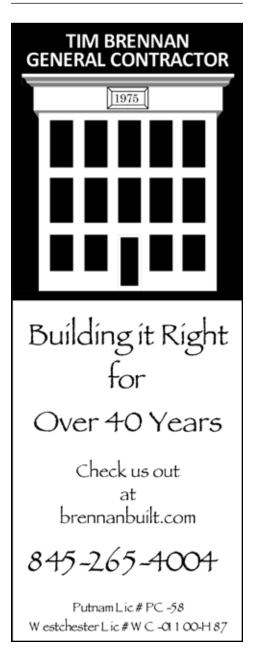
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Looking Back (from Page 19)

Word arrived that Pvt. Robert Bennett, 20, of Cliff Street, had been killed in an auto crash in France.

Frank Bettina, an electrician's mate in the Navy and brother of Beacon boxer Melio Bettina, was reported wounded in action in the Pacific theater. [Frank had been aboard the USS Orestes when it was sunk near the Philippines by a Japanese kamikaze bomber. After returning home, he worked for Central Hudson for 35 years before retiring and died in 2010 at age 91.]

A state judge upheld a new Beacon law that banned lawsuits against the city for injuries incurred from falls on sidewalks unless a "notice of defective condition" had previously been filed with the City Council. It asked a judge to dismiss a \$35,000 lawsuit by a man whose son had died after tripping into a window well.

The City Council approved what the mayor called "preliminary steps" for improving Beacon's water system, including repairs to meters at the Melzingah and Mount Beacon reservoirs and a new meter for the Cargill reservoir.

After the heaviest snowfall in a decade, John Grosso, 63, a hatmaker who lived a half mile from the nearest plowed road, was trapped in his home on Mountain Road for four days while suffering from pneumonia. It took a pair of state troopers and a toboggan to rescue him through waist-deep show on a steep slope that even a city plow could not navigate.

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Fri. Feb. 14 – 7 pm HUDSON VALLEY POETS writing from Saipan Island to his niece, Angelina Thomaselli of Beacon, said he was examining a life raft and noticed it had been made by the New York Rubber Co. of Beacon.

The Beacon Lumber and Coal Co. was, in December, supposed to receive three carloads of coal, which was being rationed

Petty Officer 1st Class William Barrack,

The Beacon Lumber and Coal Co. was, in December, supposed to receive three carloads of coal, which was being rationed because of the war, but did not get them until New Year's Day. By the time the next load arrived on Jan. 31, it said 65 customers had been out of coal for a week or more.

50 Years Ago (January 1970)

The Beacon Area Chamber of Commerce discussed changing its name to the Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce. When that proposal was defeated by a 7-6 vote, it went with the Beacon-Fishkill Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Dutchess Ski Area at Mount Beacon hired four European instructors: Bernard Herrou and Jean Pierre Chatollard of France and Pepi Dattendorfer and Tom Wuzrainer of Austria. It also hosted its first international invitational giant slalom race with a half-mile course that dropped 600 feet through 26 gates. It was won by Gilbert Felli of Austria in 56.516, followed by Wuzrainer. [Felli is today the executive director of the International Olympic Committee.]

Beacon Savings and Loan said it would merge with the First Federal Savings and Loan of Kingston to form Hudson Valley Federal Savings and Loan.

Jerome Williamson of the Beacon High School boys' basketball team set a school record when he scored 39 points against Middletown, topping the 38 points recorded by Tony Komisar in 1954-55 and Lou Jackson in 1965-65.

The outgoing Republican administration left a surprise for the incoming mayor and council, the mayor said: an unpaid, three-month-old bill for \$95,393 related to the design of a state-mandated secondary sewage treatment plant. The previous administration had said in 1969 it had a \$60,000 surplus that allowed it to lower taxes. The former Republican mayor responded that the bill was supposed to be included in the bond to build the plant, not in the city budget.

A Green Haven Correctional Facility guard pleaded guilty to second-degree manslaughter for stabbing his wife to death with a bread knife during an argument in the bedroom of their home on Lydia Drive.

Engineering consultants told Beacon that the only source of water adequate for the city's long-term needs was the Hudson River.

The Beacon school superintendent recommended the district build a new high school because of overcrowding.

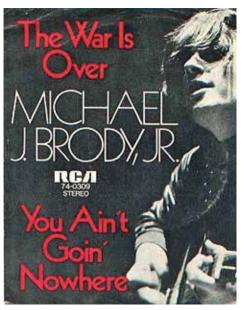
At the request of a group of high school students, the district declared Jan. 15 as an annual school holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. More than 150 students gathered at the school to honor King.

The city received a \$3.8 million federal urban-renewal grant to build low-income housing and a new post office.

The Hudson River Valley Commission endorsed an overhead power line for Mount Beacon but opposed a plan for a 100-bed nursing home — which had already been

approved by the Planning Board - for a slope off South Avenue.

Four Beacon High School students — Andrea Sramek, Janice Marinaccio, Chris Whittingham and Kerry Garo — while on a class field trip to New York City, were browsing in a music store when a young man asked for their advice on selecting a guitar. It turned out he was the margarine heir Michael James Brody Jr., 21. He said he had budgeted \$900, but since the instrument they suggested only cost \$500, he gave them each \$100. [Brody, who announced earlier that same month that he planned to give away his fortune because "money hasn't made me satisfied," killed himself in 1973.]



Two songs performed by Michael Brody were released by RCA

25 Years Ago (January 1995)

After seven years of walking laps each week at the Dutchess Mall in Fishkill, John Mara of Glenham hit the 9,000-mile mark.

The Beacon city attorney said his office obtained four convictions for violations by landlords of the building code. Two landlords were fined a total of \$5,000, he said, including one who had welded a fire escape shut to deter vandals.

Nick Donofrio, 50, the Beacon native credited with reviving IBM's mainframe computer division, was promoted in a restructuring.

The Beacon High School cafeteria added Domino's pizza to its menu, selling 229 slices the first day from its standing order of 40 pies.

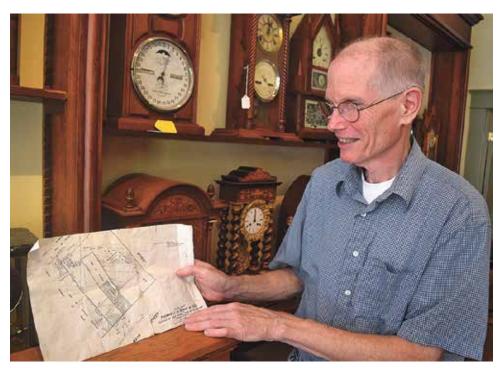
Nobody's Fool, starring Paul Newman, Jessica Tandy, Melanie Griffith and Bruce Willis, with Beacon standing in for the fictional city of North Bath, opened at theaters.

The Beacon City Council approved an agreement to provide fire protection for the Downstate Correctional Facility for \$12,000 annually.

Beacon native and former longtime Notre Dame basketball coach Digger Phelps claimed during an interview with the *Poughkeepsie Journal* that he planned to run for president in 2004. "I want to coach the country," he said.

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OBITUARIES



Howard Broad at his clock shop in 2016

Photo by Michael Turton

Howard Broad (1953-2020)

Howard Ira Broad, 67, a resident of Garrison for the past 33 years, died in Somers on Jan. 26, 2020, of complications from Alzheimer's disease. He was the longtime owner of Country Clocks in Cold Spring.

Broad was born in Coral Gables, Florida, on Jan. 8, 1953, and raised in the Bronx, where he attended Howard Taft High School.

In an interview with *The Current* in 2011, Broad said he went to work at age 16 and was employed as a draftsman with Bell Telephone before enrolling in the Bulova Watch and Clock School in 1983. "They only teach watchmaking now," he said. "There is a great need for people who can fix watches," he said. He said he didn't see relying on cell phones to keep track of time as a threat. "There will always be people who will want a nice watch."

Broad opened Country Clocks at 142 Main St. in the late 1980s and operated it for three decades until his retirement in 2018.

Asked in 2011 to identify his oldest timepiece, he pointed to an English Lantern clock from 1690, "the first domestic clock offered." He was, however, unable to identify his favorite. "It's hard to say. It's like saying, 'Who's your favorite child?'"

Broad is survived by his spouse of 41 years, Winfried Dohle, and his extended families, the Dohles, Rautenbachs, Lohmanns and Rasches.

A funeral service was held today (Jan. 31) at Clinton Funeral Home in Cold Spring, followed by interment at Cold Spring Cemetery.

Decatur Myers (1947-2019)

Decatur Reed Myers, 72, of Peekskill, died on Dec. 13, 2019, at his home. Myers was a longtime newspaper deliveryman in the Highlands.

Other Recent Deaths

Philipstown

Nicholas Fish, 61 Charles Moore, 74 Mary O'Rourke, 89 Karen Viilu, 73

Beacon

Luis Arzola, 81 Daisy Bowen, 91 Edward Cooper, 58 Barbara Cruver, 83 Maggie Cruz, 51 Barbara Delahay, 79 Thomas Egan, 64 Bettie Geysen, 88 Jean Kalbfus, 54 Ed Link, 89 Mary Mazzacone, 93 Denver Mendoza, newborn Rick Monroe Jr., 70 Helen Moraitis, 79 Patti Schnetzler, 73 Shirley Way, 90

For obituaries, see highlandscurrent.org/obits.

SPORTS

Beacon Girls (from Page 24)

Enita Rodriguez led the Bulldogs with 13 points, Skyler Kurtz added eight and Dior Gillins had six.

Dahl said that Gillins, her point guard, "is the hustle behind our team. Enita hit some big shots for us, and our seniors can find success when they work together. Our most improved player, Analiese Compagnone, has been aggressive."

Dahl noted that she has a group of talented

young players, including eighth-grader Devyn Kelly and freshmen Tianna Adams and Hope Cleveringa. "Being able to compete at this level is only going to make them better." Dahl said.

Beacon also lost last week to John Jay, 58-41, at East Fishkill. Now 6-11, the Bulldogs travel to Poughkeepsie today (Jan. 31).

With about two weeks left in the season, the squad is ranked 19th of 27 Class A teams in Section 1, according to KDJblog. com, the site of sports writer Kevin Delaney Jr. Only the top 20 teams qualify for the state tournament. Hendrick Hudson (13-1) is at No. 1, followed by Tappan Zee and Rye.

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- 5. Relaxation
- 9. "Help!"
- 12. Emanation
- 13. Picture of health?
- 14. Demonic tyke
- 15. Dance lesson
- 16. Green land
- 17. Grazing area
- 18. Loafer, e.g.
- 19. Wrestling surface
- 20. Small horse
- 21. Tear
- 23. Eggs
- 25. Ought not
- 28. Plunder
- 32. Jellied dish
- 33. Flat
- 34. Neptune or

Poseidon

36. Makes baby food, maybe

- 37. Id counterpart
- 38. Allow
- 39. Ironside star
- 42. Definite article
- 44. "Phooey!"
- 48. Past
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- 51. Under the weather
- 52. Filly's brother
- 53. Mountain goat

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- 55. TV trophy
- 56. "- and the

- 3. Sandwich treat
- 5. Free from a duty

- 54. Caustic chemical 8. Storm center

DOWN

- 1. Just say no
- 2. Naomi's daughterin-law
- 4. Empty threat

- 6. Met melody
- 7. Tailor, humorously

- Tramp"

- 9. Missile shelter
 - 10. Portent
 - 11. Fix, in a sense
 - 20. Evidence of fraud
 - 22. Disguised, for
 - short
- 24. Cost
- 25. "More," to Jose
- 26. Work with
- 27. Hot tub
- 29. Word implied in "been there, done
 - that"

- 30 Born
- 31. Golfer Ernie
- 35. E-business
- 36. More than enough
- 39. Kind of bond
- 40. Pre-swan
- 41. Portrayal
- 43. lan or Celeste
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- 46. Prepared to drive
- 47. Alluring
- 49. Lemieux milieu

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7 LITTLE WORDS

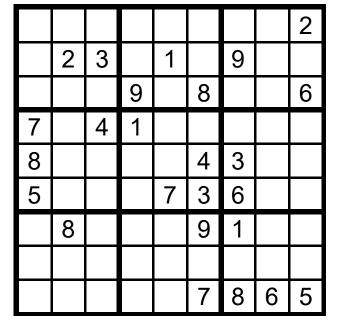
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SPORTS



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Enita Rodriguez led the Bulldogs against Hendrick Hudson with 13 points.

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Beacon Girls Fall to Powerhouse

Tough to stop Hendrick Hudson and its star

By Skip Pearlman

he Beacon High School girls' basketball team had a few bright moments in its 58-30 loss on Wednesday (Jan. 29) to top-ranked Hendrick Hudson, but it wasn't enough to slow the Sailors or their star, Caitlin Weimar, who will play for Marist College in the fall.

"We had a game plan coming in, but obviously Caitlin Weimar [who scored 23 points] is a phenomenal player," said Coach Christina Dahl. "Our goal was to stop her, and we knew No. 5 [Grace Moretti, who scored 18 points] is a good shooter, so that was our plan. Do I think we executed it well? Not really. We gave them too many opportunities on the offensive boards."

Dahl said that "when you play a strong team like that, you've got to do the little things right, including break their press. We made some poor decisions there. And we didn't put the ball in the basket — that's been something that's been plaguing us all season."

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Crunching the Numbers

Sports writer Kevin Devaney
Jr. loves to crunch numbers
and recently analyzed varsity
high school basketball data for
Section 1 (which includes teams
from the Highlands) for his
website at KDJBlog.com.

By tracking the winning percentage of teams' opponents, he calculated that the Mount Vernon boys (9-8) had, through Jan. 30, the toughest schedule of any of the 75 teams in the section, with Putnam Valley (2-11) at No. 3, Beacon (6-11) at No. 11 and Haldane (11-3) — which has won half of its games by 25 points or more — at No. 67.

Haldane, which scores an average

of 65 points per game, is ranked No. 10 among the section's 25 top-scoring teams; the Blue Devils are No. 11 in defense — i.e., the fewest points allowed per game — at 46.6. (Beacon is not among the top 25 in either category.)

Among the girls' teams, Lourdes (12-2) had the toughest schedule of 70 schools through Jan. 30, with Haldane (7-7) at No. 21 and Beacon (6-11) at No. 47. Neither Highlands team was in the top 25 in points scored per game, but Beacon was No. 19 in fewest points allowed (44.7). New Rochelle scored the most points per game (67.6) and Hendrick Hudson allowed the least (34.1).

VARSITY ROUNDUP

Boys' Basketball

Beacon (6-11) picked up a victory on Wednesday in Montrose, beating Hendrick Hudson, 59-48, behind 22 points from Quazir Hayes. Adrian Davis added eight for the Bulldogs.

"It was an excellent game," said Coach Scott Timpano. "We always have great battles with Hendrick Hudson. Ian Bautista [who had four points and more than 10 rebounds] played the hardest we've seen him go. It was a much-needed win."

The Bulldogs led by double digits but the Sailors (4-11) made a run in the second half to cut the lead to two points with four minutes to play before Beacon regained control.

Beacon plays Red Hook on Saturday (Feb. 1) at Dutchess Community College, travels to Peekskill on Feb. 4 and closes its regular season on Feb. 6, hosting Lourdes (8-5). The Bulldogs are fighting for a playoff spot; sports writer Kevin Delaney Jr.'s site at kdjblog.com puts them at No. 21 of 29 Class A teams in Section 1, but only the top 20 teams qualify.

Haldane easily won three games this week to improve to 11-3, defeating Yonkers Montessori Academy, 72-47; Bronxville, 51-31; and The Leffell School, 68-32, which was Coach Joe Virgadamo's 150th win.

Senior Matt Champlin led the Blue Devils in scoring in all three games, with 24 against Yonkers, 14 against Bronxville and 16 in the Leffell game. Freshman Matteo Cervone had a career-best 16 against Yonkers, Mame Diba scored 13 against Bronxville and Cervone added 14 in the Leffell game.

"We're starting to shoot better," said Virgadamo. "We're finding better balance on offense, and our defense is coming around. We're starting to put it all together."

The Blue Devils hosted Putnam Valley (2-10) on Jan. 30 and will take on Edgemont (2-11) on Saturday at 2 p.m. and Dobbs Ferry (11-5) on Monday at 6:15 p.m. They are currently the No. 2 seed of five teams in Class C for Section 1, behind Hamilton (13-2).

Girls' Basketball

Haldane dropped a 55-39 decision at home to undefeated Briarcliff on Jan. 23 to even their record at 7-7. Senior Bela Monteleone scored 28 points, Liv Monteleone grabbed 10 rebounds and Molly Siegel had eight boards.

The Blue Devils are scheduled to travel to Pleasantville (8-7) on Saturday and will host Putnam Valley (11-3) on Monday at 6 p.m.

Boys' Swimming

Beacon, which finished its season on Jan. 21 at 9-4, will host the eight-team league championships on Saturday with squads from Poughkeepsie, Lourdes, Peekskill/Hendrick Hudson/Croton, Eastchester, Tappan Zee, Woodlands and Nyack traveling to the high school pool.

Bowling

The Beacon boys' and girls' squads each lost to John Jay, 7-0, on Jan. 28.



Haldane's Dan Santos drives around a Bronxville defender.

Photo by Amy Kubil