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Insulin: A High-Priced Shot at Life

*State considers cap to slow
rising cost of drug*

By Leonard Sparks

There is the cost of living, and then there is the cost of keeping your diabetic college-student daughter alive.

So there was no question that Beacon resident Lisa Gallina would spend, two days after Christmas, \$625 for a month's worth of insulin medications.

Typically she pays \$50 per month after her deductible, but it had reset. She says she feels fortunate she could make the payment on her credit card. "But there's people who can't [afford it], and that's how these kids die," she said.

As insulin prices have risen, so have reports of diabetics rationing or forgoing medication and the deaths of uninsured or underinsured people in their 20s.

New York may soon join a short list of states that cap the monthly out-of-pocket costs that diabetic patients with health insurance must pay for the drug.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo in December expressed his support for a \$100 cap for each 30-day supply, and lawmakers in the state Senate and Assembly are weighing several bills that would limit out-of-pocket costs to that amount.

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Lisa Gallina of Beacon with some of the insulin medications used by her daughter, who has diabetes

Photo by L. Sparks



A HEARTY MEAL — Helanna Bratman (at left), coordinator of the Cornell Cooperative Extension's Green Teens program, and Jennifer Clair (right) were among about 20 volunteers who prepared soup on Feb. 22 to sell the next morning at the Beacon Farmer's Market to benefit a program that provides produce to families in need. For more photos, see Page 15. Photo by Ross Corsair

It's Time: Bring Your Own Bags

*State plastic ban takes
effect Sunday, March 1*

By Jeff Simms

Beginning Sunday (March 1) single-use plastic bags will be banned in grocery stores, drug stores, malls and at any other retailer that collects state sales tax, including in the Highlands.

Paper bags don't have to be offered,

although retailers have the option of providing them and can charge a fee for each.

Some local retailers, including Foodtown in Cold Spring and Key Food in Beacon, are adding heavier-duty, washable and recyclable bags. Key Food said it would charge 20 cents for plastic bags that can be used at least 125 times and 5 cents for each paper bag. The store also sells reusable cloth bags for 99 cents.

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A Lifeline for The Underground

*Customers come to aid of
Beacon comic shop*

By Jeff Simms

Albert Mas says it was the hardest post he'd ever had to write.

On Feb. 16, after nearly two years running his comic-book shop, The Underground Beacon, he announced via Facebook that it would be closing. A

family member was terminally ill and he'd run out of money, he said.

"Usually comic shops grow into a place this big," he said this week, looking around the shop on the east end of Main Street. "But when I was looking for spaces, this was the best one for the best price I could find, and it's my dream space."

He opened at 462 Main in June 2018, knowing it could take a while to build up

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Growing Older at Home

*Group wants to help
residents 'age in place'*

By Alison Rooney

The qualities that entice people to move to the Highlands, such as privacy, can become problems as people age. Even older people who live on or near a community's Main Street can feel alone.

That sense of isolation is one of the catalysts behind a newly formed nonprofit called Philipstown Aging at Home. Its organizers — Lynda Ann Ewen, Susan Freeman, Sheila Rauch and Ellyn Varela-Burstein — introduced themselves on Monday (Feb. 24) at the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison.

"One thing we've discovered talking with people is that Philipstown has a high level of homeownership by seniors," Ewen said. "Many are isolated and we need help identifying these people, because they're not here — they don't come to meetings."

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5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: FRAN LEVENSON

By Brian PJ Cronin

Fran Levenson, 96, of Garrison, was executive director in the 1950s and 1960s of the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing. The civil-rights activist was honored last fall by the Citizens' Committee for Children of New York with its Eleanor Roosevelt Award, making her the first recipient to actually have worked with Eleanor Roosevelt.

How did you get involved in housing policy?

I grew up in the Bronx during the Depression and was aware of the difficulties that people would go through. The streets were full of furniture that had been removed from foreclosed apartments. It was a horrible situation. Families were living on the streets. Today the homeless are mostly single people. But then, whole families were being put out.

What was the biggest challenge of your work?

The reluctance of the establishment to change its policies. The situation got worse when the federal government got involved with housing and made a conscious effort

to refuse to accommodate people of color in that housing.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

The laws that we got passed that prevent the federal government, and to a certain extent private industry, from discriminating on the basis of race.

What was it like working with the first lady?

She was a wonderful woman. She had an amazing ability to work on many different things at the same time. She was working against discrimination in the Armed Forces, in housing, in all aspects of federal government. And she was working to raise money for organizations. She was clear on what she felt about discrimination on the basis of race, and she followed through.

What are the most pressing concerns

today with housing?

There are two issues, but they're inter-related. There's less discrimination on the part of real-estate agencies and companies, but there's still discrimination by local governments, the federal government, in zoning laws, and so forth. It's much more difficult to do anything about the economic problems. The costs of land and production are going up, and it's getting worse.

It's discouraging. Private industry, without the aid of the government, cannot provide housing for low-income families, and there's a reluctance on the part of the government in certain areas to provide what is necessary. So the costs of providing good housing are going up, as well as management of good housing. Managing good housing is almost as difficult as constructing it in the first place.

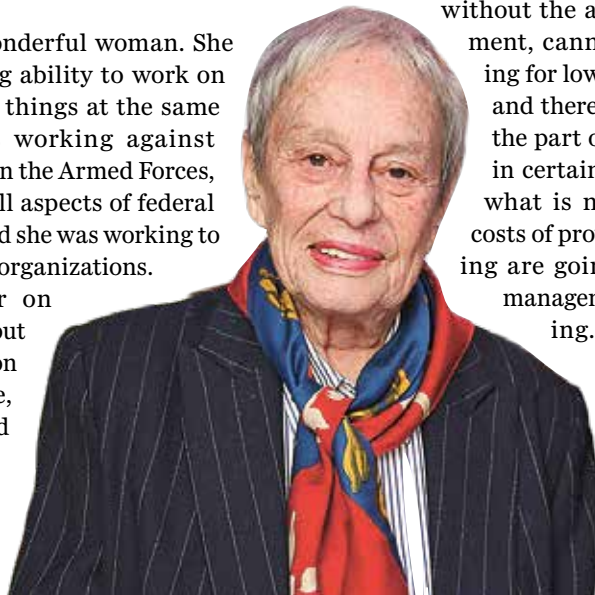


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ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What do you have planned for Feb. 29?

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I'm going to play leapfrog with my grandkids!

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~ Jeff Amato, Cold Spring

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If it was summer, I'd go cliff jumping — a leap of faith.

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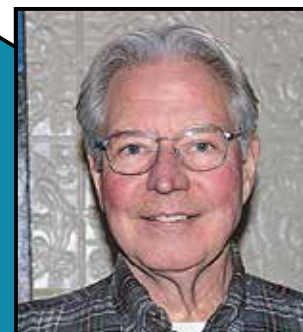


~ Catherine Miller, Beacon

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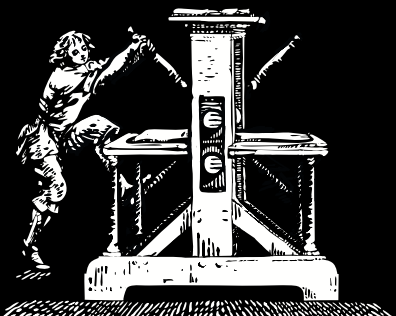
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~ Peter Britz, Cold Spring

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PUTNAM COUNTY

Putnam Turns its Focus to Airbnb

Legislators discuss wisdom of adding room tax

By Holly Crocco

With the growing popularity of short-term rentals made through platforms such as Airbnb, lawmakers in Putnam County are looking for ways to embrace visitors while making sure neighborhoods aren't overrun — and also get a piece of the profits through a room tax.

According to Airbnb, hosts in Putnam County in 2019 earned \$10 million from 57,700 bookings.

Eliza Starbuck, the president of the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce, noted at the county's Feb. 18 Economic Development Committee meeting that the issue of short-term rentals has been polarizing.

She told legislators that the Cold Spring Chamber supports regulating the rentals but says they must be "clearly defined" in zoning codes and "fairly taxed so they contribute to the region's economic growth."

She said the chamber is particularly concerned about homes being converted into short-term rentals because "such conversions deplete the residential building stock, erode neighborhoods and compete unfairly with the hotel industry."

Starbuck said her organization would like to see a room tax collected at the county level on property rentals. She said neighboring counties that impose occupancy taxes of between 2 and 6 percent have not seen a major loss of tourists.

Sam Oliverio, a former county legislator who is now the Putnam Valley supervisor, said he would like to find a way to place limits on short-term rentals.

"What's happening is that quite a few very wealthy individuals from the New York City area are buying up homes" to

convert to short-term rentals, he said. "That destroys neighborhoods; it increases the prices of the houses."

Oliverio said he was flabbergasted that a 700-square-foot home on Lake Oscawana recently sold for \$1.5 million. "It was a cottage, and yet the individual paid that much money to have that property and the rights to it to rent it out as an Airbnb because they're going to make their money back in a few years," he said.

Oliverio said individuals rent these properties for parties and other gatherings and do not seem concerned about the quality of life in the neighborhood.

The supervisor recognized that short-term rentals could produce revenue if Putnam Valley implemented a permitting process that included a fee of, say, \$1,000 per room and inspections, but said that landlords threatened to sue, with some claiming they only offered their properties to friends and family.

"Enforcement is the toughest thing," said Oliverio, noting that his town cannot employ someone to patrol the internet for listings. "It's a mess, and I wish there was some way to control it. They're not our local residents, and that's the thing that fires me up the most."

How much to charge?

Starbuck acknowledged that enforcement is a problem, and suggested lower fees to encourage compliance.

"The more reasonable the fees are for your permitting, the more likely it is that people will actually permit," she said. "So \$1,000 per room — that almost makes it not worth it to do the Airbnb. If you make it a lower fee, at least that allows you to track it so they are on your radar."

Legislator Amy Sayegh (R-Mahopac Falls) said the decision to regulate short-term rentals should be left to the towns and villages.

"I don't think the county should have

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simple supply-and-demand equation," he said.

Search for Change, based in Valhalla, has been operating in Putnam and Westchester counties for more than 40 years, he said. It is one of many nonprofits in New York State that work to provide affordable housing for people with mental illness, substance-use disorders and chronic physical health conditions.

In 2016, Brody told legislators, the state funded a program to provide 50 units of affordable housing in Putnam, with half of the units for people with special needs. But he said he and his partners have not been able to find a suitable location.

"Space for housing development is limited in all communities, and Putnam County is no exception," he said, pointing out that the county also has stringent watershed protections and other zoning regulations.

An appropriate site would be close to stores, restaurants and other amenities, and would be in an area properly zoned for such a development, he said. The project could be split into two developments if a site is large enough.

Budget or Borrow?

Putnam plans to use debt to fund road paving, vehicles

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Putnam County's plan to use \$1.5 million in bonds — a form of debt — for road paving and vehicle purchases raised questions last week at a legislative committee meeting.

The issue arose on Feb. 20 when the Physical Services Committee recommended sending two bonding proposals to the full Legislature for approval.

The first authorizes borrowing \$500,000 for 15 years to pay for about half of what is needed to buy heavy equipment and vehicles for the Highway Department. (The state is expected to provide the remaining \$495,000.)

The second measure calls for borrowing \$1 million over 10 years to cover road and parking lot repaving and repairs.

Under both proposals, the county would use property-tax proceeds to repay the principal and cover interest.

"Why are we borrowing to pave roads that we know need to be resurfaced every so often?" asked Legislator Nancy Montgomery, who represents Philipstown.

Rephrasing the question, Legislator Ginny Nacerino (R-Patterson) added: "Why are we bonding for this when we can anticipate it? Why aren't we prepared to fund it without bonding?"

Montgomery similarly asked about bonding for replacement vehicles.

Legislator Joseph Castellano (R-Brewster) countered that often "it's fiscally responsible" to borrow, especially when interest rates are low.

Legislator Carl Albano (R-Carmel), who chairs the committee, cited "a delicate balance" between borrowing and budgeting and said it would "be interesting to see" which bond debts are ending this year and whether Putnam is headed "in the right direction, or, in the very least, breaking even."

Representatives from the Highway Department said Finance Commissioner William Carlin decides the best funding

method on major projects. They also said that some items cost too little to warrant borrowing for them.

Indeed, that evening, the committee forwarded to the full Legislature authorization to spend \$19,500 on mowers for the bike path and county parks; \$17,000 on a "manlift" for the facilities division; and \$7,500 for a plow at Tilly Foster, the county's farm-park.

Legislators suggested that Carlin, who was not present, could address bonding issues when the Audit and Administration Committee met on Monday (Feb. 24). But although Carlin attended that session, the discussion did not include bonding.

Montgomery said on Wednesday (Feb. 26) that she intends to bring up the issue with Carlin in a future committee meeting, where she said the topics might include:

- The total amount Putnam has bonded for long-term and short-term debt;
- The relationship between retiring debts and taking on new ones;
- Each department's share of debt, perhaps shown as a pie chart;
- The proportion of funds drawn for operating expenses and capital expenses from bonds versus available cash.

Sales tax

According to data provided on Monday, Putnam County last month collected more than \$5.5 million in sales tax, a record amount for January and some \$500,000 more than in January 2019 and \$2 million more than January 2008, the first year listed in a report released by the county.

"It's good news that the economy is moving in the right direction, obviously," said Castellano, who chairs the Audit Committee.

Montgomery expressed hope that Putnam towns might receive a share. Unlike most other counties in the state, Putnam does not return a portion of sales tax to each village or town in which it is collected.

Carlin replied — as the county often has — that Putnam shares sales tax in other ways, such as picking up local charges for

supporting community colleges, running elections and covering unpaid local tax bills. Mandates from the state and federal government "aren't stopping," he said. "Do you want to pay sales tax, or do you want to pay property tax?"

Putnam Sales Tax Revenue

2008 —	\$51m
2009 —	\$46m
2010 —	\$47m
2011 —	\$50m
2012 —	\$51m
2013 —	\$53m
2014 —	\$56m
2015 —	\$54m
2016 —	\$59m
2017 —	\$59m
2018 —	\$63m
2019 —	\$66m

Search for a Site

Putnam has grant for affordable housing, but nowhere to put it

By Holly Crocco

The quest to provide affordable housing in Putnam County has not been put on a back burner, according to Ashley Brody, a housing advocate.

"We know that many people are vulnerable, especially in this economy, especially in this housing market," Brody, CEO of the nonprofit Search for Change, told county legislators during their Feb. 18 Health Committee meeting. Even people of modest means "have a hard time finding and securing" affordable housing in Putnam, he said.

Brody said Putnam's housing stock has been relatively stagnant while its population has grown by about 75 percent since 1970, from 57,000 to 100,000. "It comes down to a



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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Pride parade

I moved to the Hudson Valley two years ago. There is something here for everyone! I can hike Breakneck Ridge with a Democrat or a Republican, and I can share this wonderfully culturally rich area with anyone. There is room for all.

I simply don't understand why LGBT people need or deserve special attention and parades, or why they need to force their views on people ("Perspective: In Search of Progressive Putnam," by Eileen McDermott, Feb. 14). I feel blessed to live here and try to count my blessings every day. The world needs to forget politics — it doesn't enrich people's lives. Volunteer, do acts of kindness, build a garden, clean up our local parks, donate blood, help a family with special needs, make sure public spaces are wheelchair-accessible. All these things matter and help humanity as a whole.

Live your lives, no one is stopping you, and leave people to believe and stand by their beliefs. They have the right. It is a free country. I have traveled the world and lived in Europe for 10 years. I have had to integrate myself into many cultures and learned to be open-minded and tolerant. I don't feel the need to march my beliefs

in a parade and change a place that I am a newcomer to in order to make myself feel more comfortable. Who am I to impose my views on a community that has existed in harmony for many years before my arrival?

I advise you to study the rich history of the Hudson Valley, meet the people who have lived and farmed here for generations, the people who toil to save our environment, and learn from them. Ask how you can help, not change things, and be humble. Your opinion is your opinion, and I respect that, but I believe your perspective is closed-minded and arrogant.

Ksenia Pitaleff, *Garrison*

It's fine if you don't think gay people need to have parades — please don't come. But the children from Putnam schools who have written to me saying, "Thanks for having this parade, my school is so homophobic," and the many LGBTQ+ and progressive people here who have to deal with hateful comments on a daily basis will be there. I am able to volunteer in the community and have a parade. I moved here because I love the Hudson Valley, and I love the community I have sought out here, and the accessibility to nature. That does not in any way mean I have to shut up

and deal with the bigotry I see.

In response to the letter in the Feb. 21 that suggested we be "friendly, caring neighbors" to Trump supporters, does the Republican agenda threaten your human/civil rights or life?

If not, you might not understand how some people have no interest in cozying up to people who either believe themselves or have no problem voting for people who believe that the existence/humanity of certain groups or classes of people is not important.

Eileen McDermott, *Brewster*

Wanting to parade and celebrate who you are is not unique to the LGBTQ community. As a heterosexual Italian, I've participated in Columbus Day parades and celebrations. Celebrating your culture in a public space is not harmful to others. Putting one's beliefs out there is as American as it gets.

Everyone has a right to voice their thoughts, even those who wish to silence others. Those with strong voices, though, need not heed those wishing to silence them, and I hope that never becomes a reality in our home of Putnam.

Stephen Papas, *Kent*

This is not simply about LGTBQ folks moving from the city, although I find the argument "Don't move to a conservative county if you're not conservative" problematic.

A pride parade would be an enormous gift to the many teens and young adults I work with as a psychologist. These are gay, bisexual, trans and nonbinary young people — born and raised in Putnam County — who have been spit on, assaulted, mocked and discriminated against their entire lives.

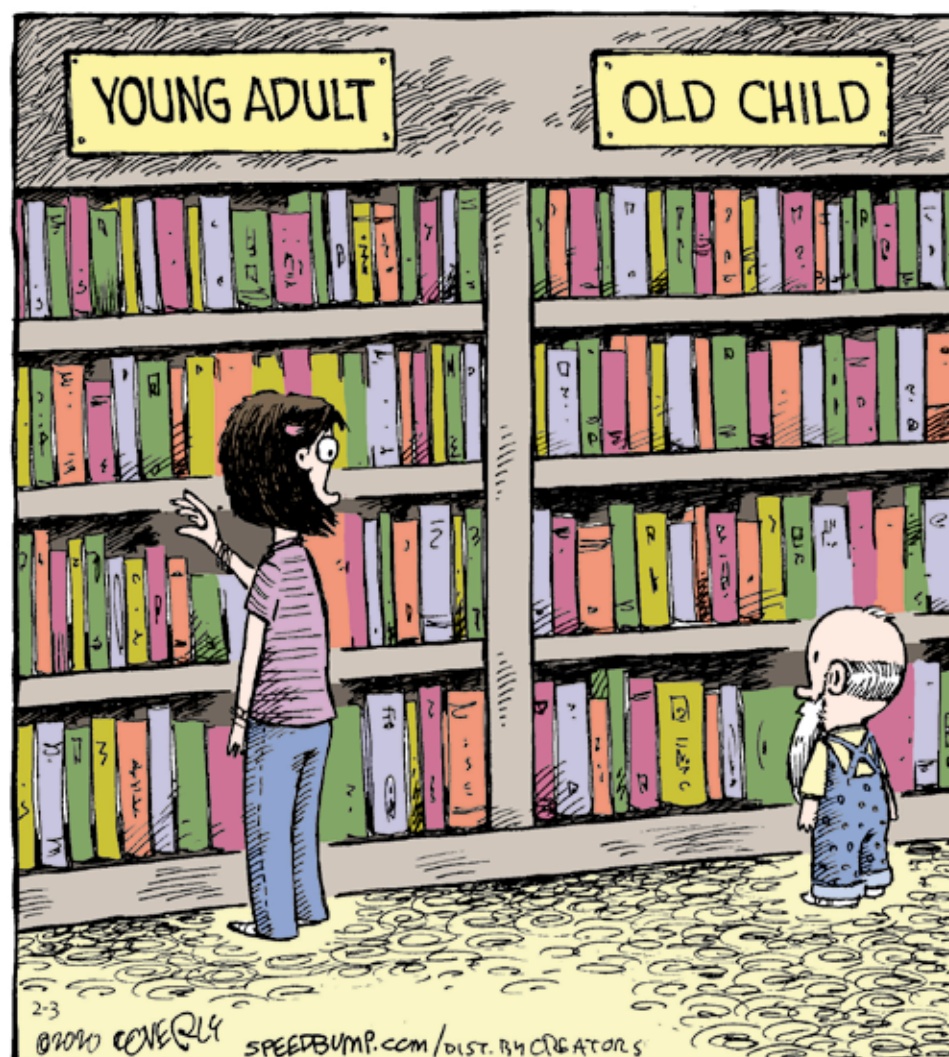
The intolerance of some of the comments posted online reflects the attitudes that lead these young people to become suicidal, engage in self-injury, and develop eating disorders and substance-abuse problems. Words matter. They have an impact that is more powerful than people realize.

Several teens have wept in my office speaking about the possibility of a parade — tears of cautious optimism and disbelief that their identities and sense of self could be celebrated here. They almost can't believe that a pride parade could happen in Putnam County. I look forward to the day when I can see them feel free and celebrated here.

Tracy Prout Bunye, *via Facebook*

This parade will be a chance for gay people to celebrate their identity in their own community. Awareness is needed because discrimination and violence against gay people is still prevalent in this country. Gay couples get attacked for holding hands

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Reporter's Notebook

A Look Before You Leap

Didn't this just happen four years ago?

By Michael Turton

There's something odd about leap years. How can we just nonchalantly add an extra day to February?

Well ... it's complicated.

The calendar year usually includes 365 days. The problem is that each year it takes



slightly longer than that — 365.24 days — for the earth to orbit the sun. So, we “lose” about five hours and 48 minutes each year.

In four years, that lost time adds up to close to one full day. Feb. 29 is added to keep the calendar in sync with the earth's movement around the sun.

Can't we ignore the loss? What's a few minutes a day between friends?

It's not that simple. If we don't add a day, the timing of the seasons would slowly shift. Over hundreds of years, what are now summer months by name would become the winter months by weather — and vice versa. Who needs a blizzard in July?

Julius Caesar, with help from the ancient Egyptians, in about 45 B.C. was the first to designate Feb. 29 as a leap day. But it was Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 who revised the number of leap years. We still use his Gregorian calendar, including its Feb. 29 once every four years.

How do you know it's a leap year without

looking at the calendar? If the year is divisible by four, it's generally a leap year. If it's divisible by 100, it usually isn't a leap year. The exception to the exception is a year divisible by 400. Don't ask me to explain.

The probability of being born on any given date is 1 in 365, but there is only a 1 in 1,461 chance of being a leap-year baby. As a result, only 0.07 percent of the world's population was born on Feb. 29.

People born on Feb. 29 have been called Leaplings, Leapers or Leapsters. The famous ones are an eclectic bunch and include motivational speaker Tony Robbins, Superman, Pope Paul III, rapper and actor Ja Rule, big band legend Jimmy Dorsey, singer and actor Dinah Shore, actor Dennis Farina, baseball All-Star Al Rosen, serial killer Aileen Wuornos and burlesque performer Tempest Storm.

How will you spend your extra day?

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It Happened on the Extra Day

1692: The first warrants were issued in the Salem witch trials.

1940: Actor Hattie McDaniel won the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress, the first African-American to do so, for her role as Mammy in *Gone with the Wind*.

1968: Norwegian Leif-Martin Henriksen became the third of three siblings born on consecutive leap days.

1972: Hank Aaron's \$200,000 contract made him the highest-paid player in Major League Baseball.

1980: Left in a police file for decades after Buddy Holly's death in a 1959 plane crash, the Crickets leader's black-framed glasses and watch were rediscovered.

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in the street. A pride parade is a chance to say, “We will not hide; we are not ashamed.”

Natalie Arenson, *via Facebook*

Gay people move to Putnam because they like it; now they want to change it. It's a pretty conservative county. Why is this a surprise? They can hop on the train and go to a huge gay parade in the city, no big deal.

LeeAnn Miceli, *via Facebook*

I find it mindboggling that people commenting on Facebook and at highlandscurrent.org always resort to the same comeback: Why do LGBT people need a parade? Or, as one person wrote, “Live your lives — no one is stopping you.”

Don't like it? Don't go. Am I missing something here? I don't like football, so I don't watch it. I don't go onto NFL.com and try to get people to stop playing. The defiance and negative comments prove the event is necessary. Thanks for the reassurance.

Jennifer Tiso-Garvey, *via Facebook*

Has anyone considered that by June 6 it may not be prudent to hold a parade, or any sort of large gathering? The planet is in the early stage of the most dangerous public health crisis since the influenza epidemic of 1918 to 1920.

St. Patrick's Day parades are imminent. They need to be postponed until better information is available on the possibility of an as-yet-undetected spread of this virus in the community.

Don't believe me? Leading scientists don't believe the virus is containable. Public-health officials aren't trying to stop the virus from spreading all over the U.S.; they are trying to slow it down so communities have time to prepare.

Frank Haggerty, *Cold Spring*

Signs of the times

I enjoyed Michael Turton's column in the Feb. 21 issue (“Reporter's Notebook: In Search

of the Perfect Sign”). About a decade ago, while on a family vacation to the U.K., we were motoring around quaint villages in North Yorkshire, half expecting a talking rabbit to step out of the bushes, when we came across a road sign pointing the way to Giggleswick and Wigglesworth. Can you imagine what it would be like to grow up there?

Dwight Arthur, *Mahopac*

In Lake Jackson, Texas, you can scratch your head over two interconnecting signs reading “This Way” and “That Way.”

Brice McMasters, *Cold Spring*

In Paterson, New Jersey, one can walk the “Straight” and “Narrow” as the two streets intersect.

Ed Spaeth, *Fishkill*

Dutchess raises

It's fine that the Dutchess County Legislature gave raises to police officers that it felt were needed (“Dutchess Approves Raises for Police,” Feb. 21). But paying for them by what *The Current* termed as “moving money around”?

I wish your publication could tell us what they took it from. I hope it's an OK move, but sometimes it can be better money management to be honest about the need to raise taxes a little rather than “find” money somewhere.

Karen Twohig, *Beacon*

The editor responds: The money to cover raises and other costs associated with the new contract was taken from the county's fund balance, which are reserve funds that municipalities generally accrue when revenues exceed forecasts and expenses are less than budgeted. It is typical for municipalities to use reserve funds to cover unanticipated expenses and anticipated new expenses.

Walking cure

The Philipstown Climate Smart Task Force has created an enlightened wish list of walking/biking projects, particularly in that it could give children meaningful

freedom of movement, which they now lack almost entirely (“Philipstown Plans More Sidewalks, Bike Paths,” Feb. 14).

Will Vogel, *Garrison*

Dennings Point

I love hiking with my dog at Long Dock Park; I start at the Madam Brett Home-

stead, walk over to Dennings Point and then continue to Long Dock (“Out There: Love It and Leave It,” Feb. 14). But I value the wildlife and can easily avoid this area until Dennings Point reopens on March 15. Protecting wildlife should be on everyone's mind if you value the beautiful place we live.

Joanne Kenna, *Cold Spring*

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PARADE APPROVED
— Supporters applauded after the Cold Spring Village Board on Feb. 25 approved a request to hold a Pride Parade on Main Street on Saturday, June 6. James Hyer (third from right), a Mahopac resident who has worked on Pride events for more than 20 years, thanked trustees for their support of the parade, which will be a first for Putnam County. “They are wonderful events,” he said. “Businesses love it because they bring in a lot of people, and it’s just a great thing for the LGBTQ community.”
Photo by Michael Turton

Court: Rock-Crushing Can Continue

Judge prohibits town interference with Ventura enterprise

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

An interim judicial decision Feb. 13 allows a Route 9 rock-crushing business to continue operations, with a catch — for every load of debris coming in, three must go out. The Town of Philipstown has tried for several years to restrict the operations of RNV Green Processing and Supply on Lane Gate Road and Route 9. In the ruling, Justice Gina Capone of the Putnam Supreme Court also lifted the restraining order she issued on Feb. 4 that prevented the business from engaging in rock-crushing at its site.

On Feb. 13, she likewise issued an order “temporarily restraining” Philipstown from taking any enforcement actions against the firm, run by Ricky Ventura, while legal proceedings continue in the court, part of the state judicial system. Michael Sirignano, RNV’s lawyer, on Thursday (Feb. 27) termed the decision “a shocking first-round defeat for the town” because “the court granted all of the relief we asked for. Mr. Ventura has now resumed full operations, something the town sued him to immediately stop.” RNV occupies a 9.6-acre parcel where, according to Sirignano, Ricky Ventura’s father ran the debris-processing enterprise for decades without problems. RNV is in a high-way commercial zone, albeit one bordered by residential properties and historic rural estates, and the zoning code prohibits such businesses in that area of town.

Robert Cinque, Philipstown’s lawyer, said on Wednesday (Feb. 26) that he could not comment. Ventura contends that his operations constitute a “legal, pre-existing, non-conforming activity,” in other words, one that had existed for years, was considered permissible, and now merely fails to fit under updated zoning laws. Last April, the town’s code enforcement officer issued a stop-work order against RNV after it lost an appellate court ruling that capped a string of lower court defeats in battles against the town. Ventura asked the Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals to overturn the stop-work order, but in January it refused. Town officials then went to court to seek an injunction to halt RNV operations. Ventura in turn sued the town, asking for \$50 million in damages. Justice Capone is

presiding over both lawsuits. In her Feb. 13 order, the judge directed that “for every single — 1 — truckload of material,” including “debris, soil, dirt, gravel, rock, etc. brought onto the premises for processing,” Ventura “shall thereafter remove 3 truckloads of materials that have been stockpiled and/or stored on the premises, comparable in size to every single truckload received.” She also ordered him to keep accurate records of the material handled and to retain an engineer to monitor and certify compliance with her ruling. In a separate document, Capone wrote that, along with refraining from enforcement actions against RNV, the town must avoid “interfering with ongoing storing and processing” operations and “rock-crushing and the stockpiling and resale of such processed material on the premises,” at least until May, when the litigants are to appear at court for a conference. Meanwhile, the filing of arguments can continue.

NOTICE

Philipstown Planning Board Site Visit - March 8, 2020

The Philipstown Planning Board will meet on Sunday, March 8th, 2020 at 9:30 am to inspect the following site:

- Magazzino Italian Art Foundation, 2700 Route 9 | TM#38-3-24.1

NOTICE

The Town of Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals has changed the date of their regular monthly meeting to March 2, 2020. The meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. at the Claudio Marzollo Community Center, 107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison, New York.

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, March 2, 2020 at 7:30 P.M. at the Philipstown Recreation Department, 107 Glenclyffe, Garrison, New York to hear the following appeal:

Alex Campbell, 4 Cliffside Court, Garrison, New York TM#82.20-2-23

(Appellant seeks relief from requirement to provide a front yard setback of 50 feet from the centerline of the traveled-way in front of the subject property. The partially constructed residential structure has a setback of 37.2 (37'-2-1/2") feet from the centerline of the existing traveled way and 36.2 feet from the centerline of the right away. Appellant therefore seeks a variance of 12.8 feet (12'-9-1/2"))

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

Robert Dee, Chairman of the Town of Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals Dated 02/10/2020



Renderings show a new entrance and parking lot planned for Fahnestock State Park from Route 301, at left.

Andrew Trodler/OSI (2)

A Safer, Sustainable Fahnestock

Improved road and trail-access projects set to begin

By Brian PJ Cronin

Conservation officials say Fahnestock will be getting better this year, as well as bigger.

The Open Space Institute on Feb. 13 announced a series of upgrades to the northern section of the Clarence Fahnestock Memorial State Park just a few weeks after the Hudson Highlands Land Trust said it will add 150 acres to its southern edge. The projects are being funded by state grants and private donations.

"Fahnestock is a place where we're working to deepen our history," said Peter Karis, director of capital projects and design for the Open Space Institute. "Thirty years ago, OSI helped protect that part of Fahnestock, doubling the size of the park." OSI was also responsible for the 2016 improvement of the Canopus Lake Beach Complex.

One upgrade, Karis said, will improve access to the northern part of the 14,337-acre preserve, which is now a series of pull-offs from Route 301, between Cold Spring and Carmel.

The hope is that "more people will want to go there when they don't have to get out of their cars on a 55-mph zone and cross the highway with their kids to go to Jordan Pond," said Karis. "We're going to put this northern part of the park online in a meaningful way and get people off 301."

The organization plans to create what it's calling Big Woods Drive that will connect 301 to trailheads and a parking lot near Glynwood Farm, where the Perkins and Cabot trails meet. "Crossing culverts" near the wetlands will allow wildlife, particularly

amphibians, to safely travel beneath the road.

Tree removal for Big Woods Drive will begin soon, Karis said, with the project scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. The planting of native trees and other aesthetic improvements will finish up in the spring of 2021, he said, and OSI will rework the Appalachian Trail where it crosses 301 along the southern edge of Canopus Lake, including the addition of a 15-space parking lot, to reduce the amount of time hikers spend along the highway.

He said OSI also has plans for a two-year project to rework the 9-mile Hubbard-Perkins loop trail that begins at Hubbard Lodge. Working with OSI, West Point cadets have already replaced the cinder-block creek crossing just past the lodge with a bridge they designed.

More bridges will also be installed along the route, Karis said, including the creek crossing just past the new bridge where a steel beam provides footing. Karis said that before a bridge is installed at that crossing, the state will implement a stream-bank stabilization plan to stop erosion.

The rest of the work on the loop will include "tread improvements" to some sections of the trail and a reworking of narrow, interior passages.

"We're going to artfully put the trails in places where they're going to last and not have too much of an environmental impact," Karis explained. "And we'll pick some great, picturesque crossing locations where you get a real sense of Fahnestock's northern half and why we call that part 'the big woods.' There's not many places left like that."

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Insulin *(from Page 1)*

Assembly Member Jonathan Jacobson, whose district includes Beacon, co-sponsored a bill that would institute the \$100 cap and also direct the state Department of Health to establish a pilot program to provide insulin to diabetics who are uninsured or underinsured, as well as emergency supplies to diabetics who are unable to immediately get refills authorized.

Jacobson said he is confident the Legislature will approve a cap this year.

"Given the prevalent need for this drug, it's just common sense," he said. "You don't want to have so many people held hostage by the drug manufacturers."

Colorado and Illinois have instituted \$100 caps, and the idea is being considered in Kentucky, Tennessee and Connecticut, where legislators are weighing a \$50 limit.

Gallina believes New York's cap will fall short if it does not protect diabetics who are

uninsured. Her daughter, who is 21, could join those ranks in five years, when she is no longer covered under her mother's insurance.

"When she turns 26, if she doesn't have a job with health insurance, that's when a lot of these kids end up dying because they parse out their insulin," Gallina said.

An estimated 7.4 million people nationwide need insulin, according to the American Diabetes Association. In Putnam County, about 8 percent of adults have been told by a doctor they have diabetes, according to data released in 2018. In Dutchess, it's 10 percent. The highest rate in the state is in the Bronx, at 16 percent.

Insulin is a hormone produced by the pancreas to break down sugar so it can be used as fuel for the body's cells. In Type 1 diabetics, the pancreas does not produce insulin, leading to high blood sugar. In Type 2, the pancreas creates enough insulin, but cells don't respond normally to it. Type 1 diabetics require insulin, as do about

a third of Type 2 diabetics.

Patients who require insulin endure a lifetime of doctor's visits, testing monitors and strips and medication.

It's expensive. A study published in 2016 in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* found that the average price of insulin nearly tripled between 2002 and 2013, while a survey by GoodRX, which tracks prescription prices, found average prices rose 55 percent from 2014 to 2019.

Gallina's daughter uses Humalog, made by Eli Lilly and Co., and Tresiba, made by Novo Nordisk. According to GoodRX, a 10-milliliter vial of Humalog was \$332 in mid-2019, and each Tresiba pen was \$124. Three years earlier, a Humalog vial was \$241 and a Tresiba pen was \$88.

Gallina's daughter was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at age 10.

"I spend about \$10,000 a year, after health insurance, on her medications, her doctor visits and her medical supplies," Gallina said. "There's all these things that go into managing a Type 1 diabetic."

Executives from the three big insulin manufacturers — Eli Lilly, Novo Nordisk and Sanofi — defended their pricing during an April hearing before the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the U.S. House's Energy and Commerce Committee.

Although retail costs have risen —there is

Resources

- A diabetes support group meets monthly at the Putnam Hospital Center, 670 Stoneleigh Ave., Carmel. Call 845-279-5711, ext. 2779.
- A monthly Type 1 Parents and Kids Group meets on the first Thursday and an Adult Type 1/Pump Group meets on the third Tuesday at the MidHudson Regional Hospital in Poughkeepsie. Call 845-483-5188.
- The Westchester/Fairfield/Hudson Valley chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation offers support services for children, teens and adults. See jdrf.org/westchesterfairfieldhv.

no federal regulation of insulin prices — the executives cited high deductibles, greater cost-sharing requirements by insurers and the failure of pharmacy benefit managers and wholesalers to pass manufacturer discounts and rebates onto patients.

They said that their profits have declined because of those discounts and rebates demanded by benefit managers, distributors and wholesalers.

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~Lisa Gallina



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It's Back

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Each day in April, a podcast recording will be released of a community member reading a favorite published poem.

To be considered, complete the form at highlandscurrent.org/poem. The recordings will take place at the library in March.

Comic Shop *(from Page 1)*

the clientele to cover his expenses. Mas, who grew up in New York City, said he had enough money saved to cover rent through the end of 2019. But when sales slowed after the holidays, and with his mother's health declining, things looked bleak.

With comics, "you have to guess one to two months ahead of time," which titles will be popular, he said. But consumers' tastes also change quickly, and "if the books don't sell, they just sit here," he said, pointing to boxes he said held as much as \$20,000 in unsold merchandise.

Mas's mother, Anne, died on Sunday (Feb. 23). He was resigned to closing, but said on Facebook he was open to partners or buyers.

He found the response to be remarkable. "Tons of well-wishers" asked how they could help. Many were parents who saw The Underground as a safe place for their children and teenagers to hang out.

A group, including Beacon mom Julie Shiroishi, organized a *Magic: the Gathering* party-turned-fundraiser at the shop last weekend.

"Ever since it opened, The Underground has been like a second home to my *Magic*-loving son," Shiroishi explained. "He plays there twice a week with his friends. Albert and [his wife] Courtney have created a warm, welcoming space for Beacon's nerds."

Children and teenagers routinely spend hours after school and on the weekends in the shop, playing video games, reading comics or using the free-for-all game room for *Magic*, *Pokémon* and other role-playing games.

"They're free and autonomous to have fun in here," Mas said. "I don't kick them off if they just want to play video games, and the game room is always open. They may buy sodas or lollipops, but I don't charge them anything [for game use]. Half the time I'm playing games with them."

"I'm not watching their kids, but parents know I'm not going to let anything bad happen here. I just want a fun place where people can come in and enjoy themselves."

After seeing the Facebook post, another friend of the shop, Beacon resident Michael Lioce, contacted Mas about joining him as a partner.

"When I heard that the store was having difficulty, I was ready to jump in," said Lioce,



The Underground Beacon is located at 462 Main St.

Photo provided



Albert Mas at The Underground

Photo by J. Simms

a freelance television editor and comic collector who had returned to the hobby as his children began reading the books.

They reached an agreement within days; it turned out Lioce several years earlier had his own plans to open a comic shop in Beacon. He said he will work at The Underground and give Mas some much-needed time off.

"That's part of the excitement of it," Lioce said, "that now we'll both be able to enjoy

doing this without having to run ourselves ragged."

Mas expects to make an official announcement any day now. He dropped a hint in another Facebook post this week.

"I didn't expect the magnitude of the positivity that I got from people," he said on Wednesday. "I was in a dark place, and it changed my whole attitude."

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Plastic-Bag Ban *(from Page 1)*

At Foodtown, Co-President Noah Katz said the store has been selling thicker plastic bags but will discontinue those in favor of “several varieties of reusable bags for varying price points” that will be available within the next week.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed the ban into law on Earth Day 2019, and the state Department of Environmental Conservation has since distributed more than 270,000 reusable bags to low- and moderate-income communities with the help of Feeding New York State, the state’s food bank organization. Eight other states also restrict the use of plastic bags.

Dutchess County passed its own single-use plastic bag ban that took effect on Jan. 1, but the county did not enforce penalties during the first two months of the year before the state law was implemented.

Mo Dabashi, a Key Food manager, said the grocery had been giving customers 5-cent credits for each reusable bag they use, which he felt helped prepare most shoppers for the ban. Still, he said, the store has heard complaints about the Dutchess regulations from shoppers “who didn’t think there was any reason for the ban.”

Foodtown has signs at its checkouts and entrance reminding shoppers that the ban takes effect on March 1 and they would need to bring their own bags.

New Yorkers use an estimated 23 billion plastic bags annually, and about 85 percent



Ruth Eisenhower (right) of Cold Spring shows off her cloth grocery tote at Foodtown on Feb. 26.

Photo by Michael Turton

end up in landfills, recycling machines, waterways and streets. The DEC estimated that each bag is used for only 12 minutes before being disposed of.

The ban is not absolute. Among its exemptions are plastic bags used to wrap uncooked food that could contaminate other items; bags used to wrap delivery or takeout meals; bags for bulk-item purchases, including fruits or candy or, in hardware stores, nails

or screws; bags used in newspaper deliveries; trash bags; food storage or sandwich bags; garment bags, such as those used by dry cleaners; and bags provided by a pharmacy to carry prescription drugs.

Stores will also be required as of Sunday to collect clean, dry plastic bags (including bread bags and other recyclable varieties) that cannot be picked up with residential recycling, and to keep records showing the

bags were recycled.

In 2017, Cuomo created a state Plastic Bag Task Force, which analyzed the impacts of single-use plastic bags and provided legislators with options for a statewide solution. Approximately 2,500 public comments were collected during a 60-day period last year before the final regulations were released in November.



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SATURDAY, MARCH 7
6:00 pm Jerry Lee - No music cover
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SUNDAY, MARCH 8
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The Calendar

'Why Am I Living Through This Again?'

In a one-woman show, Ivy Omere tells her story

By Alison Rooney

For many years, Ivy Omere put her past in a drawer she rarely opened. The actor says she compartmentalized the travails of her youth and coped by becoming other people onstage. But one day she told herself to "write and see what happens."

"To my surprise, it just came pouring out," she recalls. "It's easy to disconnect when there are bits of your soul you're not dealing with. I'd been mute for a long time, misunderstood at times because I hadn't been able or willing to talk about certain things. It was a decision: I'm going to write my story, and I'm going to use my voice."

That became the title — *My Story, My Voice* — of a one-woman play that Omere will perform at the Philipstown Depot Theatre in Garrison on Saturday, March 7, as part of its newly launched Flipside series.

Omere describes it as "a cautionary tale." Born in London to middle-class Nigerian immigrants, she and her two brothers wound up in the foster-care system because of her mother's mental health, her father's inability to commit to the family and her

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Ivy Omere

Photo provided



James Sizemore

Photo provided

On his new album, James Sizemore handles everything but the instruments

By Alison Rooney

It's the stuff of legend in the Sizemore family. As James recalls it, at the conclusion of a piano recital when he was in the third grade, his father told his mother: "I think he will never be a professional musician."

Decades later, his father has been proven partly correct. Although James, now 41, plays the flute, guitar, bango, mandolin, drums and piano, "I'm not great at any," he admits. "I can impress for 10 minutes."

What he can do well is compose and orchestrate music, which he does frequently for films. On March 20, the Cold Spring resident will release three tracks from his forthcoming album, *While Being*.

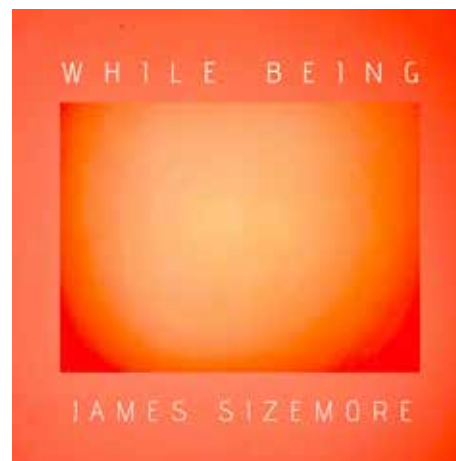
Like its predecessor, *Frameworks*, released in 2018, the album features a string quartet and pianist. That arrangement "allows you to focus on the structure of the music without hiding behind fancy timbre and polish," Sizemore explains. "I love getting exceptional musicians with amazing instruments, playing in a beautiful hall, and creating something organic with the highest level of production."

Sizemore didn't perform on the album, which he describes as "a study of the meta-

physical — the common experiences we all have in being human," but he did everything else: composing, recording, editing, mixing.

"My influences are more contemporary, but for the roots of music, especially counterpoint and harmony, I keep looking at Bach," Sizemore says. "He puts it all there on the page: how to structure, how to make music that's emotionally affecting. As much as music has changed, it still relies on its essential elements of counterpoint and harmony."

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The first three tracks of Sizemore's latest album drop on March 20.

Composer Klatch

As with novels, writing music can be a singular endeavor, which is one reason James Sizemore launched a monthly "hang" for composers called Hudson Line. Its regulars include Ronan Coleman, Rinde Eckert, Ian Hatton, Daniel Kelly, Art Labriola, Terence Murren, Jay Nicholas, Lewis Rapkin, David Rothenberg, Jeremy Schoenfeld and Eric Starr.

Some members have started performing together at the Cold Spring Coffee House, with Labriola and Rothenberg scheduled to play at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 6.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 29

Maple Sugar Tours

CORNWALL

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Outdoor Discovery Center

120 Muser Drive | 845-534-5506 x204
hnm.org

Learn how sap is collected and turned into syrup. There are two tour options: the Sugar Bush tours at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. include a 1-mile moderate hike through field and forest to the Sugar Bush Shack; the Maple Lane tours at noon and 3 p.m. include a short walk from the Visitors' Center. Also SUN 1 and weekends through March 15. *Cost: \$10 (\$8 children and teens; members \$8/\$6)*

SAT 29

Polar Fest

WEST POINT

11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Ski Area

732 Victor Constant Road

845-938-8810 | westpoint.armymwr.com

The annual festival includes skiing, snowboarding, a paintball relay, live music and food. *Cost: \$19 to \$40*

SUN 1

Clearwater Gala

GARRISON

3 – 7 p.m. The Garrison | 2015 Route 9
845-265-8080 x7119 | clearwater.org

During this annual fundraiser for Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Tom Chapin will be honored on his 75th birthday for his environmental advocacy. *Cost: \$250*

SAT 7

Animal Rescue Foundation Penny Social

BEACON

1 – 4 p.m. VFW Hall | 413 Main St.
845-831-5161 | arfbeacon.org

ARF Beacon will host this annual benefit that combines an auction with bingo and a flea market. The calling starts at 3 p.m. Get 25 tickets for \$1 and browse tables with gift baskets, toys, appliances and gift certificates.



Mid-Hudson Auto Show, March 8

SUN 8

Mid-Hudson Auto Show

POUGHKEEPSIE

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. MJN Center

14 Civic Center Plaza | 845-454-5800
midhudsonciviccenter.org

A dozen manufacturers will have new sport and family cars, trucks and crossovers on display, and there will be kids' activities, such as face painting and balloon art. *Free*

TALKS & TOURS

SAT 29

Bail Reform Forum

GARRISON

Noon. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley Jr. will share his views on the state's newly enacted law that reduced the number of suspects who can be detained before trial.

SUN 1

Cultivating Active Hope

PHILIPSTOWN

1:30 p.m. Cheerful Strength
3182 Route 9

Organized by Hudson Highlands Extinction Rebellion, and using Joanna Macy's *The Work That Reconnects* as a guide, this four-hour workshop will explore how

to channel sorrow over the climate crisis into change. *Cost: \$40 to \$95*

MON 2

Sex Ed 2.0

GARRISON

7 p.m. Dolly's Restaurant

7 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-6511
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Parents of elementary school children can learn from sex educator Rachel Lotus about how to discuss bodies, boundaries, consent, gender and identity, and how to find developmentally appropriate resources. *Cost: \$10 (\$15 door)*

TUES 3

Heading for Extinction (and What to Do About It)

BEACON

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

Hudson Highlands Extinction Rebellion members will discuss the climate crisis and solutions that can be found in other social movements.

SAT 7

Infant CPR

GARRISON

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

Mack Godbee, an EMT with 30 years of experience, will demonstrate lifesaving measures in this 90-minute class. *Cost: \$10*

ANIMALS & NATURE

SUN 1

Gardening for the Birds and Bees

GARRISON

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

Kim Eierman, author of *The Pollinator Victory Garden*, will join Philipstown Garden Club members

and Master Gardeners to discuss ways to create supportive habitats.

SAT 7

Seed-Sowing Workshop

COLD SPRING

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Stonecrop

81 Stonecrop Lane | 845-265-2000
stonecrop.org

In Part 1 of this workshop, learn about seed propagation and techniques for sowing annuals. In Part 2, on April 11, learn how to thin and transplant seedlings at home. *Cost: \$80 (\$60 members)*

SAT 7

Black Bears in the Hudson Valley

GARRISON

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

In this talk organized by the Putnam Highlands Audubon Society, Emily Carrollo, a wildlife biologist for the state Department of Environmental Conservation, will discuss her work, the lives of local bears and how to manage human-bear interactions.

SAT 7

Owl Prowl

WAPPINGERS FALLS

7 p.m. Stony Kill Farm
79 Farmstead Lane | 845-831-3800
eventbrite.com/e/owl-prowl-tickets

After a talk about owls and their habitat, head out with flashlights to spot some native owls in the forest and field. Registration required. *Free*



KIDS & FAMILY

TUES 3

Dr. Seuss Birthday Party

GARRISON

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

Enjoy Seussian treats and games to celebrate beloved author Ted Geisel.

FRI 6

Painting Fundraiser

GARRISON

6 – 8 p.m. Garrison Fish & Game Club
183 S. Highland Road

Create a painting and support the Haldane Class of 2020. Supplies, snacks and beverage included. RSVP to mgranese@haldaneschool.org. *Cost: \$50*

SAT 7

Balloonapalooza

COLD SPRING

11 a.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Students in grades 5 and up can learn to create balloon animals and other figures. Pizza will be served. Registration required. *Free*

SAT 7

Laurie Berkner

PEEKSKILL

11 a.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

Berkner, who has released 13 albums, including her most recent, *Waiting for the Elevator*, will perform her greatest hits. *Cost: \$25 to \$100*

VISUAL ART

SAT 7

Women's History Month Art Show

BEACON

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

This is the opening reception for an exhibit showcasing works by 50 Hudson Valley women. Poet Mandy Kelso and storyteller Donna Minkowitz will perform. Through March 29.

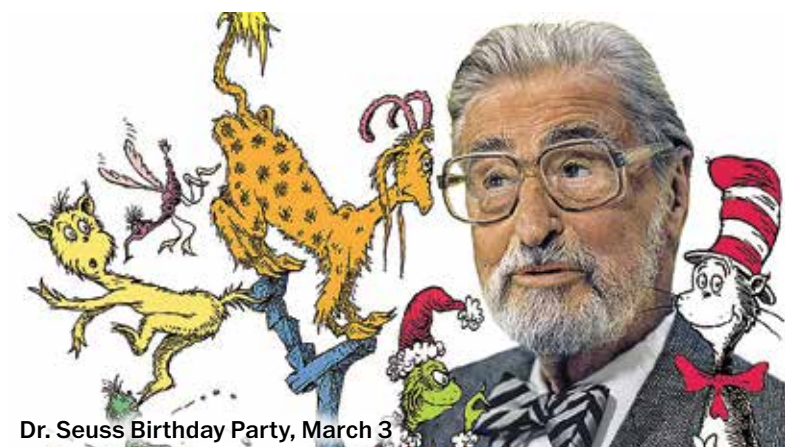
SAT 7

School Invitational Exhibition

GARRISON

5 – 7 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org

The annual School Invitational Theme Exhibition, or SITE, will include work by student artists from five counties, including Dutchess and Putnam.



Dr. Seuss Birthday Party, March 3

SAT 7
Carl Craig and Moritz von Oswald
BEACON
7 p.m. Dia:Beacon | 3 Beekman St.
845-440-0100 | diaart.org

As part of the opening for Craig’s commissioned exhibition, *Party/After-Party*, the artist created a site-specific performance with the Berlin-based Oswald to bring together the Detroit and Berlin techno traditions. *Cost: \$60 (\$40 students, \$30 members)*

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 29
Sebastian Maniscalco
POUGHKEEPSIE
7 & 9:30 p.m. MJN Center
14 Civic Center Plaza | 845-454-5800
midhudsonciviccenter.org

The comedian bridges the gap between his Old World Italian-American upbringing and the contemporary world with sarcasm and exasperation. Also SUN 1. *Cost: \$75 to \$391*

SAT 29
Maker Film Festival
BEACON
1 p.m. Story Screen | 845-440-7706
445 Main St. | storyscreenbeacon.com

This festival, curated by Melanie Falick of Beacon, author of *Making a Life*, focuses on the global made-by-hand movement. It opens with *Yarn the Movie* and continues at 3 p.m. with *Woven Lives: Contemporary Textiles from Ancient Oaxacan Traditions*; six short films at 6 p.m., followed by a discussion with makers featured in Falick’s book; and *Wax Print*, a documentary about African batik fabric, at 7 p.m. On SUN 1 the festival will screen *The True Cost* at 1 p.m., which will be followed by a panel about the “slow fashion” movement; six shorts at 4 p.m.; and *The New Bauhaus*, a documentary about designer Laszlo Moholy-Nagy, at 6:30 p.m. In addition, from 1 – 5 p.m. there will be a pop-up Maker Market in the lobby. *Cost: \$10 per screening*

SAT 29
Winter Follies
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Michael Heintzman and John Pielmeier will present a series of comic scenes. *Free*

THURS 5
The Pollinators
BEACON
7 p.m. Story Screen Beacon
445 Main St. | storyscreenbeacon.com

This 2019 documentary follows migratory beekeepers and the honey bees they truck around the country to pollinate flowers for the fruit, nuts and vegetables we eat. Presented with the Stony Kill Foundation. *Cost: \$15*



Mike + Ruthy, March 6

SAT 7
Climate Action Film Festival
BEACON
7 p.m. Story Screen Beacon
445 Main St. | storyscreenbeacon.com

Hosted by SunCommon as a benefit for New Yorkers for Clean Power and the Student Climate Coalition, this festival features short films about climate crisis solutions being implemented around the world. Also SUN 8. *Cost: \$10*

SAT 7
My Story, My Voice
GARRISON
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org

Ivy Omere will perform her one-woman play about growing up in foster care in the U.K. as the daughter of Nigerian immigrants. See Page 11. *Cost: \$20*

SUN 8
The Pollinators
GARRISON
3 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org

See description, below left. A Q&A will follow the screening. Presented with the Glynwood Center. *Cost: \$20*

MUSIC

SAT 29
Lez Zeppelin
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The all-female Led Zeppelin tribute band will play the *Physical Graffiti* album. *Cost: \$20 to \$49*

SAT 29
Cherish the Ladies
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The Grammy-nominated Irish-American group is celebrating its fourth decade. *Cost: \$40 (\$45 door)*

SUN 1
Concert for Recovery
BEACON
4 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

This concert, with Slambovian Underground, Kathleen Pemble, The

Costellos, Jerry Lee, Boom Kat, Carla Springer & Russ St. George, Chihoe Hahn and others, will honor Greyson Ciganer, the 26-year-old son of Towne Crier owners Phil and Mary Ciganer, who died of an opioid overdose on Feb. 4. It also will benefit Drug Crisis in Our Backyard, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting individuals and families in the Hudson Valley who are struggling with addiction.

SUN 1
Lincoln Trio
BEACON
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandmusic.org

The Grammy nominees from Chicago will perform as part of the Howland Chamber Music Circle series. Their program includes a Beethoven piano trio and a work by composer Debra Kaye. *Cost: \$30 (\$10 students)*

FRI 6
Mike + Ruthy
PUTNAM VALLEY
7:30 p.m.
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
845-528-7280 | tompkinscorners.org

The husband and wife duo Mike Merenda and Ruthy Ungar will play indie folk with fiddle, banjo and storytelling. *Cost: \$20 donation*

SAT 7
The New Blue
COLD SPRING
7:30 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | 845-265-5537
chapelrestoration.org

Yale’s oldest all-female a cappella group, featuring Haldane grad Allie LaRocco, will perform. *Cost: \$10*

SAT 7
Matthew Shipp
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
shipp.bpt.me

The composer will perform music from his forthcoming album, *The Piano Equation*. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SAT 7
Slam Allen Band
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The inductee into New York’s

Blues Hall of Fame mixes soul and R&B. Dan Brother will also perform. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

CIVIC

SAT 29
Community Development Forum
BEACON
10 a.m. Memorial Hall | 413 Main St.
845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

MON 2
City Council
BEACON
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza
845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

TUES 3
School Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Haldane High School (Room 211)
15 Craigsides Drive | 845-265-9254
haldaneschool.org

TUES 3
Board of Trustees
COLD SPRING
7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

WED 4
School Board
GARRISON
7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D
845-424-3689 | gufs.org

THURS 5
Census 2020 Forum
BEACON
6 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson and the Dutchess Complete Count committee will discuss the importance of returning census forms that will arrive next month.

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THURS 5
Putnam County Legislature
CARMEL
7 p.m. Historic Courthouse
44 Gleneida Ave. | 845-208-7800
putnamcountyny.com

THURS 5
Philipstown Town Board
GARRISON
7:30 p.m. Community Center
107 Glenclyffe Drive | 845-265-5200
philipstown.com

SAT 7
Voter Registration
NELSONVILLE
Noon – 5 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St.
845-265-2500 | nelsonvilleny.gov

The village election will take place March 18.



Matthew Shipp, March 7

Small, Good Things

Greens, Eggs and Ham

By Joe Dizney

This recipe started with an obsession over the *nuovo cavalo* salad at a favorite Manhattan trattoria that shall remain unnamed — try as I might, the chef would not give up the recipe.

I was on a post-holiday offensive to drop a few pounds and at the time flirting with the ketogenic diet, which made dining out problematic. The menu description — “crispy kale, arugula, poached egg, pine nuts, pork belly, Parmigiano dressing” — checked all the right boxes.

Admittedly, a plate of greens garnished with ham and topped with a poached egg is not particularly exotic, and any bistro worth its *fleur de sel* has *le salade frisée aux lardons* — curly endive dressed with a Dijon vinaigrette and garnished with bite-sized pieces of thick, crisp salt pork. But that begs the question: How far removed is such a thing from that classic mid-Amer-

ican menu essential, the iceberg wedge doused in a mayonnaise-based, blue-cheesy dressing and topped with that abomination known as bacon bits?

I see it as evidence that, as with any meaningful human endeavor, intention, execution and raw materials are what makes the difference between dining and feeding.

The appeal of my original inspiration was a mess of fresh, hearty greens. Fortunately, even in the dead of winter, in the Hudson Valley we have access to bitter, leafy staples such as arugula and kale (particularly Lacinto or *cavalo nero*) and peppery mizuna or watercress, which seems to be making a market comeback.

Tender “baby” versions of any of the above are the fundamental grounds for this composition, modulated by the creamy and savory Parmesan dressing, the star of the dish. It is crowned by warm, salty-crispy pork; an oozy, unctuous soft-cooked egg; and toasted pine nuts that add a finishing woody crunch to this standalone lunch or dinner, diet or not.

This is comfort food of a different stripe and I daresay it would even make a nontraditional but satisfying breakfast.

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



Salad with Parmigiano Cream Dressing, Bacon and Egg

Makes 2 entrees

FOR THE DRESSING:


- 1 cup mayonnaise*
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup Parmigiano-Reggiano or Grana Padano cheese, finely grated
- 2 teaspoons white wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 3 teaspoons freshly cracked pepper
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- Salt to taste

FOR THE SALAD:

- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup pignolis, toasted
 - 4 cups lightly packed small, tender greens (kale, arugula, mizuna, watercress or spinach)
 - 1 thick ($\frac{3}{8}$ - to $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch) slice of good bacon (or precooked pork belly), cut into $\frac{3}{4}$ - to 1-inch-wide strips
 - 2 eggs (at room temperature)
1. Place all ingredients for the dressing in the bowl of a small food processor or blender and process until smooth. If the final dressing is too thick, thin it with a tablespoon or two of heavy cream or milk whisked in by hand at the end. Put aside 3 to 4 tablespoons of the dressing at room temperature. (You will have much more than you need. Refrigerate the remainder.)
 2. Toast pignolis in a dry skillet over medium-high heat until they just begin to color. Remove from heat and reserve. In a large saucepan add water to a depth of 4 inches and bring to a boil for the eggs. While the water is heating, heat a skillet over medium. Add bacon or precooked pork belly slices and cook, stirring occasionally, until some of the fat has rendered and bacon is just starting to brown, about 5 to 8 minutes.
 3. When water for the eggs boils, reduce heat to a gentle simmer and add 2 tablespoons white vinegar. (This will help the egg whites stay together.) Crack an egg into a small bowl, then gently slide it into the simmering water. Repeat with remaining egg, waiting until the whites are starting to set before adding the next one, or about 30 seconds apart. Cook eggs until whites are just set and yolks are still runny (about 3 minutes for each egg). Using a slotted spoon, carefully transfer eggs to paper towels to drain and reserve.
 4. Place greens in a large bowl and top with the reserved dressing; toss gently until evenly dressed and divide between two plates. Garnish each plate with half of the warm bacon and top with a cooked egg. Scatter toasted pignolis over all. Finish with a sprinkling of salt, freshly ground black pepper and a grating of more cheese if desired.

* Sure, make your own mayonnaise, or buy a quality commercial brand made from well-sourced ingredients, and no additives that you can't easily identify or justify. I like Sir Kensington's (in particular, its avocado-oil recipe) available at Foodtown in Cold Spring or Nature's Pantry in Fishkill.

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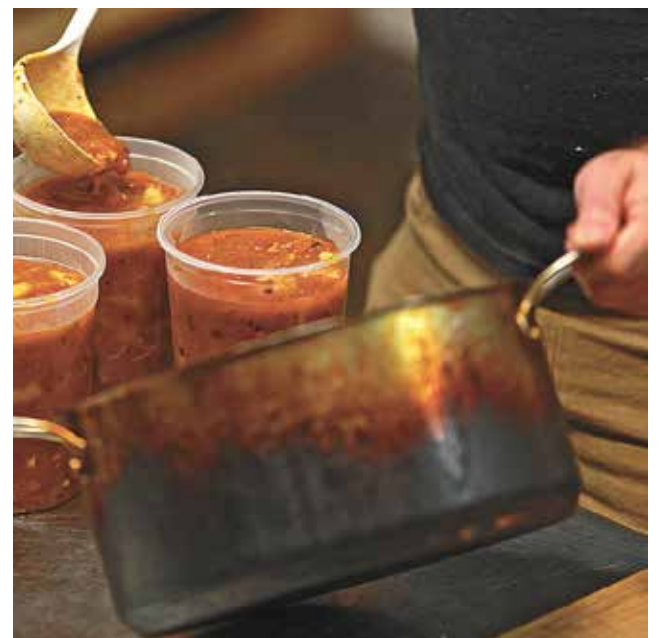
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Comfort FOOD

About 20 volunteers provided their own ingredients, recipes and supplies on Feb. 22 to make soup to sell the next morning at the Beacon Farmer's Market to benefit Green4Greens, a program that provides produce to families in need. More Good donated the use of its industrial kitchen for the third annual fundraiser, which was organized by Common Ground Farm.

Photos by Ross Corsair



Music Man (from Page 11)

Sizemore grew up in Atlanta in a household that he says was “nurtured with creativity. My father was an architect, my mother taught Shakespeare. My mom and my three sisters recited poems and sang four-part harmony, and I grew up in a children’s choir.”

His first instrument, the flute, didn’t pass the cool test in middle school, so he switched to drums. Later, he realized, “flute was actually how you got the girls.”

He studied composition at Colorado College, where met his future wife, cookbook author Nicki Sizemore. At the same time, he found himself drawn to everything from Indonesian gamelan and North Indian classical music to African drumming.

“I started creating my own voice,” he recalls. After college, he returned to Atlanta to work as an assistant at a recording studio used by artists such as Elton John and Outkast. “It was a great place to be a fly on the wall,” he says.

Sizemore eventually returned to Colorado for a while before coming east to pursue an MFA in music technology at New York University. After graduating, he spent a year working for the composer Philip Glass. It was a heady atmosphere. “The first day on the job, I got on the elevator with David Bowie,” he says.

That job led to others composing music for advertisements and “bad zombie movies,” he says, which proved to be great



James Sizemore Photo provided

training. “You can’t hire a full orchestra, so you learn to use computer instruments and figure out creative ways to make sounds to create the effect you’re working for.”

More recently, he’s had higher-profile assignments, such as arranging and producing the score for *Spotlight*, which won the Oscar for best picture in 2016, and working with director Peter Jackson on the music for *The Hobbit* trilogy.

Locally, Sizemore has been working lately with aspiring composers and on independent films, which he finds appealing because “there are no big committees of international marketing managers or studio executives trying to pull the score in different directions.”

Ivy Omere (from Page 11)

parents’ volatile relationship.

While living in foster care and private and group homes, the siblings suffered abuses that are presented graphically in Omere’s performance, in which she makes observations while portraying herself as a child and adolescent.

As a child in foster care, her character remarks: “If I see children with their parents, I am sure it is because those children are special; they deserve it.” As a teenager, she tells the audience: “Whenever I’m hungry, I do this at night when everyone is asleep: I eat bread from the trash.”

Omere says that once she began writing, she found herself recalling incidents from early in her life. “I remember a sense of powerlessness at being handed over when I was 2,” she says. “Because it was a momentous event, I remember it.”

The play wasn’t an easy process, and she sometimes went years without writing. But, finally, she says, “I realized, ‘What have you got to lose?’ It’s healing to me to write a character who says what I want to say. Many stories about people with brown skin are written by people who don’t have it. We need to show the complexity of a human life. Stories build bridges.”

“There are things that happen in families that people don’t talk about it,” she adds. “You’d like to think it’s a unique situation, but it’s far from that.”

Omere began acting at 14 when she was cast in a school production of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*. After earning a bachelor’s degree in English and German literature from Queen Mary & Westfield College at the University of London, she trained at the Webber Douglas Academy of Dramatic Art and began her career in an English Shakespeare Company production of *As You Like It*, directed by Michael Bogdanov, that toured internationally.

Following further work that included an extended run of *The Three Musketeers* at the Young Vic, Omere became frustrated by the “constant messages of, ‘We love you but we don’t know what to do with you,’ especially for television, where they thought I was too patrician for the [typical] roles for black actors: prostitutes, thieves.”

Omere, who obtained a U.S. visa as a

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~ Ivy Omere

“person of exceptional ability” and is now a longtime permanent resident, says she still finds she is offered roles, particularly in television, with descriptions such as “very passionate in the bedroom.”

“There are a lot of roles I don’t fancy,” she says. “Maybe my background makes me sensitive to the difference between being vulnerable and gratuitous.” A lifetime member of the Actors Studio, Omere says of her working life: “It’s been hard, and I wish I was working more, but the good side of it is that it’s forced me to write.”

Omere began writing for the theater with two short plays; *My Story, My Voice* is her first full-length work, and she has performed it from beginning to end only once before.

“There have been times when I’ve thought, ‘This is madness. Why am I living through this again?’” she explains. “I have to emphasize to myself it’s not who I am now. I learn my lines like it’s a professional gig.”

Omere has considered having other actors portray her, because “it would be nice to have other people there onstage with me. But because I felt so strongly about people speaking for me, and telling me what and who I am, it felt important that it be a one-woman play.”

The Philipstown Depot Theatre is located at 10 Garrison’s Landing. Tickets for My Story, My Voice are \$20 at brownpapertickets.com/event/4489903.

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Growing Older *(from Page 1)*

The Philipstown group is part of a national “village movement” in which volunteer organizations coordinate services for older residents, with the goal of keeping them in their homes and the community. The first was established in the Beacon Hill section of Boston nearly 20 years ago. If a group has expenses such as paid staff or office rent, they are typically paid with dues collected from its members.

The Village to Village Network, a clearing-house, lists nearly 300 aging-in-place groups around the country, including in Westchester (five locations), Rockland (Nyack) and Dutchess (Rhinebeck), but none in Putnam. The network says its goal is to turn what has been called the “silver tsunami” of baby boomers into a “silver reservoir.”

In repeated surveys, most people say that, as they age, they would prefer to remain in their homes, or at least in their community. But that can be challenging for a variety of reasons. In the Highlands, transportation is a major concern, whether to medical appointments, the grocery store or classes and events.

Rauch, who is the group’s chair, noted that she and her husband, Ru (who is a *Current* board member), “suddenly realized we were older. But we didn’t want to leave our community or our house.”

She said the immediate goal of Philipstown Aging at Home is “to find a network of people who are able to express their needs, along with others able to meet those needs; a cooperative of giving and receiving. Some people can do both. It’s hard to ask for a favor, and really hard to ask several times. This takes the sting out of it.”

The Philipstown organizers distributed to the audience of about 60 people a list of tasks that could be especially challenging for older residents, such as changing light bulbs, deciphering insurance forms, programming a television remote, changing a litter box, watering plants or arrang-



Sheila Rauch and Ellyn Varela-Burstein at the Aging at Home meeting

Photo provided

ing a chat over tea or the phone.

(A comment from an audience member reflected the reluctance some community members may feel about accepting help when she observed, with a smile: “At 82 I don’t consider myself that old. That’s why I’ve never darkened the door of the [Philipstown] Friendship Center.”)

The idea behind a “village” of support is “an old concept, but people have lost sight of it,” Freeman explained. “Using my own situation, I live in a house in the woods; my nearby neighbors are often not home and there’s nobody I can call. I’m pretty isolated. I would like to have more friends here.

“There are many things we can offer: making a phone call to each other to see how we are doing, bringing someone along with us to Foodtown or Drug World, just sitting with someone for a while, organizing things like card games, writing classes,

speakers — the sky’s the limit.”

Varela-Burstein said that “transportation started us off on this. There is limited transportation in Putnam County. Most people don’t know this, but the county does have an option of providing a car for transportation services, but it’s tremendously underused.

“We can build upon the infrastructure that’s out there,” she said. “We can provide volunteer drivers, and maybe you need to be driven to an appointment, but when you’re well enough maybe you can drive someone else. The current infrastructure isn’t exactly meeting all our needs, though Rec [Philipstown Recreation] and the libraries meet many needs.”

Rauch said that for non-medical appointments, the organization will need to obtain insurance for drivers. A medical driver for the county uses its insurance but also is restricted in what he or she can do. “For example, it’s OK

Putnam Aging Resources

Office for Senior Resources

putnamcountyny.com/osr
845-808-1700

NY Connects

845-808-1700, ext. 47110

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845-808-1700, ext. 47112

Health Insurance/ Medicare Counseling

845-808-1700, ext. 47115

In-Home Services (Non-Medical)

845-808-1700, ext. 47112

Medical Transportation

845-808-1700, ext. 47104

Mental Health/Substance Abuse

845-808-1700, ext. 47113

Philipstown Friendship Center

845-808-1705

Retired Senior Volunteers

845-808-1734

Senior Outreach

845-808-1700, ext. 47134

Dutchess County offers similar services for residents of Beacon. Call 845-486-2555. For NY Connects, call 845-475-3511.

[to take someone] for a doctor’s appointment, but not for dialysis,” Ewen said.

“We want to talk with the county about a lot of things, particularly about the Friendship Center, which is underutilized,” she added.

Philipstown Aging at Home is building a website at paah.net that will contain links and information to services for members. For more information about the group, email info@paah.net.

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Airbnb *(from Page 3)*

any say in it,” she said. “That said, I think the county should have some sort of room tax so they can be regulated.”

Legislator Nancy Montgomery (D-Philipstown) said she would support a room tax implemented at the town level. “I don’t know that the towns would favor the county taxing it,” she said, in part because the county doesn’t share sales tax.

Starbuck, however, said towns and villages can only collect permitting and other fees; taxing has to be imposed at a city, county or state level.

Oliverio said that if the county established a tax, the towns could go through the booking firms to discover which homeowners are renting out their properties, and then enforce the required permits.

“I’m not even asking to have that [room] tax shared with us,” he said. “All we need is the information.”

Bill Nulk, who chairs the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency and is president of the Putnam County Business Council, said the county and its towns and villages need to accept that people are going to continue renting out their properties. “Airbnb is here to stay,” he said.

Nulk also said it makes sense for the county to impose a tax on rental property and designate where the funds will go. “It could be well-designated so there could be significant fairness to the way it is doled out,” he said.

The room tax

With the opening soon of Putnam’s first

major hotel — a Comfort Inn in Southeast, near the Connecticut state line — some lawmakers said it may be time to implement a room tax that would be paid by visitors.

Conrad Pasquale, the senior deputy county attorney, said at the Feb. 18 Economic Development Committee meeting that at least 48 of the state’s 62 counties have a room tax, and they are typically about 4 percent.

However, Pasquale cautioned lawmakers that a room tax must be approved by the state. He noted that Putnam could not get approval in 2012 for a 4 percent tax.

Pasquale also noted that the homeowner, as the “hotel operator,” would be responsible for collecting the tax on Airbnb and similar rentals. He said most counties have agreements with Airbnb to add the tax to its charges and send the proceeds to the county on an honor system.

“There’s not going to be a whole lot of oversight,” he warned lawmakers. “We’re going to have to be taking them at their word.”

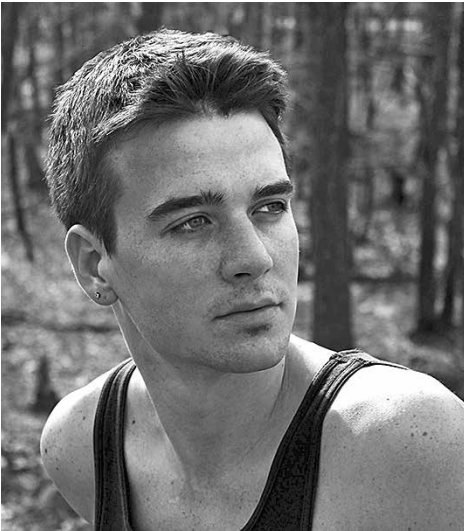
Further, he said, Airbnb likely won’t disclose information about property owners.

“Airbnb — and I’m using them as an example because they’re the big one — is very, very protective of their clients’ data,” he said.

Another route the county could take — which Pasquale said he didn’t recommend — would be to follow Ulster County’s lead and keep track of short-term rentals. He said that Ulster either purchased the technology to “scrape” rental sites for data or outsourced the work, but that the task is daunting and costly.

“I don’t think anybody wants that to happen here,” he said.

OBITUARIES



Greyson Ciganer
(1993-2020)

Greyson Leib Ciganer, 26, died Feb. 6, 2020, of an opioid overdose.

Born Dec. 11, 1993, he was the son of Phil and Mary Ciganer, owners of the Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon.

His parents, in a written memorial, said their son’s life “was tragically cut short by a drug dependence nurtured by the unbounded and immoral greed of big pharma. He got hopelessly caught in a cruel web of addiction and, despite his endless efforts to get clean, was not able to free himself.”

They added that “Greyson will always be remembered as the bright, beautiful

and happy child that he was, who smiled easily and made friends wherever he went. During his childhood travels with Phil and Mary, and even in later years when he and his dad became perfectly paired travel companions, Greyson was fascinated by the people he met while traveling.”

His parents said he distinguished himself in the study of the sciences and “with natural charm” became one of the most popular servers at the Towne Crier.

“He discovered the natural beauty of minerals at a young age and was able to express that love through his extraordinary talent for designing jewelry,” his parents said.

A Concert for Recovery benefit will be held at the Towne Crier, 379 Main St., at 4 p.m. on Sunday (March 1) to honor Greyson and benefit Drug Crisis in Our Backyard (drugcrisisinourbackyard.org).

Other Recent Deaths

Beacon

- Don Ager, 89
- Rose Aquino, 96
- Dolores Baca, 88
- Rosse Mary Belluzzi, 66
- James Cahill, 80
- Lester Classen, 36
- Matthew Craft, 55
- John Darcy Jr., 70
- Timothy Duff, 70
- Margaret Durkin, 70
- Millie Egan, 100
- Beatrice Horan, 96
- Patricia Lyman, 77
- Olga Mihanowich, 98
- Julia Molina, 69
- Lydia Ortega, 71
- Ewhenia Pastuch, 93
- Ken Stoehr, 64
- Jeff Travis, 60
- Kathleen Wiercinski, 96

Philipstown

- Maria Basili, 99
- Sandra Klein, 83
- Bruce Raymond, 78

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Helen Savoit Book Club
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Brideshead Revisited, by Evelyn Waugh
Howland Public Library, Beacon

Ecology and Activism Book Club
THURS 12, 5 P.M.
Active Hope, by Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone
Desmond-Fish Public Library, Garrison

Graphic Novel Book Club (for Adults)
TUES 17, 7 P.M.
Black Hole, by Charles Burns
Split Rock Books, Cold Spring

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THURS 19, 4 P.M.
Bob, by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead
Split Rock Books, Cold Spring

Fiction Book Club
THURS 19, 7 P.M.
Kindred, by Octavia Butler
Split Rock Books, Cold Spring

History Book Club
THURS 26, 7 P.M.
Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge, by Erica Dunbar
Split Rock Books, Cold Spring

Beacon Book Club
THURS 26, 7:15 P.M.
The Cuckoo's Calling, by Robert Galbraith
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Real Estate



Market Report (January)

	Beacon		Philipstown	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
New Listings	8	6	9	7
Closed Sales	8	8	11	7
Days on Market	65	66	127	105
Median Price	\$278,750	\$369,500	\$426,000	\$853,400
% List Received	87	89	90	95
Inventory	23	20	53	58

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



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This 1909 postcard shows the hat factories that lined Fishkill Creek in Matteawan.

Looking Back in Beacon

By Chip Rowe

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

150 Years Ago (February 1870)

The hat factories at Matteawan were making 175 dozen hats daily and unable to find enough girls to fill orders.

The Matteawan Herald noted that a newly married couple — a 55-year-old man and his 18-year-old bride — had attracted considerable attention with their constant kissing while waiting for a train at Fishkill Landing. "A 'local' wanted to pitch in, but the old gentleman's cane kept him at bay," the paper reported.

A Port Jervis newspaper reported that in Matteawan, "loafers crowd ladies off the walks. Bad town that."

125 Years Ago (February 1895)

A 3 a.m. fire destroyed the Peattie Brothers livery stable, carriage factory and blacksmith shop at Fishkill Landing, along with a nearby saloon. Eighteen horses were killed in the stable.

Amand Miller, believed to be the oldest member of the Order of Odd Fellows in the country, died at Fishkill Landing at age 80. A native of France, he was initiated into the fraternity in 1837 in New York City.

After burglarizing DeBauns Hardware in

Fishkill Landing, three masked men broke into the Matteawan post office and blew up the safe and the front of the building. While making their escape with \$200, they encountered a night watchman, whom they knocked senseless with a sandbag, and a police officer, Marshall Snyder, whom they shot in the mouth. Snyder later recalled their conversation as they stood over him. One man apologized, then turned to another and said: "You didn't need to shoot. You had the drop on him." The shooter replied, "Well, he had his gun, and he'd a done me

if I hadn't done him." Before fleeing, the men lingered for a moment to light their cigars. Authorities offered a \$1,700 reward but, weeks later, the trio was still at large.

John Schultz, the Matteawan superintendent for the Newburgh, Dutchess & Connecticut Railroad, hired 100 men to shovel out drifts on the tracks after a blizzard.

The body of Irving Frost of Matteawan, who had gone missing at Christmas, was found at the bottom of the raceway [water channel] by workers clearing ice.

100 Years Ago (February 1920)

Robert Rajan, an immigrant from India who had been judged criminally insane soon after his arrival and sent to the Matteawan State Hospital, was put on a

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train to the Pacific coast to be deported.

A representative of the Carroll Hat Works traveled to Cold Spring to investigate opening a branch shop.

A swindler claiming to represent a Newburgh optometrist went door-to-door selling dime-store reading glasses and "eye washes."

Under the weight of snow, the roof over the stage at the Peattie Opera House collapsed. Located on Main Street between Walnut and Elm, the building had formerly been a skating rink.

A police officer detained a patient who had escaped days earlier from the Hudson River State Hospital in Poughkeepsie.

The U.S. Postal Service established a branch office at 598 Main St.

The New York Rubber Co. shut down for three days because of a shortage of coal.

A mail bag thrown from an express train was cut to pieces after it bounced off a snow bank and under the wheels.

The Poughkeepsie Eagle-News reported that Beacon was facing a serious shortage of teachers because its salaries were considerably lower than in other cities.

Edward Corwin, of Beacon, visited friends in Colorado Springs to sketch Pike's Peak and the Garden of the Gods.

Mayor Samuel Beskin denied a report that he had purchased *The Beacon Journal*. He and its managing editor, John Cronin, who also was the director of public safety, had an ongoing feud.

When George McCoy of Peekskill, president of the Hudson Valley Chamber of Commerce, spoke at the Holland Hotel, Mayor Beskin decided to present him with a key to the city. The hotel manager allowed the mayor to use the oversized key to its chicken coop, but McCoy left town without returning it and the guests had to go a few days without chicken on the menu. McCoy mailed back the key with a note expressing his "sincere regrets that the chickens were obliged to suffer for the mayor's cheap joke on a guest."

75 Years Ago (February 1945)

Joseph Chirella of Beacon, a crossing guard in Peekskill for the New York Central Railroad, was credited with averting a wreck when he noticed that the last car of a train from Chicago was wobbling. An inspection revealed a damaged bearing that could have caused the axle to shear off.

The Beacon News switched its endorsement for a seat on the Putnam County Supreme Court from James Bailey to Mortimer Patterson because the latter was a native of Dutchess County.

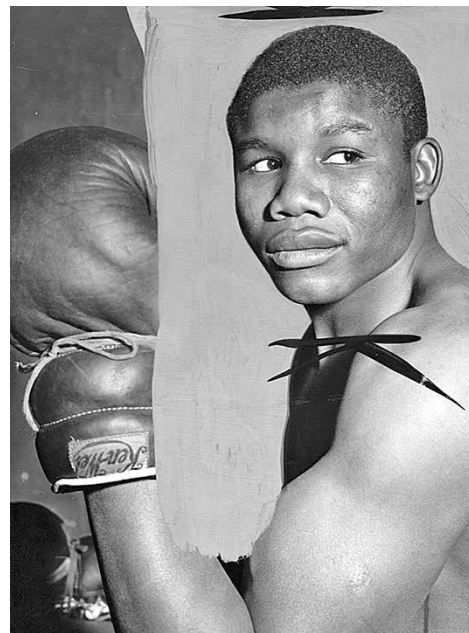
James McDowell, a student at Beacon High School, won first place and a \$25 war bond in a Dutchess County American Legion oratorical contest. Each contestant gave a 12-minute speech on the U.S. Constitution.

Ann Polumbo of Beacon was featured as a "pin-up girl" in a yearbook published for members of the 81st Air Depot group stationed in New Guinea. Her name and photo were entered by a friend, Sgt. Roscoe Scott of Newburgh.

The City Council voted unanimously to ask the state for aid to improve the water system. The health commissioners recom-

mended the installation of an automatic chlorination system for treating water from the reservoirs.

Jimmy Bivins, a Cleveland heavyweight newly discharged from the Army, agreed to box Melio Bettina of Beacon in a 10-round fight at Madison Square Garden.



Heavyweight Jimmy Bivins agreed in 1945 to box Melio Bettina of Beacon at Madison Square Garden.

Beacon High School announced that all of the remaining games on its basketball schedule would be played in the afternoon because oil supplies were running low. The day before, in a game at Yonkers, Coach Bill Hamm pulled his team from the floor in the third quarter and forfeited the game after an argument with a referee.

Frank Deveson, 58, an engineer who had worked at Matteawan State Hospital for 33 years, was struck in a hit-and-run at about 1 a.m. while walking along a dirt road connecting Route 52 to the back of the hospital. He was apparently loaded into a car and dumped more than 2 miles away on Route 52, where he was found, because his glasses and necktie were left at the crash scene. He died later that morning at Highland Hospital. Police said Deveson, who lived at the hospital, was walking home after having drinks with co-workers at Frank's Tavern in Glenham. Police said they were baffled why the driver, with Deveson in the vehicle, drove in the opposite direction of the hospital.

Beacon Engine Co. No. 1, realizing that its 1887 incorporation had expired nine years earlier, asked state Assembly Member Ernest Hatfield to introduce a bill to re-establish its legal standing.

With many streets impassable after a snowstorm, *The Poughkeepsie Journal* reported that the city supervisor had directed the highway superintendent to plow the driveway of the private Southern Dutchess County Club so the club pro could get out to visit his mother in the hospital.

A state trooper and a pregnant woman's brother carried her in a rocking chair for about a half-mile from her snowbound home to Route 9D.

Pvt. William Hoffart of Beacon and a companion were driving a patrol jeep through a Normandy town when a Frenchman flagged them down, saying three German officers were hiding on his farm.

One was found in a shed; while searching for the others, Hoffart heard rustling in a hedge. He fired a shot in the direction, prompting the remaining two to surrender.

The "lowly" New York Rangers, who the *Daily News* said "sometimes travel even slower by rail than they do on skates," were stuck in a snowbound train near Beacon and failed to show up at Madison Square Garden for a game against Chicago.

A dog belonging to a local restaurant owner bit three children in separate incidents on the same morning as each walked to school.

The chairman of the board of directors at Highland Hospital said it would be forced to close unless eight nurses and 10 kitchen and laundry workers could be found to fill vacancies.

About a dozen occupants of an apartment at 112 Beekman St., part of a tenement known as the "brick flats," escaped injury in an early-morning fire.

A jury convicted a 25-year-old woman of stabbing a man in the head during a fight at her Beekman Street home. She claimed self-defense after he struck her.

Rody Tighe of Beacon, a Navy fireman, was reported killed in action. [Tighe is buried in the Manila American Cemetery in the Philippines.]



Rody Tighe was killed in action in December 1944, although word did not reach Beacon until February.

50 Years Ago (February 1970)

Fred Way, 20, of the Mount Beacon Ski Club, won the Anund Dahlen Memorial Trophy on the 50-meter hill at Bear Mountain with a jump of 157 feet.

A group of parents asked the City Council to approve a 15 mph speed limit on Wolcott Avenue near Sargent Elementary School, as well as a police guard.

Mayor Robert Cahill appointed two trustees to address "the bleakness of the council chambers" by hanging photos of past Beacon mayors.

The head of the Dutchess County Landmarks Association noted in a letter to Cahill that the city was the only municipality that had not submitted any.

Cahill acted as city judge while both Judge Thomas Lynch and City Attorney Milton Epstein were on vacation. In his first case, the mayor dismissed an assault case when the complainant didn't show up.

A helicopter pilot, John Miller of Poughkeepsie, was praised after he rescued two

boys stranded in a sinking rowboat in the Hudson near the Newburgh-Beacon bridge.

In a 175-pound Golden Gloves boxing match in Queens, Jim Healy, 19, a construction worker from Beacon, knocked out Anthony Dina, a Manhattan truck driver, in the second round.

The City Council created a Narcotics Guidance Council that included two clergymen, a former city health officer, an assistant principal from Rombout Middle School and a young lawyer.

Despite an announcement the month before, Mayor Cahill said Beacon had *not* received a \$2.6 million grant to expand its sewage treatment plant. Instead, a state official, who told the mayor a news release was being prepared, clarified that it would only say the city's application had been received.

Police expressed surprise that a burglar who took a color TV and cash from the L&P Restaurant at 100 Wolcott Ave. didn't steal any liquor.

A 29-year-old live-in employee at Dutchess Manor accidentally shot himself in the arm when he dropped a loaded pistol while climbing a flight of stairs.

Segments of a January concert by Pete Seeger at Rombout Middle School were aired on CBS as part of a special called "Within One Generation" that examined how members of the same age group could have "attitude differences."

Robert Weber, who lost a three-way race for finance commissioner, was voted out of the Beacon Republicans for disloyalty. The party had endorsed another candidate, so Weber ran on the Conservative line, splitting the vote and handing the position to the Democrats.

25 Years Ago (February 1995)

A 37-year-old Beacon man was arrested in Cold Spring after a computer check revealed that his plates didn't match his vehicle. In fact, the plates had been suspended two years earlier; his license had been suspended a year before; he had no insurance, registration or record inspection; he was carrying a weapon; and he had an illegal radio device to monitor police frequencies.

The mayor of Kingston organized a meeting with his counterparts in seven Hudson Valley cities, including Beacon, to discuss how to lobby the state for more economic support in the wake of thousands of lost IBM jobs.

Beacon school district officials reported there had not been a single fistfight or pushing match at the high school in January.

After a taste test, the Beacon school district awarded a \$17,620 contract to Pizza & Stuff of Beacon to supply pizza for its cafeterias.

In a front-page story, the *Poughkeepsie Journal* declared that Beacon "was on the fast-track" to an economic turnaround. Mayor Clara Lou Gould said she expected every building on Main Street would be restored by 2005.

Anthony Bonura, a former mobster convicted of gunning down a 23-year-old man in 1981 outside a Beacon pool hall for a \$10,000 fee, was given a reduced sentence because he assisted police with cases in New Jersey. Officials there had placed Bonura in its witness-protection program, but Beacon detectives located him in Arizona in 1994.

The HIGHLANDS

Current

7-Day Forecast for the Highlands

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Saturday 35/22 Cold with sun, then clouds; breezy in the p.m. POP: 5% WNW 8-16 mph RealFeel 27/12	Sunday 42/26 Plenty of sunshine POP: 0% WNW 8-16 mph RealFeel 38/26	Monday 50/36 Mostly cloudy and not as cool POP: 25% S 3-6 mph RealFeel 52/36	Tuesday 57/34 Cloudy and mild POP: 25% SW 6-12 mph RealFeel 54/35	Wednesday 54/32 Cloudy; a shower in the a.m., then a little rain POP: 55% ESE 4-8 mph RealFeel 57/23	Thursday 54/31 Mostly cloudy with rain possible POP: 35% WSW 10-20 mph RealFeel 48/18	Friday 43/24 Cooler with sun and some clouds POP: 15% WNW 12-25 mph RealFeel 33/18
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15. Classic Anne Murray song

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18. Charlotte's creation

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21. Pamper

24. Gun the engine

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26. Sprite

28. Thin smoky streaks

32. Messy sort

34. Cut the grass

36. Fit of peevishness

37. High-strung

39. Michael Jackson album

41. — budget

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44. About to fall asleep

46. Old-style hairpiece

50. Curved line

51. Neighbor of Cambodia

52. Increase rapidly

56. Scandinavian city

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57. Sagan or Sandburg

58. Shooter ammo

59. Adolescent

60. Has bills

61. Dr. Ruth's subject

DOWN

1. Billboards

2. Chignon

3. White-flowered amaryllis

4. Little rock

5. Square root of IX

6. Blunders

7. Passover feast

8. Compared to

9. Tend texts

10. Choir member

11. Ogle

16. Marry

20. Fresh

21. Money

22. Unctuous

23. Shade provider

27. Watch chain

29. Mountain peak covers, often

30. Bowlers' targets

31. Remain

33. Blessing

35. Bankroll

38. Ply oars

40. Talks Dixie-style

43. Mirror-ball venue

45. Sphere

46. Basis for a whodunit

47. Relaxation

48. Portrayal

49. Chew like a chipmunk

53. Tramcar contents

54. Shelter

55. Remiss

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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

1 top of a pyramid (5)

2 Amazon assistant (5)

3 Earl Grey holders (7)

4 customers (7)

5 shots in the dark (7)

6 etched with a claw (9)

7 getting attention (7)

SOLUTIONS

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1. PUPPET, 2. TOLLBOOTH, 3. RIDICULE, 4. SELLERS, 5. SHODDY, 6. LEFTOVERS, 7. HIKERS

Answers will be published next week. See highlandscurrent.org/puzzle for interactive sudoku.

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Quazir Hayes, shown here in the first quarter against Poughkeepsie, was named to the All-Conference, All-County and All-League teams.



Dior Gillins had 15 points to lead the Bulldogs against Harrison.

Photos by S. Pearlman

Beacon Runner Wins Section 1 55-Meter Title

Kaleb Istvan will compete at states on March 7

Kaleb Istvan, a senior at Beacon High School, won the Section 1 title on Feb. 23 in the 55-meter dash in a personal-best 6.59 seconds to qualify for the state Indoor Track & Field Championships on March 7. He also qualified for the 300-meter run by finishing third in 35.21.

Istvan also will compete in the New Balance National Indoors meet in March in New York City after qualifying on Jan. 19 with a 35.05 in the 300 meters to win the league championship for the Bulldogs.

Istvan has been training with John Robinson, who won the state 55-meter hurdle title for Beacon in 1996. Istvan plans to compete next season for Binghamton University or the University of Buffalo.



Kaleb Istvan

Photo provided

Seasons End for Beacon Hoops

Boys and girls both fall in first round of tournament

By Skip Pearlman

The Beacon High School boys' basketball team, seeded No. 13 among 20 Class A teams in Section 1, put up a fight for three quarters against No. 4 Poughkeepsie on Friday (Feb. 21).

It wasn't enough to upend the defending state champs, however, as Poughkeepsie (18-6) controlled the fourth quarter to win, 78-57, in the first-round playoff game at Poughkeepsie High School. The Pioneers defeated No. 5 Lakeland on Feb. 26 and on March 4 will face No. 1 Tappan Zee in the semifinals at the Westchester County Center. The section's other two surviving Class A teams are No. 3 Rye and No. 7 Pearl River.

The Bulldogs (9-13) executed their game plan well in the first half and trailed by only six points, 37-31, at the break. The team kept it close in the third but a disputed call that went Poughkeepsie's way cost the Bulldogs.

"We had a chance to be within five points to start the fourth, but instead they're up nine," said Coach Scott Timpano. "They struck fast on a few possessions, and the game was over."

The Pioneers hurt Beacon from three-point range, hitting 10. They also outrebounded the Bulldogs, particularly on the offensive end.

"We battled tough in the first half, and worked hard for every point," said Timpano. "But Revelation [Garriga, who led Poughkeepsie with 21 points] had five of their 10 three-pointers. We didn't locate him on the outside."

Quazir Hayes and Shane Green each had 13 points for Beacon, while Tristen Reid added 12 points and three assists, and Ian Bautista had six points and seven rebounds.

Timpano said he was happy with his team's performance, particularly how the Bulldogs gained momentum down the final stretch of the season, winning six of their last eight games before facing Poughkeepsie.

"If you had told me early this season that we would get nine wins and have a decent chance at beating Poughkeepsie in sectionals, we would have signed up for that," the coach said. "So we're pretty pleased with how the year turned out."

Hayes was named to the All-Conference, All-County and All-League teams, and Green was named All-League and also to the Dutchess County All-Academic team. The Bulldogs were also named an All-Academic team for the first time since

2005, meaning 75 percent of its members had a 90 average or better.

Harrison 57, Beacon 34

The girls' team, seeded last out of 20 teams in the sectional tournament, also saw its season end on Friday with a loss at No. 4 Harrison in a Class A first-round playoff game. The girls had advanced to the first round with an upset victory on Feb. 15 over No. 13 Somers.

Beacon finished with a 9-13 record, while Harrison (16-6) went on to defeat No. 5 Byram Hills to advance to the semifinals against No. 1 Rye. The other Final Four teams are No. 6 Pearl River and No. 2 Hendrick Hudson.

Against Harrison, the Bulldogs had trouble getting into any kind of offensive rhythm. "We couldn't finish," said Coach Christina Dahl. "We had opportunities."

Dior Gillins led Beacon with 15 points, and Grace Affeldt and Devyn Kelly each had six. Gillins, Affeldt and Annaliese Compagnone were named All-League.

Dahl said she liked her team's persistence through the season. "I'm proud of the effort," she said. "Our six seniors leave some big shoes to fill, and we had a great run to end the season."

● Haldane Games ●

• BOYS' BASKETBALL •

No. 2 Haldane (15-5) vs. No. 3 Tuckahoe (10-10)

WESTCHESTER COUNTY CENTER

Monday, March 2, 6 p.m.

Winner to Section 1, Class C title game on March 7

• GIRLS' BASKETBALL •

No. 2 Haldane (10-10) vs. No. 3 Leffell School (9-8)

HALDANE HIGH SCHOOL

Tuesday, March 3, 3 p.m.

Winner to Section 1, Class C title game on March 7