Dan and Darrin Santos pose at midfield with their sister, Mikayla, before a Haldane lacrosse game last month. Photo by Amy Kubik

Two Brothers, Three Sports, Twin Threat

Haldane’s Dan and Darrin Santos excelled in basketball, football and lacrosse

By Michael Turton

Darrin and Dan Santos, who are 17 years old and seniors at Haldane High School, are big on brotherhood. Not just because they’re twins but, because to them, brotherhood is what sports are all about, whether it’s football, basketball, lacrosse or baseball. They were both three-sport athletes over the past three years.

Brotherhood — and having fun.

“T had the most fun with the football team our junior year,” Dan said. “It was just a very nice brotherhood.”

Darrin singled out the lacrosse team during their sophomore year, which finished 15-3. “We won a lot,” he recalled. “We didn’t win a championship, but it was still a lot of fun.”

Asked if they were glad they attended a smaller school, Darrin again emphasized togetherness. “It’s that brotherhood thing I keep talking about,” he said. “You have

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Four Stories — Again

Beacon to review latest development proposal

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Four years ago, the construction of a four-story retail and apartment building at 344 Main St. in Beacon ignited a movement among residents who called its development out of sync with Main Street’s traditional character.

Next week, as Yankees legend Yogi Berra once said, it could be déjà vu all over again.

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FIVE QUESTIONS: HÅKAN MÅRTENSSON

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On Saturday (May 29), Håkan Mårtensson opened Håkan Chocolatier at 462 Main St. in Beacon.

You were a member of the Swedish National Culinary Team. How did they recruit you?

I was only 22 when my mentor recommended me for the team. Competing for the Swedish National Culinary Team is like competing for Brazil in soccer. I called home and told my mom, “Don’t tell anyone about this because when they realize what a fraud I am, they’re going to kick me off.” To compete at that level, you have to step up. Six months later, we tested a Christmas ham recipe for a magazine article and it was only then that everyone learned I was on the team.

What’s “ruby chocolate”?

It’s the fourth kind of chocolate, after dark, milk and white. Ruby is a naturally red cocoa fruit. It’s almost like milk chocolate, but it has much fruity notes, which makes it taste a little darker. I add spices to it: chili and chopped-up fruits, since it already has some berry notes. It can probably go with other things I haven’t thought of yet. That’s the flavor profile I have in my head, so that’s what I think fits, but sometimes you’re completely wrong.

When creating a bonbon, how do you pick which shape goes with what flavor?

With some shapes, you have to think about how the bonbon will be filled. For example, this salted caramel one is round, which means it has a smaller opening, because the filling is very fluid. If you have too much of an opening, it’s going to leak when you’re sealing it. With this Key lime pie one, you want a higher shape because the filling has layers, so it’s a diamond shape. Also, because it’s Key lime pie and I love Key West, it’s the diamond of Florida. This one, it’s cinnamon and Tabasco in a thin, dark shell. Tabasco is the only hot sauce that doesn’t activate in your mouth, so you’re slowly going to feel it in your throat while the cinnamon lingers in your mouth. It’s not going to get too hot, and a few minutes later the heat is gone. A hot sauce bonbon doesn’t sound good, but if you balance it, it’s tasty.

How would you translate the Swedish neon sign in your store?

It’s from a Swedish song from 1949 that’s always in my head. It means “Clap to the rhythm, all you baker’s kids.” We’re all children of bakers. Around the corner I have another sign with the next line of the song, which means “Bun feast, bun feast every day!” Yes, I’m making chocolates, but we’re also going to make a lot of buns, Swedish-inspired buns, not just because it’s what I know, but because it’s what I like. Cardamom buns, cinnamon buns, butter-and-vanilla buns. That’s not something you can find in Beacon and it could be a nice addition to all the doughnuts and bagels.

What challenges you?

The more I learn about chocolate, the more I realize I don’t know enough about chocolate, not just in terms of texture and flavor, but how to grow cocoa. I’m going back to the farmers. I visited Ghana to try and understand it. Now that I’m in the Hudson Valley, I’d like to learn more about the cream, the butter, the milk. Before, I took it for granted that I had access to the best cream and butter. But what makes it so good? If I can get it down to a point, I can formulate my chocolates to taste better.
**Village Race (from Page 1)**

the second year of Bender’s term, along with Yaslyn Daniels, who announced her candidacy on May 24, the day before nominating petitions were due.

With Merandy’s departure, the candidates for mayor who will appear on the ballot are Trustee Kathleen Foley, who ran unopposed in November to join the board, and former Putnam Legislator Vinny Tamagna, who is the county’s transportation director.

In a statement issued on Thursday (June 3), Merandy said a three-way race for mayor “would not serve the best interests of the village.” He and Early, who were planning to campaign with Francisco, called the decision to withdraw “extremely complicated and heart-wrenching” but offered no details about their reasoning.

Francisco said in a statement that he had joined the race to “work with Dave and Marie,” but when they withdrew, “I felt I could make a greater contribution to the village by remaining on the Planning Board.”

The three remaining candidates for the two full-term seats now held by Early and Fran Murphy, who is not running for re-election, are Eliza Starbuck, the president of the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and co-owner of Flowercup Wine on Main Street; Cathryn Padde, a former Village Board member and owner of Cathryn’s Tuscan Grill on Main Street; and Jeff Phillips, a carpenter who, like Starbuck, will be seeking office for the first time. Tamagna, Padde and Phillips are campaigning together.

Foley had worked to elect Merandy in his three campaigns, dating to 2015. When asked why she wanted to unseat him, she replied in a statement on Wednesday that she has “the dedication, enthusiasm and experience to lead Cold Spring now — it’s time for the next generation to step up and lead. Our mayor, trustees, staff and so many volunteers have thanklessly laid the groundwork that makes this village strong. We need to build on that foundation.”

At board meetings in recent months, Foley and Merandy have engaged in a number of tense exchanges over issues such as the ongoing review of the Cold Spring Police Department. More than once, Foley chastised the mayor over his tone when addressing her and former trustee Bender.

**COVID-19 by the Numbers**

**PUTNAM COUNTY**

- Number of confirmed cases: 10,585 (+18)
- Active Cases in Philipstown: ≤5
- Tests administered: 231,879 (+2,562)
- Percent positive: 4.6 (0)
- Percent vaccinated: 58.5
- Number of deaths: 92 (+1)

**DUTCHESS COUNTY**

- Number of confirmed cases: 29,413 (+54)
- Active Cases in Beacon: ≤5
- Tests administered: 759,831 (+9,177)
- Percent positive: 3.9 (0)
- Percent vaccinated: 54.9
- Number of deaths: 445 (+1)

Source: State and county health departments, as of June 3, with weekly change in parentheses. Active cases in Philipstown as of May 27. Percent vaccinated reflects at least one dose.
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Vets and mental health

I appreciated reading about the challenges facing local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars chapters (“American Legion and VFW Chapters Soldier On,” May 28). As a psychologist, I found it interesting that the reduction in membership that took place in the 1970s coincided with the American Psychiatric Association’s attempts to standardize post-traumatic stress disorder as a diagnosis. Although PTSD had been observed for many decades (it was typically called “war neurosis” or “shell shock”), throughout the 1970s mental health researchers sought to standardize it as a diagnosis, which greatly increased the chances that a clinician or institution would agree on its presence in a patient. Once that happened, clinical and research interest in veterans and their psychology burgeoned, decreasing ignorance of and stigma about PTSD.

I can imagine there were many years where the only people who could understand the trauma experienced by veterans were other veterans, and I felt more appreciation for the loneliness and isolation many vets probably suffered before organized efforts to name, accept and treat this difficult post-combat disability. I’m so glad that the American Legion and VFW were places where vets could gather, be seen and understood. Thank you to those who have served or continue to do so.

Christine Foertech, Garrison

LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Correction

A story in the May 28 issue on a survey conducted by Cold Spring about attitudes toward the Police Department reported that the village had received 367 responses. In fact, 367 responses were submitted online, and another 15 completed on paper, for a total of 382. In addition, some of the calculated percentages included in a graphic that accompanied the story were incorrect. The percentage of respondents who agreed that officers try to get to know villagers was 37 percent, not 73, and the percentage who said the CSPD makes them feel safe was 62 percent, not 65.

Worker shortage

As one of the people interviewed for the article about the difficulties that restaurants are having in finding workers (“Help Needed,” May 21), I’d like to clarify that I have raised wages significantly (at Beacon Pantry), in addition to paying bonuses to employees who stayed on during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although we sell primarily sandwiches, we are offering a wage higher than fine dining places I see advertising for positions. As the article pointed out, several of my employees left because they changed industries. Unless you have information on what an establishment is paying, don’t assume we are all paying lousy wages in lousy conditions (Letters and Comments, May 28). If you walk up and down Main Street, or anywhere, there are help-wanted signs everywhere. The fact that they are aren’t all mentioned in the article doesn’t mean it isn’t an issue.

Stacey Penlon, via Facebook

Business rules

In an article in your May 21 issue (“Mask Distrust”), you reported that “businesses like [Cadah] Goulet’s [Poor George in Cold Spring] can operate without requiring masks or social distancing if their customers present paper or digital proof that they are fully vaccinated.”

That is incorrect. In a news conference on May 17, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said that small businesses do not have to ask for proof of vaccination to allow a vaccinated customer to enter without a mask. “It is up to them,” he said. “Now, the Empire Pass, which is a really great thing. We were the first state to do it. I don’t know that we’re the only state that has it, but the Empire Pass is very easy to get. They can check. They can ask at the door. They can ask when you’re seated at the table or not. There is no mandatory compliance that the state is imposing on the private vendors.”

Louis Foglia, via Instagram

The editor responds: It is confusing. But based on state guidelines issued on May 19, businesses are “authorized” to (a) require masks and 6 feet of social distancing of everyone; or (b) require masks and social distancing only of the unvaccinated, or those whose status is not known. How does a business determine who’s vaccinated? According to the state, it may (a) require paper or digital proof or (b) rely on the honor system. In either case, you have to ask.

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo has so far signed 111 bills passed during the 2021-22 legislative session, which began in January. Below are summaries of select laws and the votes cast by Republican Sue Serino (whose Senate district includes the Highlands), Democrat Sandy Galef (whose Assembly district includes Philipstown) and Democrat Jonathan Jacobson (whose Assembly district includes Beacon).

**Loitering**
Cuomo on Feb. 2 signed legislation that repealed portions of a loitering law — known derisively as the “Walking While Trans” ban — that opponents said led to arbitrary arrests of transgender women on prostitution charges. Passed in 1976, the law was vague enough that it allowed officers to “stop-and-frisk trans women of color and other marginalized groups for simply walking down the street,” according to one of its backers in the Senate.

- Senate passed 43-20
  - Serino
- Assembly passed 104-45
  - Galef
  - Jacobson

**Right to vote**
On May 4, Cuomo enacted a law giving convicted felons the right to vote after their release. In addition, before a judge can accept a guilty plea, defendants must be informed that a conviction will cause them to lose their right to vote while imprisoned. “With this new legislation, a clear rule of law has been established: if you are living in the community, you can vote in all local, state and federal elections,” said the New York Civil Liberties Union. Before a 2018 executive order and this law, convicted felons could only vote if they were pardoned by the executive order and this law, convicted felons the right to vote after their release.

- Senate passed 43-20
  - Serino
- Assembly passed 97-52
  - Galef
  - Jacobson

**Debt collection**
Cuomo on May 13 signed legislation that prevents debt collectors from garnishing COVID-19 stimulus payments, tax refunds or rebates. The law does allow stimulus funds to be collected for child and spousal support or in situations that involve fraud.

- Senate passed 48-15
  - Serino
- Assembly passed 112-38
  - Galef
  - Jacobson

**Early voting**
Cuomo on May 21 signed legislation allowing county boards of elections to create early voting sites for special and primary elections in the most populous municipality in which voters are eligible to participate. Under the previous law, boards had to establish sites in the most populous municipality regardless of where the election was actually taking place.

- Senate passed 62-1
  - Serino
- Assembly passed 150-0
  - Galef
  - Jacobson

**Retiring ‘incorrigible’**
On April 6, Cuomo signed legislation to remove the word “incorrigible” from Family Court proceedings. “This is a term that, at least implicitly and in practice, singles out girls of color as ‘uncontrollable’ or ‘uncontrollable,’” said the bill’s Senate sponsor. The word “is completely out of line with the current understanding of the goals of our Family Court system.”

- Senate passed 53-10
  - Serino
- Assembly passed 147-2
  - Galef
  - Jacobson

**Veteran courts**
Cuomo on March 29 enacted a law sponsored in the Assembly by Galef that allows veterans who live in counties without Veterans Treatment Courts to transfer their cases to neighboring counties that do. The courts allow veterans who are struggling with mental illness or substance use and charged with certain crimes (excluding domestic violence) to receive treatment instead of jail time. The district attorneys of both counties must approve the transfer. The first Veterans Treatment Court was established in Buffalo in 2008; there are now about 30 across the state (not including in Putnam or Dutchess counties).

- Senate passed 63-0
  - Serino
- Assembly passed 150-0
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  - Jacobson

**Solitary confinement**
Cuomo on March 31 signed legislation that limits the time an inmate can be kept in solitary confinement to 15 days; reduces the number of infractions that can be punished by solitary; and exempts younger and elderly prisoners, pregnant inmates and people with disabilities or serious mental illness from being segregated as punishment. The law also established Residential Rehabilitation Units to “provide incarcerated individuals with therapeutic and trauma-informed programming in a congregate setting.”

- Senate passed 42-21
  - Serino
- Assembly passed 101-49
  - Galef
  - Jacobson

**No parking**
This legislation, which was enacted last year and went into effect April 5, bans non-electric vehicles from parking in electric-vehicle charging spaces.

- Senate passed 57-3
  - Serino
- Assembly passed 138-0
  - Galef
  - Jacobson

**Prepaid cellular**
On Jan. 28, Cuomo enacted a law that requires the expiration date on prepaid cellular phone cards to appear in at least 14-point print. The law was a compromise after the governor expressed concern about a version that stated the expiration date must be twice as large as the company logo, which he found “overly burdensome.”

- Senate passed 56-7
  - Serino
- Assembly passed 148-2
  - Galef
  - Jacobson
Beacon to Consider Main Street Properties for Historic District

Distinction would limit changes to exteriors

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday (June 7) on 18 properties on Main Street or close to Main that are being considered for the city’s historic district.

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O’Donnell purchased 364 Main St. in 2017 for $1.3 million, according to Dutchess County records. His proposal follows what has become the standard model in Beacon, with 7,826 square feet of retail space (along with 1,155 square feet of residential common space) on the first floor and apartments on the second, third and fourth floors.

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The ‘Underbelly’ of Progress

Garrison think tank weighs ethics of advancing science

By Leonard Sparks

The ability to edit the genes of a single cell is no longer the fancy of a science fiction writer’s imagination. The tool known as CRISPR, so clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats, which won its creators the Nobel Prize in chemistry, is being used to change the single gene that causes sickle cell anemia, a debilitating medical condition that primarily affects Blacks. But CRISPR also has the ability to alter the genome of fetuses in “permanent ways,” noted Millie Solomon, the president of The Hastings Center, a national bioethics research institute based in Garrison.

“If that gets done on a big scale, then you’re changing the species,” she said.

Weighing the benefits and harms of health, scientific and technological advances has been the goal of Hastings since it was founded 50 years ago, when it was considered the world’s first bioethics research organization.

From the beginning Hastings has followed the same model — bringing together experts from multiple disciplines, and with different viewpoints, to seek consensus on the ethical use of medical treatments and technologies. The organization has 20 scholars on its staff and more than 200 fellows around the world.

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Special Reports

A selection of reports published by The Hastings Center since its first in 1998

- Democracy in Crisis: Civic Learning and the Reconstruction of Common Purpose (2021)
- The Ethics of Sequencing Newborns (2018)
- NFL Player Health: The Role of Club Doctors (2016)
- Sports and the Search for Fairness (2010)
- Children’s Bodies, Parents’ Choices (2009)

Half the organization’s $4.8 million in annual revenue for 2020 came from private donors and about 40 percent from grants awarded by foundations and government agencies like the National Institutes of Health.

During its first few years, ethical issues surrounding medical technologies that could extend life, such as ventilators and dialysis, and untreated conditions in psychiatry, “animated” Hastings, said Solomon. Today, technology is much more powerful and has the ability to affect not just individuals, but species and natural environments, she said.

From the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Hastings researchers have been prolific in creating guidelines and raising concerns about the ethics around testing, treatment and, most recently, vaccinations.

Humans are “infatuated and excited and exhilarated” in their pursuit of progress, which is good, said Solomon. But progress also “has an underbelly, which is sometimes we develop abilities that maybe aren’t in our best interest to execute.”

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Courts around the country found themselves dealing with similar “right to die” cases well into the 1980s, necessitating a need for guidelines, said Solomon. “It was an open question at that time: Was it murder to disconnect the ventilator?”

Solomon said she approached Callahan in 1986 about helping Hastings roll out ethical guidelines for families and doctors faced with life-extending treatment. A year later, Hastings published Guidelines on the Termination of Life-Sustaining Treatment and the Care of the Dying. Its guidelines are used by many hospitals and states and have been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Solomon, who is also a professor at the Harvard Medical School, said she kept being invited back to be part of discussion groups at Hastings. She was named its president in 2012.

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Its current projects focus on issues such as the “human-animal chimeras” created when human cells are inserted into animals, the use of genetics to predict behavior and characteristics of artificial intelligence.

Hastings and its scholars and researchers have also been prominent during the pandemic. In the early months, they proposed ethical guidelines for hospitals that were facing shortages of ventilators and other supplies, debated privacy concerns around contact tracing and warned about social inequities in health care exposed by the pandemic.

More recently, they have deliberated issues involving COVID-19 vaccinations, ranging from access problems for lower-income patients to a shortage of vaccines in poorer countries and the question of whether businesses and governments should mandate inoculations.

Any position on a topic necessarily emphasizes “one value over another,” noted Solomon. She cited as an example vaccine mandates, a debate pitting collective health against individual rights. Both are “good values,” she said. “It’s hard to figure out how to balance them. Sometimes you can’t.”

Resolving these ethical problems together is becoming more difficult because of polarization, often along political lines. Partisan fights have accompanied mask-wearing and now vaccines, spreading from the administration of then-President Donald Trump and the chambers of Congress to cable television, the pages of Facebook and the feeds of Twitter.

In March, Hastings departed from its traditional focus on medicine, science and technology to issue a report decrying the coarsening of public debate and what it considers to be the country’s weakened ability to make decisions based on what’s good for everyone.

“We’re unlearning the ability to listen and we’re unlearning the obligation to provide reasons for our beliefs,” said Solomon.

The home that houses The Hastings Center was built in 1854 on a private estate known as Woodlawn and later became a boarding school. 

Daniel Callahan, left, and Willard Gaylin founded what became The Hastings Center in 1969.
Chaos in Carmel

Legislators shut down meeting after criticism from Montgomery

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Putnam County Legislature adjourned in chaos on Tuesday (June 21) after Legislator Nancy Montgomery accused her colleagues of partisanship and undermining democracy, and they blasted her for “grandstanding.”

Montgomery, who represents Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley, is the Legislature’s only Democrat; the other eight members are Republicans.

The acrimony capped the Legislature's formal monthly meeting, held by audio connection under ongoing pandemic restrictions.

Though not the only source of friction, a resolution granting special subpoena powers to the Legislature’s three-man Rules Committee sparked the meltdown.

The Rules Committee had passed the measure 11 days earlier and sent it to the full Legislature for action. It extends the Rules Committee’s authority to any matter under the Legislature’s jurisdiction — which means nearly anything in county government.

The Rules Committee’s authority to any matter under the Legislature’s jurisdiction — which includes any county governmental function — would give the committee subpoena power that could be used politically.

“Why should the Rules Committee, or any member of the Rules Committee, have any more power?” asked Montgomery.

She also said subpoenas might be directed at citizens, leaving “their privacy completely unprotected.” She called the push “a waste of time” and repeated the assertion the change was politically motivated.

“I am not saying something is politically motivated. I am saying something is politically important,” countered Legislator Carl Albano of Carmel, a Rules Committee member. Legislators “have to learn facts” and a subpoena “may be a necessary tool we use to get the facts.” Likewise, he asserted, it “is inaccurate” to say “we’re jeopardizing people’s rights.”

When Montgomery attempted to speak again, Legislator Neal Sullivan of Carmel-Mahopac, who chairs the committee, and others urged an immediate vote on the measure, which passed 8 to 1, with Montgomery in dissent.

Before the subpoena vote, legislators clashed with Montgomery on the appointment of three members of the Board of Health. She sought to postpone action, saying she had only received the candidates’ resumes two hours earlier. She also contended that she had been cut off when attempting to ask questions at a May committee meeting, the usual forum for discussion of pending agenda items.

“We’re in the middle of a pandemic” but are rushing through appointments to a board that sets policy on public health, she said. “We need to take a look at how we establish these boards.”

Her colleagues rebuffed her and approved the appointments.

The arguments resumed later, during the period reserved for remarks by legislators. “Tonight Montgomery once again took over the Legislature with her out-of-order comments, snide remarks and unprofessional demeanor toward the Legislature,” Legislator Amy Sayegh of Mahopac complained. “The only political motivation I see during these meetings is the grandstanding and skewing of the narrative of issues by the minority (party) legislator. I take offense to that we’re accused of organizing in a partisan manner for doing the business of Putnam County.”

Referring to herself as “open” and “respectful,” Sayegh said that “time and time again my voice is overshadowed by the grandstanding of one legislator. This is not fair to the people of Putnam County, not fair to the other legislators, not fair to the process.”

Montgomery observed that “I made no comments about anyone personally. I made comments about procedure.”

An unidentified female voice tried to silence her.

Other legislators joined in. Cries of “out of order” competed with “you’re out of line” and “you don’t have the floor,” aimed at Montgomery, and pleas to Legislator Toni Addonizio of Kent, who chairs the Legislature, to “end the meeting.”

“Time and time again the Republican Legislature does not allow the Democratic minority leader to speak,” Montgomery persisted. “And there goes democracy down the drain in the Putnam County Legislature.”

Sullivan shot back that “this has nothing to do with democracy. It has to do with common sense and respect for the body we’re part of.”

“That means allowing legislators to have the floor when they request it,” Montgomery told him.

“You don’t have to prolong the meeting,” an unidentified legislator loudly informed Addonizio.

The cacophony continued until Addonizio announced a vote to adjourn, which passed.

The meeting shut down.

The sound feed did not.

Still on-air, legislators cited their frustrations over Montgomery. “How do we even get a censure?” a male legislator wondered. “We’ve got to do something to have these meetings in control.”

Montgomery overheard. “Allow me to speak,” she advised.

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NOTICE

PHILIPSTOWN PLANNING BOARD

Public Hearing – June 17th, 2021

The Planning Board of the Town of Philipstown, New York will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 17th, 2021 starting at 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM to consider the following application:

Christopher Flagg & Heidi Snyder, 699 Old Albany Post Rd, Garrison, NY TM#61-3-6

Applicant is seeking barn-like addition consisting of a family room, bedroom with bath, garden tool storage and greenhouse connected to an existing 4-bedroom house via a covered pergola. The addition totals 1,762 square feet on two levels.

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 Planning Board at the Building Department, 2 Cedar Street, Cold Spring (behind Town Hall). Prior contact with Cheryl Rockett is required to arrange access to the documents, at (845) 265-5202.

If you would like to attend the ZOOM meeting, please email crockett@philipstown.com to request login information before 7:00 pm on June 17th, 2021.

Dated at Philipstown, New York, this 20th day of May, 2021. Neal Zuckerman, Chair
trees Boscarino applied hand sanitizer and sprayed his boots with disinfectant. Beech leaf disease was discovered in Ohio in 2012 when researchers noticed deep green stripes appearing on leaves. In time, the leaves shrivel and fall off. The disease also appears to affect the ability to bud; leaves do not grow back and, deprived of the ability to photosynthesize, the trees die within a few years.

As reported in The Current’s “The Fading Forest” series in December, foresters in 2020 noticed that beech leaves in Fahnestock State Park had started to shrivel and grow leathery. At the time, beech leaf disease hadn’t been detected in the Highlands, although it had reached Westchester.

Because the Fahnestock trees hadn’t shown the characteristic deep-green banding, the jury was out as to whether the trees had beech leaf disease or if they were just showing the effects of an unusually late frost.

The good news is that the Fahnestock trees returned to normal in the spring and lab tests failed to detect any microscopic worms called nematodes that are associated with beech leaf disease.

The bad news is that early last week, Nicole Wooten, the director of natural resources for the Hudson Highlands Land Trust, which manages the Granite Mountain Preserve, was there with a work crew that, laden with chain saws, stopped under a tree to rest. As it happened, it was a beech, and the crew saw deep green stripes on the leaves. Wooten also found the stripes on other beeches.

Much remains unknown about the disease, although science is moving quickly to keep up with its rapid spread. In the past year, scientists have come to a consensus that the nematodes aren’t just a symptom but likely cause the disease. Tests have shown that the worms are non-native, which means the disease itself can be classified as an invasive species.

How the disease spreads is one of the biggest puzzles. Along with human hands and boots — or campers moving firewood, hikers brushing against trees and beech trees being transported to nurseries — researchers are looking at birds, snow melt, spider mites and root systems.

iNaturalist can be used to track beech leaf disease. Citizen scientists can utilize two free smartphone apps to help track beech leaf disease. iNaturalist can be used to identify beech trees and other plants and will add the GPS location of identified beech trees to a database accessible to researchers. Users identify plants by taking photos of them, which are tagged and uploaded. If the leaves are clearly diseased, researchers will notice. Locations can also be uploaded using iMapInvasives. For those who don’t know a beech tree from a beach ball, and don’t want to photograph every tree in the woods, the mnemonic device “waves on the beach” will help you remember that the serrated edges of beech leaves resemble a child’s drawing of waves.

How to Help

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“Right now, it’s about early detection, and getting as much reporting as we can about its range so we can understand how it’s spreading. The best way to do that is to get a good mapping.”

The best way to get a good mapping is to enlist the public to report any dark green bands on beech leaves (see above). Since the leaves will eventually shrivel, now is the best time of year to look.
TRANSFORMATION — On Saturday (May 29), the volunteer Green Team of First Presbyterian of Philipstown created a pandemic-delayed pollinator and native plants garden in front of the church. Kory Riesterer of Bull Hill Gardening made the plans and Nick DePaolis of Cedar Hill Maintenance took care of the grass removal and ground prep. At the bottom right are Rose Inman, Diana Geller, Laura Ried, Kate Dayton, Rachel Thompson, Leslie Hoeltger and Jean Llewellyn. Photos by Rachel Thompson.

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Diana Vidal specializes in fleeting moments — specifically, capturing them.

A series of her latest photographs, *Strange Invention*, will be shown at the Beacon Artist Union gallery on Main Street beginning June 12.

“I’m interested in capturing moments of what has otherwise been lost — those quiet, small moments in time which can’t be recreated,” says Vidal, who lives in Beacon. “The sun is not going to come out tomorrow as it does today.”

Part of the magic comes from “having light expose the film,” she adds. “It alters that moment into a two-dimensional thing, something you can hold in your hand. “Light is something I’m sensitive to, even on a gray day,” she says. “On sunny days, especially in lockdown, I looked for light within my house. With good light, you don’t need too much in the image; it can speak for itself.”

Vidal used 35mm film for the series, rather than digital, because film “makes it so that attempts to recreate or reproduce a frame would be in vain. Documenting these fleeting instances insures that the sublime, which manifests itself in the everyday, is captured in perpetuity and can be experienced over and over again.”

Shooting on film also requires more patience, she says. “You have to trust that you got what you wanted. It’s freeing and interesting. *Isolation* is sometimes a bad word, but isolated in a dark room, you must have deep focus. It takes a while.”

Vidal often works in series. Usually the photos come together without planning. “For this show, I shot intuitively, looking at light,” she says. “The images represent a lot of rolls of film, used over about a year-and-a-half. I chose to not shoot people because I wanted the viewer to experience it without seeing people’s expressions. Ultimately, it’s a show about delayed gratification.”

Born in the Dominican Republic, Vidal moved with her family to New York City when she was a child. After enrolling at the University of Rochester as an economics major, she instead began studying photography. She graduated with a bachelor of fine arts and returned to New York to work as an assistant to wedding and event photographers, and then for product photographers.

Vidal still shot on her own. For one series, she tried street photography. “For months I took photos of the bottom half of peoples’ bodies,” she recalls. “It was fun. The city helped nudge me back into an art realm.”

After six or seven years in Brooklyn, she moved to Beacon, where she had friends. “The town just has so much more breathing room, which gives you more time to think, which is crucial in relation to art,” she says. *Strange Invention* is Vidal’s first solo show at BAU, where she is a member. Earlier this year, she curated a BAU exhibit of portraits of women by women artists.

BAU, located at 506 Main St. in Beacon, is open from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Its second gallery room will feature Daniel Berlin’s *Recognition*. Both shows continue through July 4. See baugallery.org.
**THE WEEK AHEAD**

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

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### COMMUNITY

**SAT 5**
**Putnam Pride Celebration**
**CARMEL**
1 p.m. Historic Courthouse
40 Gleneda Ave.
Drag queens Angel Elektra and Shy D’Pines will lead a march to the Gilead Church lawn.

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**SAT 5**
**Service Academy Info Session**
**NEWBURGH**
1:30 p.m. Office of Rep. Sean Maloney
123 Grand St. | 845-561-1259
facebook.com/repseanmaloney
High school students are invited to learn more about applying to the country’s military academies. Each academy will be represented.

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**SAT 5**
**Beyond the Knit Stitch**
**GARRISON**
2 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org
This workshop, taught by Kit Burke-Smith, will cover how to get a knitting project started with two common methods for casting on: long tail and cable. Cost: $50

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**SUN 6**
**Blood Drive**
**BEACON**
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Lewis Tompkins Hose Co.
13 South Ave. | 800-933-2566
nybc.org
Schedule an appointment or drop in to donate.

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**FRI 11**
**Walkway at Night**
**POUGHKEEPSIE**
9 p.m. Walkway Over the Hudson
Parker Ave. | walkway.org
Experience the Hudson River landscape under the stars.

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**SAT 12**
**City-Wide Yard Sale**
**BEACON**
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Various locations
beaconny.gov
Visit the website to see a list of participating households.

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**SAT 12**
**Pride Parade**
**BEACON**
2 p.m. Memorial Park
bit.ly/beacon-pride
The sidewalk march will proceed on Verplanck Road and Route 9D to Polhill Park.

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**SUN 13**
**Boating Safety Class**
**GARRISON**
8:30 a.m. Fish & Game Club
183 South Highland Road
This eight-hour class meets state requirements for boating licenses (age 10 and older) and personal watercraft operator (ages 14 and older). Presented in cooperation with the Garrison Yacht Club. Email garrisonyachtclub@hotmail.com to register. Free

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**FRI 11**
**Dragonfly Story Hour**
**COLD SPRING**
7 p.m. Butterfield Library
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org
Register to join the adult slam hosted by Karen Kapoor via Zoom.

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**SAT 12**
**Feel Good Music Series**
**PEEKSKILL**
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Charles Point Park
westchesterballet.org/feel-good-music-series
The Westchester Ballet Company and other dance groups will offer classes and perform. Free

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**SAT 12**
**Global Water Dances Festival**
**KENT LAKES**
2:30 p.m. Arts on the Lake
640 Route 52 | artsontahela.ke.org
The Putnam County Dance Project and musician Pierre de Gaillande will draw attention to the worldwide water crisis with performances.

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### MUSIC

**SAT 5**
**Joanie Madden, Mary Coogan and Bruce Foley**
**PUTNAM VALLEY**
4 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org
Members of the Irish group Cherish the Ladies will perform. Cost: $20

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**SAT 5**
**Viva the Divas**
**GARRISON**
7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org
Goldie Greene will perform classic jazz, opera and stage songs made famous by women singers, accompanied by Tom McCoy on piano. Cost: $20 ($25 door)

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**FRI 11**
**Bees in the Barn**
**BEACON**
1 p.m. Beacon Farmers Market
223 Main St. (DMV parking lot)
Bees in the Barn, a bluegrass/ “newgrass” band from Beacon, will play in a performance sponsored by The Highlands Current.

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**THURS 10**
**Carl Craig**
**BEACON**
Noon. Dia:Beacon
845-231-0811 | diaart.org
Gallery educators will discuss Craig’s experimental techno music in this Zoom webinar. Register online.

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**SAT 12**
**Lydia Adams Davis & Friends**
**BEACON**
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-631-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
The performance will mix original songs with folk/traditional music and selections from the American songbook. In-person attendees must be fully vaccinated. Cost: $20 ($15 livestream)

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**SAT 13**
**Lesley Flanigan/Mark Trecka**
**BEACON**
8 p.m. Fridman Gallery
475 Main St. | fridmangallery.com
Flanigan, an experimental electronic musician (below), will showcase instruments she builds and Trecka, a sound artist who uses intermedia techniques, will juxtapose text and sound during an outdoor performance.

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**SAT 13**
**Eclectic Music & Poetic Impressions**
**BEACON**
5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-631-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
The CompCord Ensemble and poet Roger Aplon will perform. In-person attendees must be fully vaccinated. Cost: $20 ($15 livestream)

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### KIDS & FAMILY

**TUES 8**
**Sensory Development Craft Time**
**COLD SPRING**
11 a.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org
Children ages 1 to 3 will make crafts engaging all their senses.

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**SAT 12**
**Studio on the Farm**
**WAPPINGERS FALLS**
10:30 a.m. Common Ground Farm
79 Farmstead Lane | 845-231-4424
bit.ly/studio-farm
Molly McKinley will lead an outdoor workshop of art-making and exploration of nature through foraging and sculptural play. Suitable for children ages 5 and older. Registration required. Free

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### VISUAL ARTS

**SAT 5**
**Let’s Make a Book Out of Anything**
**GARRISON**
10:30 a.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org
Bring odds and ends and Christina Di Marco will demonstrate how to turn them into a book. Register online. Cost: $60

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**SAT 5**
**Understanding Color in Watercolor**
**PUTNAM VALLEY**
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org
Landscape painter Anne Johan will give an overview of watercolor painting as an introduction to a 4-week series of outdoor classes. Free ($340 for series)
**TALKS & TOURS**

**SAT 5**

**Nancy Steinson**  
**COLD SPRING**  
Noon – 5 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery  
121 Main St. | 845-809-5810  
busterlevigallery.com  
Steinson's sculptures and drawings will be on view through June 27.

**SAT 5**

**Viorel Florescu**  
**BEACON**  
1 – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
howlandculturalcenter.org  
See images by the photojournalist taken since 1970. Florescu will speak about his work at 4 p.m. Through June 27.

**FRI 11**

**A (re)Introduction to Watercolors**  
**COLD SPRING**  
5 p.m. Supplies for Creative Living  
165 Main St.  
suppliesforcreativeliving.com  
Learn basic techniques and ways to develop a personal practice. For ages 8 and older, accompanied by an adult. Cost: $35

**SAT 12**

**Strange Invention**  
**BEACON**  
Noon – 6 p.m. | BAU Gallery  
506 Main St. | baugallery.org  
Diana Vidal will show her latest photos. See Page 11.

**FRI 11**

**Sunset History Hike**  
**COLD SPRING**  
6:30 p.m. Little Stony Point  
3011 Route 9D  
putnamhistorymuseum.org  
Enjoy scenic views of the Hudson River and Storm King Mountain during this guided hike and learn about the area’s significance to the environmental and conservation movements.

**SAT 12**

**Instagram Agility**  
**GARRISON**  
11 a.m. Garrison Art Center  
23 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3960  
garrisonartcenter.org  
Jana Platina Phipps will discuss relationship-building and storytelling on the social media platform, and how artists can showcase their work. Cost: $75

**CIVIC**

**MON 7**

**City Council**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. Via Zoom  
845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

**MON 7**

**School Board**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. Beacon High School  
845-838-6900 | beaconk12.org

**TUES 8**

**Board of Trustees**  
**COLD SPRING**  
7:30 p.m. Via Zoom  
845-265-2500 | nelsonvilleny.gov

**TUES 8**

**Wedge Hill**  
**NELSONVILLE**  
7 p.m. Via Zoom  
845-265-2500 | nelsonvilleny.gov

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**MUSIC:**

**Viva the Divas: Women of Song**  
With Goldee Greene and Tom McCoy  
June 5 at 7pm

**Liberty Speaks**  
Playlets by Samuel Harps, K. Lorrel Manning, and Gabrielle Fox  
June 11 and 12 at 7pm

**STREAMING ONLINE:**

**Putnam Theatre Alliance: Freedom Project #2**  
The Miracle of the Danube by Maxwell Anderson and Expression of Regret by Christine Toy Johnson  
June 3–6

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The title of this column was going to be “Teaching Racism”—because I had been telling my kids how traditionally certain people think about other certain people, and I was planting those seeds, and it made me so sad—but I figured nobody might read a column with that headline. I am also struggling with what to focus on as May closes Mental Health Month and turns into June Pride Month.

I’m a pretty chirpy person. My husband says he married me because I am “bubbly,” so when I’m not so bubbly, or bubbly with an edge, it can throw off an equilibrium. My daughter has been called my Mini Me, and if you see her, she looks quite ... perfectly happy. But she always likes to play the strongest witch in a battle with a billowing cape. She recently lamented to a stylishly edgy friend from Cold Spring when she said: “I don’t look like how I feel.”

Next was the wild awakening of the decades-long occupation of Palestine by Israel. If I thought writing about Black and white racial issues was hard, this proved to be a whole new world of hard. In childhood, I was aware of how my Arab friends navigated the American world; my family’s first instincts after 9/11 were to protect them from Islamophobic thinking. Last month, as buildings in Gaza fell and we watched videos of children being shot or pulled from bombed buildings, my own children asked me what was wrong. What was going on?

Weeks later, I had my daughter talk to my Muslim friend about Ramadan, the monthlong observance. She has school friends who were fasting but I wanted her to learn about the charitable opportunities they seek—the parts she can’t see beyond fasting—so that she could learn the depth and appreciate the actions.

Cotton Candy Racism is when we absorb racist, misogynist and classist stereotyping in new episodic Netflix and old movies (like, from the 1980s and 1990s). We eat that sugar so easily. When someone threatens to take it away by, say, changing school curricula, we get upset. The New York Post had a story about an extreme case: a father who was in such withdrawal of his sugar fix that after discovering his 9-year-old daughter was learning “anti-racism” at her private school, he moved the family to Florida.

Thank goodness I don’t like cotton candy. I do indulge in cookie dough. But May had been a lot. I encourage us to put down the sugar, pick up a vegetable and figure this out.

Strawberry swirl ice cream was enjoyed on the sidewalk where The Accident, as Beaconites refer to it, took place.

This feature is designed as a counterweight to all the bad news in the world that weighs people down. We could share a photo of a baby, or a photo of a dog, but we are giving you both. How many newspapers can say that? Kathleen Dearman, who owns Kat’s Dog Walking in Hopewell Junction, shared this photo of a synchronized nap with her daughter, Parker, and Maggie and Riggins. If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to editor@highlandscurrent.org.
Something You Don’t Know About Me

Thomas de Villiers

Thomas de Villiers is vice president of the board of the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon. He spoke with Alison Rooney.

The New York City you moved to as a young man must feel like a galaxy far, far away...

I grew up on Long Island, and when I got out of college, the last thing I wanted was a commute on the Long Island Railroad. The first apartment in Manhattan I saw was in Murray Hill — a one-bedroom in a beautiful old building. It even had a fireplace. The rent was $185 a month. I had started a job at CBS. Back then, you started in the mail room if you were interested in administration, or as a page if you wanted to work in production. I wasn’t making much money. I will not tell you how little. Anyway, while I spent 15 minutes debating whether to rent the apartment, someone else took it. The second apartment I looked at was at 31 W. 69th St. It had five rooms and it cost $216.11, rent-controlled. I had learned my lesson and I took it immediately.

That’s right off Central Park — no way!

This was around 1965 and the Upper West Side was not a desirable place to live. All that changed when Lincoln Center was built and restaurants opened. It became a different world.

Did you study anything related to television in college?

No. I majored in history and minored in English. I wanted to become a history teacher. I was hanging out that summer after graduation and one day met up with a friend in Central Park. He had landed a job in the mail room at CBS and told me to apply. I filled out a form and that’s all it took. I was in the mail room at their production center on West 57th, but only for a month. Because TV was expanding at that time, I had five jobs over the next eight years, all in administration.

How did you shift to production?

One day, while on a lunch break, I went into one of the rehearsal halls. The Carol Burnett Show was filming, and I had my nose pressed against the window. Carol Burnett saw me, came to the door, opened it and asked, “Do you wanna come in?” I said, “Sure.” I watched them rehearse and decided that administration was not for me; I became an assistant producer.

What did you do?

I handled the logistical aspects of a production: putting together the crew, finding the studio, etc. I moved up to associate producer and then producer. It all began purely by accident, through Carol Burnett. I’m a great believer in luck: knowing the right people, being in the right place, having some ability.

I was a producer until 1979, when I received an offer to become an associate producer for All My Children, which happened to film two blocks from my apartment. I was there for 20 years, until 1999, and was a consultant for them until the show went off the air [in 2011]. It had 250 people connected with it: stagehands, prop people, scenic artists. It was a company: 35 actors, plus contract players who were on three days a week. One thing I loved was that Agnes Nixon, the head writer, was a progressive activist. She believed in telling stories — about AIDS, breast cancer, crime in prisons — that affected and hopefully improved people’s lives.

Do you think your career trajectory is still possible?

No. Those opportunities no longer exist. At the time, there were only three networks with no competition from livestreams, cable, etc. CBS believed strongly in the apprentice system: you started in the mail room or as a page, became familiar with how the company worked and where it was going, and you were given the opportunity to decide where you wanted to go within it. Today, the networks are shadows of themselves. The world changed, and people’s interests and attitudes changed. Also, even with a small salary, you could afford an apartment in Manhattan. We lived in the golden years, when almost anything was possible. But, of course, it was not possible for all; we know that now.

Where do you keep your Emmys?

In my living room — they’re just kind of there. I know people who keep them in the kitchen or bathroom, and that’s disrespectful. I’ve won two, both as a supervising producer. A friend told me, “Now when you die, your obit will say ‘Emmy-winning producer.’ ” I feel fortunate I got to work with incredibly talented people. Someone else asked me, “How have you lasted so long?” But longevity isn’t a given and I have no real answer for it. It’s important to love what you do, and I loved it.

How did you wind up in Beacon?

When I was at All My Children, there were two producers, and we alternated daily. The day after you produced a show, you’d go into the editing room and put it together. It was a 12- to 16-hour day. I needed a weekend place where I could be myself. Friends had a wonderful house in Kent, and one weekend I looked around and found an 1844 Cape that I bought and lived in for about 10 years. Eventually, it became a little difficult to maintain. I knew Beacon, had been there many times. I wanted a place where I didn’t have to drive two miles to get a quart of milk, and Beacon is an eminently walkable city. I moved here in 2007, and on the first day I took a walk down Main Street and counted 26 empty storefronts. Considering where Beacon is today, it’s kind of amazing.

How did the Howland Cultural Center rope you in?

About 10 years ago, when I was sitting on a bench outside the HCC, Florence [Northcutt, a longtime board member] came by with her boxer, Major, whom I’d pet. I had never been inside, and I decided to go in. It was a “Wow!” experience — that a city like Beacon has a building like this is incredible. There is an energy about the building I find extraordinary. The HCC is my second love affair, after All My Children. I think I’ve been helpful in raising its visibility. Until the pandemic hit, every Saturday and Sunday in 2020 we were booked with classical and popular music, book signings, dance. Hopefully, with COVID-19 receding, we can get back to it.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The bond resolution, summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on March 22, 2021, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. Such resolution was duly approved by a majority of the qualified voters of said School District voting at the Annual City School District Meeting duly called, held and conducted on May 18, 2021.

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

Dated: Beacon, New York, May 27, 2021

Kelly Polage, School District Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 22, 2021.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES FOR THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BEACON, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF $395,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $395,000 BONDS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

Objects or purposes:

Pur chase of school buses

Maximum estimated cost:

$395,000

Period of probable usefulness:

Five years

Amount of obligations to be issued:

$395,000
Small, Good Things

Then, Now and Then Again

By Joe Dizney

This moment — this one right here — is up for discussion and negotiation. Contemporary psychology posits “now” — this experienced moment or the subjective present — to be in the vicinity of three seconds.

But, for now, it’s still spring a bit longer, and a beautiful one it’s been. The nights are unseasonably cool, and we have received much-needed rain, and the farm markets are starting to get interesting. Though small, spring onions and garlic, leeks and the first tender herbs are starting to appear. Asparagus is still to be had, and fava beans and zucchini are available in certain locations, although I can’t speak for their provenance. My own faulty memory of previous nows conjured up a vegetable stew that incorporates as it does a bit of at least the still-cold nights. There’s a little something Proustian about the final result, incorporating as it does a bit of at least the past and present, and perhaps a soupçon of a possible future.

Spring leeks, spring onions and spring garlic — here for a hot minute — are melted in olive oil, followed by a handful of zucchini. The addition of vegetable stock (fresh if you can muster it, or a quality organic broth) makes an already flavorful base for whatever else is on hand.

To give the stew some body, I added cooked and drained dried flageolet beans, maybe not readily available but worth seeking out for their delicate creaminess. Cannellini, Great Northern whites or navy beans are all acceptable substitutes, and canned, drained and rinsed cannellini would work in a pinch.

After these ingredients simmer 15 minutes or so, trimmed asparagus, blanched and drained favas (substitute shelled fresh or frozen edamame or lima beans) are added. Shelled peas are one of the few frozen vegetables you can count on.

The nights are unseasonably cool, and we have received much-needed rain, and the farm markets are starting to get interesting, and offer yet more flavor and texture.

These last few are simmered just long enough to warm them and the finished stew is augmented at the table with a fresh herb pistou — a looser version of a pesto — added to individual bowls. Last month it would have been ramps, now mostly past, and basil is still in the future. In the meantime, a bunch of peppermint I found at the farmers market, augmented by a little parsley, was more than fine this time around, and just for now.

Spring Vegetable Stew with Herb Pistou

Serves 6

2 cups cooked, rinsed and drained dried flageolets or other varietal white beans
1 cup shelled, blanched, peeled and drained fresh favas beans (substitute shelled or frozen edamame or lima beans)
1 cup asparagus tips and pieces, bias-cut about 1½ inches long
1 cup (about 1 small) zucchini, cut in ½ inch dice
1 cup frozen organic shelled peas (Woodstock brand is great)
1 cup (about 1 small) zucchini, cut in ½ inch dice
1 cup combination of leeks, sliced medium, and spring onions, spring garlic or shallots, sliced thin
Olive oil
4 cups fresh vegetable stock (or a good commercial brand)
Herb Pistou, for serving (recipe below)

1. Prepare favas and set aside. Heat ¼ cup olive oil in a skillet or large saucepan over medium-low heat; add leeks, onions and garlic, cover and cook, stirring occasionally, for about 15 minutes, until soft and pale. When leeks and onions are soft, add zucchini and continue cooking for another 5 minutes.
2. Add cooked and drained flageolets/white beans to the pan along with the stock. Bring to a boil, add favas, peas and asparagus; lower heat to a simmer and cook barely 5 minutes. Ladle soup into bowls with a generous dollop of pistou in each.

Herb Pistou

Makes about 1½ cups

1 to 2 cups fresh mint leaves (or a combination of mint, parsley or other tender herbs)
1 clove garlic, peeled and smashed
Zest of one lemon
1 tablespoon lemon juice
½ cup lightly toasted pine nuts, pistachios or blanched almonds
½ cup extra-virgin olive oil

Process everything but the oil in the bowl of a food processor until finely chopped. Add oil in a slow stream to produce a runny paste. Salt and pepper to taste.

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Restaurant survives tough start during pandemic
By Alison Rooney

In many ways, it’s surprising that The Green Bowl Cafe is still in business, considering what its owner has been up against since its November 2019 opening.

Using her life savings, and with no background in restaurant management, Yamalit “Yami” Holguin decided to give it a go, envisioning no greater initial hiccups than the onset of winter.

Holguin and her family live near Dutchess Stadium and noticed an empty storefront — formerly a deli — on Route 9D in Stadium Plaza.

“Inspiration struck,” she recalls. “I was a human resources director, had never even worked in a restaurant, but the idea kept at me. After we opened, we had a rough first few months, and I went home often thinking, ‘What have I done?’ We were waiting on spring, but as soon as it started to get nice out, COVID hit and we closed for a bit. But we’ve survived.”

The key, Holguin says, was the ability to promote the restaurant on social media. Her parents also help out with the cooking.

The Green Bowl blends an array of options, such as wraps, salads and smoothies, with dishes from Latin America, particularly Venezuela and the Dominican Republic, reflecting Holguin’s dual heritage. What makes the restaurant unusual is where the two meet — healthy Latin American cuisine.

“Our first thought was natural juices and acai bowls,” Holguin says, “and from there, we thought, ‘Why don’t we do empanadas, fried but healthy?’ We added a rice bowl. We’ll try new trends to see if our customers want something.”

She was inspired to experiment with healthier food after her 11-year-old sister, Yumelit, died of brain cancer. “Nutrition can help us fight illnesses and so I forced my family to switch our eating habits by cooking our cultural foods with organic options, making homemade sazon, sofrito and everything else we could source organically,” she explains on the restaurant’s website. “Hispanic food doesn’t need to be unhealthy and full of fat.”

The Green Door’s extensive menu includes fresh juices, organic Cuban coffee, breakfast bowls, paninis and Dominican and Venezuelan specialties like plantains and arepas served in any number of combinations, along with Venezuelan empanadas, which are gluten-free. A “patacon-plantain sandwich” uses two plantains as the “bread” and is filled with a choice of shredded meat and/or vegan black beans, and salad. There are yuca fries to munch on, too.

The bestsellers, according to Holguin, are acai bowls, rice bowls and empanadas. In the we-wish-more-people-would-try-this category is the chimi sandwich, with fried steak, cabbage, tomato and onions. “It’s very good,” she says.

Holguin describes Dominican cuisine as “more Caribbean, similar to Puerto Rican and Jamaican food, heavier and fried,” while Venezuela’s is “all about the arepas,” which are a staple. “A lot of people have no idea what an arepa is but see a picture and think, ‘This looks great’ and then they love it. ‘A lot of people find us because of the

Dominican food and others are surprised — ‘This is what you’ve had the whole time?’ ”

What they haven’t seen a lot of yet is fans attending Hudson Valley Renegades night games at the stadium across the street. “We’re looking forward to the day games,” Holguin says.

The Green Bowl, located at 1485 Route 9D in Wappingers Falls, is open daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. See thegreengoelnny.com to order online.
Honor Rolls
Students recognized for third-quarter achievement

BEACON
Principal’s List


GRADE 10 — Gretta Andresson, Madeline Bohnick, Jeremy Brinas, Jack Cleary, Alysson Correlius, Cassandra Garrett, Sarah Gibbe, Chase Green, Inessa Joseph, Dillon Kelly, Maura Lane, Cherlin Liao, Marissa Mora, Kathryn Park, Nora Phelan, Anthony Riccoboni, Kenneth Rosa, Emma Sandison, Alexia Segarrar, Lauren Shanahan, Kalyn Sheffield, Carissa Smutny, John Urban-Uqezada, Cleveland Wright, Alexander Wyant


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GRADE 8 — Kendall Alston, Amarih Bunn, Shyla Camacho, Lucas Foret, Messiah Garnder, Graham Goodman, Shane Griffin, Fallon Groza, Noelle Haase, Bailey Hernandez, L_FILES_1, Morgan, Megan Nicholson, Amelia Padilla, Sariel Paul, Brianna Perez-Sample, Shilo Reynolds, Mehr Sargi, Kayli Shandal, Kyla Smith, Ryan Smith, Jean Paul Solano, Emma Sotlsh, Morgan Varrichio, Rayan Wandji Nwessa, Sevna West

GRADE 7 — Ashland Asaia, Logan Blum, Alexander Browning, Lola Ciccone, Emma Dancer, Aaliyah Fretwell-Cross, Chantal Hernandez, Daisy Herrera, Cameron Just, Taya Kellier, Maceo Koerner, Kiran Kumar, Ryan Landisi, Anthony Lopez, Julia McGuire-Soilel, Jahussa Monelle, Silene Negron, Richelle Omira, Michael Ramos, Jaiden Rivera, Marcos Velasco, Bk’yiha White

**State Police Name New Commander**

*Will oversee troopers who patrol Highlands*

The New York State Police have named Maj. Kathryne Rohde as commander of Troop K, whose officers patrol an area that includes the Highlands.

She succeeds Maj. Michael Drake, who transferred to the Professional Standards Bureau.

Rohde began her career as a state trooper in the western corridor of the Hudson Valley. She was promoted to sergeant in 2005 and in 2010 joined the governor’s protective detail. In 2012 she was promoted to lieutenant and assigned to the Professional Standards Bureau, and later commanded the unit that investigates internet crimes against children.

She transferred to Troop K and in 2017 was promoted to captain. A native of Long Island, she has lived in the Catskills for the past 25 years.

**Man Accused of Philipstown Rape**

*Charged with two counts involving minors*

The New York State Police arrested a Yorktown man on May 18 on allegations that he raped a Philipstown minor.

State troopers, working with the Putnam County Child Advocacy Center, arrested Fabian Huiracocha Barbecho, 36, who was charged with two counts of rape. The second charge is based on allegations he assaulted a minor from Peekskill, police said. Both alleged victims are under the age of 15, police said.

Huiracocha Barbecho was arraigned in Peekskill City Court and sent to the Westchester County Jail in lieu of $20,000 cash bail, $30,000 secure bond or $40,000 partially secure bond. He was scheduled to return to court on June 3.

**Beacon Institute to Move to Dennings Point**

*Will occupy newly renovated former factory*

Clarkson University’s Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries will be moving its administrative offices from 199 Main St. in Beacon to its campus at Dennings Point by the end of June, the school said on May 25.

Classes, public events and exhibits previously held on Main Street will shift to Dennings Point, where the Beacon Institute hosts lectures, classes and fundraisers at its Water Ecology Center and is turning a former paper clip factory into the Beatrice G. Donofrio Environmental Education Complex. The newly renovated building will house offices and classrooms for the institute’s K-12 and graduate programs.

“This move is a win-win for the community,” said Michael Walsh, the institute’s executive director. “It opens up high-profile space in a great downtown location with excellent foot traffic where new retail businesses will thrive and contribute back to the downtown economic ecosystem.”

**Putnam Historian Seeks Pandemic Stories**

*Project to document toll on residents, businesses*

The Putnam County Historian’s Office is seeking stories from residents and businesses about the pandemic’s impact on their lives.

The office has posted a form at putnamcountyny.gov/countyhistorian to accept personal stories and photographs that may be included in the county archives. The Historian’s Office can also arrange oral histories; call 845-808-1420 or email historian@putnamcountyny.gov.
Puzzles

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Across
1. Billboards
4. Competent
8. Pretzel topper
12. Fiz
13. Work hard
14. Spiced tea
15. In toto
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18. Bug barrier
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22. Also
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30. “—-’haw!” (rodeo cry)
31. “Hi, sailor!”
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7 LittleWords

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.

Solutions
1. staying in portable shelter (7)
2. showing up for (9)
3. pioneering schemer Charles (5)
4. without doubt (7)
5. area of sandy hills (8)
6. kept up over time (9)
7. most like Merida, perhaps (7)

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Answers for May 28 Puzzles

Answers will be published next week. See highlandscurrent.org/puzzle for interactive sudoku.
Darrin (21) keeps his eye on the ball during a lacrosse game on May 20 against Pawling.

Photo by Amy Kubik

Dan leads the offense during a basketball game in March 2020.

Photo by Skip Pearlman

Santos (from Page 1)

fun in one sport and it just carries over to the next. It’s all the same guys.”

Not every moment on the field or court has been joyous. “There are times, the rainy practices, when you don’t even want to show up,” Darrin said. “But you still do; everyone does.”

Losing a game is seldom painless. Dan still laments a particularly tough basketball defeat at the hands of perennial rival Tuckahoe, the only other Class D school in Section I, during their junior year. “We should not have lost that game,” he recalled, shaking his head.

The brothers said Haldane’s coaches have been as important as their teammates, on and off the field. “All the coaches have helped us; they’ve all been there for us,” Darrin said. “It was nice to have them as part of our lives, especially after what happened.”

What happened were two losses far more painful than being on the short end of a score, for both the brothers and their sister, Mikayla, who is a sophomore at Haldane and also an athlete. In April 2020, their father, Darrin, died of COVID-19 at age 50. He was a transportation supervisor for NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital based in White Plains and, after the coronavirus began to spread in New York, transported doctors to New York City hospitals. Three months later, their mother, Melissa, died at age 49 after a nine-year battle with multiple myeloma.

The brothers said sports helped them through those difficult times. “When there weren’t any sports [at school], we’d go to the turf field or the park and continue playing, throwing the football around, shooting lacrosse or playing basketball,” Dan said. “It took a lot of our time during those days. It was good for us, kept us occupied.”

Do twin brothers compete with each other? “It was competitive,” Dan said. “But it made us more competitive against the opposition.”

“Being twins just made us better,” Darrin said. “We know each other, how we play, what we do.”

Neither has trouble identifying the other’s strength as an athlete, “Dan is a good leader,” Darrin said. “He was the quarterback in football, the point guard in basketball, leadership roles.”

From Dan’s perspective, Darrin’s biggest asset is his physical strength. “Throughout the years we’ve played together, he’s always been stronger than the opposition,” he said.

Darrin likes to make one important distinction between the two. “I’m older ... by about a minute,” he said, with a smile.

Their coaches speak highly of the brothers. Basketball Coach Joe Virgadamo remembers them from summer camp when they were in elementary school. “You knew they were going to be great athletes,” he said. He considers them “two of the toughest kids I have coached,” adding that their work ethic, competitiveness and ability to handle adversity “helped them become great athletes, very good basketball players, and amazing kids on and off the court.”

Football Coach Ryan McConville was equally enthusiastic. “Both would have played any position I asked them to, and that speaks volumes to their character,” he said. “Neither is a really ‘rah-rah’ type player, but they are leaders; I can’t wait to see how they write the next chapters of their lives.”

Like Virgadamo and McConville, lacrosse Coach Ed Crowe was struck by how the brothers’ strengths went beyond athletics. “They’re great role models for younger athletes,” he said. “They always put team success ahead of their individual accomplishments.”

The twin threat will split in the fall. Darrin plans to attend Northfield Mount Hermon Prep School in Hermon, Massachusetts, where he will pursue what he says is his favorite sport: lacrosse. Dan will head to the Salisbury School in Salisbury, Connecticut, to pursue his favorite: basketball.

“If we weren’t going to prep schools, I’m not sure we’d be going to the same college,” Darrin said. “I don’t think being apart will affect us negatively.”

Dan said he isn’t at all worried about the change. “I don’t think excited is exactly the right word,” he said. “But I’m looking forward to it. It’s a new experience.”

Highlights

- During the 2021 football season (postponed from the fall because of the pandemic shutdown), Dan threw for 643 yards at quarterback and scored five touchdowns and Darrin ran for 411 yards and also had 30 tackles on defense to lead the team in both categories.

- On May 26, Darrin scored a school record nine goals in a 12-9 lacrosse win over North Salem. He reached 100 career points (goals and assists) as a sophomore.

- In April 2019, Dan threw a no-hitter in a basketball game at Saunders High School and hit a 30-foot shot at the buzzer to win the game for Haldane, 60-57.

- In January 2019, Dan stole an inbounds pass with 1.1 seconds left in a basketball game at Saunders High School and hit a 30-foot shot at the buzzer to win the game for Haldane, 60-57.

Dan said he isn’t at all worried about the change. “I don’t think excited is exactly the right word,” he said. “But I’m looking forward to it. It’s a new experience.”
Haldane lacrosse defeated league rival Pawling, 10-4, on May 20, the day the team recognized its seniors. Darrin Santos had three goals and an assist, Dan Santos had two goals and Evan Gianchinta, Liam Gaugler, PJ Ruggiero, Soleil Gaines and Rhys Robbins each scored goals. The Blue Devils begin the Section 1 tournament on Saturday (June 5). Photos by Amy Kubik.
BEACONベースボール

The Beacon High School boys' baseball team completed a rebuilding spring season last week with a 4-9 record (4-4 league).

First-year Coach Matthew VanVoorhis said his team — seniors Gavin Coughlin and Josh Espinosa, sophomores Jack Phillipbar and Mike Serino, freshmen Will Martin and Leo Lopez, and eighth grader Michael Van Buren — showed steady improvement in a challenging sport.

“We faced a lot of tough golfers,” VanVoorhis said. “But we had a lot of hungry golfers who were anxious to improve their games. It’s exciting to think about how they will improve over the next couple of years. Their enthusiasm and willingness to learn the game is admirable.”

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BEACON SOFTBALL

Beacon's softball team finished its season on Wednesday (June 2) with a loss at home to Ketcham, 20-1. Leanna Rinaldi had the lone RBI for the Bulldogs.

Haldane dropped an 11-0 decision Wednesday to Pawling, getting no-hit by the Tigers. The Blue Devils also fell, 16-0, to Briarcliff on Tuesday night at Dutchess Stadium. Jeremy Hall had a double and John Bradley and Trajan McCarthy singled.

“Our hitting has been better than the stats show,” said Coach Simon Dudar. “We’re putting the bat on the ball, but not finding holes. We’re still struggling with young pitchers trying to find their way on the mound but gaining valuable experience.”

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LACROSSE

The Beacon girls’ team dropped an 11-5 decision on Wednesday (June 2) to Clarkstown North at home. Anaya Camacho had a hat trick for the Bulldogs; Ashley Casserly had a goal and an assist; Casey Senior had a goal; Heaton went 3-for-4 with two RBI.

“Haldane’s boys placed third behind Pawling and Croton in its league championship.”

The No. 12 Bulldogs face No. 5 Nanuet today (June 4) in the first round of the Section 1, Class A2 tournament.

BASEBALL

Beacon defeated visiting Somers on Wednesday afternoon (June 2), 14-7, with pitcher Owen Browne picking up the win in relief.

JJ Mazzacaneo also pitched, and Tyler Haydt, Jackson Jackson and Dillon Kelly each had two hits. Mike Lepere went 4-for-5 with a double and four RBI for Beacon. The Bulldogs played a second game Wednesday night at Dutchess Stadium, falling to Ketcham, 8-1.

A day earlier, the Bulldogs were defeated by Ketcham, 8-3, on the road. Derrick

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Noula O’Reilly (in blue) of Garrison is a leading scorer for the Kennedy Catholic girls’ lacrosse team.

Diego Patinelola took second in the high jump and led off the 4x800 relay team. Henry land Wright won the 2,000 steeplechase and anchored the 4x400 relay, while Cleve-

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