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LAST DEFENDER – Lola Mahoney, the goalie for the inaugural Haldane varsity girls' lacrosse team, protects the net during a game on April 29 against Putnam Valley. Six days later, against Croton-Harmon, the sophomore recorded her 100th save of the season. For more photos, see Page 24 and highlandscurrent.org. Photo by Amy Kubik

Power Pact Threatened

Electricity provider may want out of contract

By Leonard Sparks

The company that administers a program under which Beacon, Cold Spring and Philipstown buy electricity at a fixed cost for residents claims that the Brooklyn firm contracted to supply that energy wants to shift customers back to Central Hudson.

In an April 26 filing with the state Public Service Commission, Joule Assets alleges that Columbia Utilities has notified the agency that it wants to terminate its agreement to supply electricity for Hudson Valley Community Power. However, the copy of the notice released to Joule is completely redacted, except for the Columbia Utilities letterhead, making it impossible to confirm what it says.

The energy program is a consortium of Beacon, Cold Spring, Philipstown and seven other municipalities that agreed last year to purchase electricity from renewable sources at 6.6 cents per kilowatt-hour for residents and 7.1 cents for small businesses through June 30, 2024. It was expected the program would save residents money if costs rose and also protect them from the uncertainty of price swings.

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Catching a Killer

High hurdle to justice in overdose deaths

By Leonard Sparks

Victim No. 2 left behind a baggie and a nickname.

Paramedics responding to a Carmel woman's home at 1:40 p.m. on Feb. 12, 2020, found her daughter dying from a drug overdose in a bedroom. Nineteen minutes later, they pronounced her dead, one more casualty of heroin mixed with fentanyl.

Breanne Smith, the prosecutor who heads the narcotics bureau at the Putnam County District Attorney's Office, said she asks police officers to treat even non-fatal overdoses as crime scenes and created a



A Poughkeepsie man allegedly sold heroin laced with fentanyl in glassine bags stamped "Mambo King," shown here in a photo included in court documents.

checklist of items to gather as evidence, including witness statements, drug paraphernalia, photographs and links to social media accounts.

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Philipstown Town Board OKs Pride Flag at Town Hall

But says policy needed to handle requests

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Philipstown Town Board agreed May 5 to display an LGBTQ flag at Town Hall during June, although not on the pole that flies the U.S. flag, and called for a policy to regulate flag-flying on town property by outside groups.

Sean Conway, who lives in Cold Spring, asked the board to display a Progress Pride flag during National



Pride Month.

"I have no problem with any flag representing your movement," as long as it's not on the main flagpole, said Supervisor John Van Tassel. "That is for the American flag, and the American flag only."

The board offered to hang the Pride flag outdoors on a new, shorter pole — "I'll even install it for you," Van Tassel promised — or in a Town Hall window, like the Ukrainian flag placed there to show support following the Russian invasion.

Conway found both options acceptable. "I can guaran-

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5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: ARTHUR SULZBERGER JR.

By Brian PJ Cronin

Arthur Sulzberger Jr. was the publisher of *The New York Times* from 1992 to 2018. On Friday (May 20), he will be honored by Garrison's Desmond-Fish Public Library during its annual awards dinner at the Bear Mountain Inn.

When democracy is under attack, does the press have to change how it operates?

No. We have to stand up and be strong, and being strong means we have to stick to our standards. This is a challenging time for this country, we all know that, but the history of the United States is full of times when the country splits apart and comes back together. I have great faith that we will be coming back together. But let's not be blind to the fact that there are strong voices out there knowingly spouting lies.

Steve Bannon, who advised President Trump, famously said in 2016 that the Democrats aren't the enemy, the media is the enemy, and the way you defeat the media is to flood the zone with shit. We've seen a lot of zone flooding. How should the press react?

When someone important, like the president of the United States, says something that is a lie, we have to have the courage to call

it a lie. We all make mistakes, so there are times we'll say things that are wrong. But those aren't lies — they're mistakes. You have to hope that over time, the institutions in this country will come together around truth.

In journalism, we say sunlight is the best disinfectant. There's also the idea of the oxygen of amplification, for certain things you don't want to give attention to. How do you walk that line?

That's a very good question. I don't have a good answer, but if something is getting out into the echo chamber so strongly that millions of people are believing it, you have to stand up. If it's just some small bit of nonsense that has no following, you let it go. Obviously, in this era, with how quickly information gets out, that's a harder call to make.

The Times recently said it's going to encourage its reporters to not use Twitter as much. Good call?

Yes, good! That was decided before the news about Twitter changing hands [to Elon Musk]. It's made it increas-

ingly hard to keep that balance between news and opinion. Our journalists have to always maintain that balance. And it's an increasingly poisonous echo chamber. That doesn't mean we aren't going to be using Twitter. It just means we have to put greater thought into what is being tweeted when and how.

In terms of restoring faith in institutions and reaching people who are in the throes of disinformation, what can local news outlets do that aren't an option to larger institutions such as The Times?

This is where my greatest concern comes up — not so much for the future of *The New York Times* but for the future of local press. The key is boots on the ground. That means people covering town halls, people who are out there who are connected to the community in a way that allows them to know what the community is feeling and worrying about, whether it's real estate prices, the nature of the school system at the moment or local elections, and being there to allow the conversation to be had in a thoughtful way.



ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

As a kid, what critters did you like finding each spring?

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I liked catching turtles and salamanders.

”



Jake Bernz, Beacon

“

Honeybees. Our neighbor kept bees; we loved his honey. Now I have bees.

”



Bettina Utz, Philipstown

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Salamanders. We'd muck for them at the pond, put them in to-go coffee cups.

”



James Walton, Cold Spring



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Curto Resigns from Village Board

Cites health concerns; mayor appoints successor

By Michael Turton

Joe Curto resigned from the Cold Spring Village Board on Wednesday (May 11), citing health concerns.

He had been appointed last year by Kathleen Foley to fill her trustee seat following her election as mayor. Foley named Laura Bozzi to succeed Curto, creating what is thought to be the village's first all-female board.

Bozzi, a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals who has been active in Philip-

stown's Climate Smart initiatives, will serve the remainder of Foley's term, which ends this year. She is director of programs for the Yale Center on Climate Change and Health.

Foley thanked Curto for his service, calling him "by far the hardest worker, the most practical, most creative thinker, most outcome-oriented, and most joyful trustee I have known. Thank you for all you've done to give shape and vitality to this Village Board, and to get our village back on track."



Bozzi

Road Patrol Questions Persist

Also, Putnam approves cars for sheriff's department

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Has the Putnam County Sheriff's Department cut back the number of its road patrols? No one is willing to say.

Legislator Nancy Montgomery, who represents Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley on the county Legislature, attempted again on May 3 to raise the issue, after having unsuccessfully tried two weeks before that to get answers. Again, none of her colleagues supported her.

The Legislature's Protective Services Committee included road patrols on the agenda for its April 19 session. But in addressing the committee that night, Sheriff Kevin McConville said he would not reveal the number of patrols or their locations, "out of concern for safety and security for our members, as well as for other law enforcement agencies."

Instead, he offered assurances "that patrols are assigned to provide effective and responsible public safety services in the towns that comprise Putnam County."

When Montgomery pressed for details, such as the number of deputies assigned to road patrol at the end of 2021 versus the number assigned now, other legislators, who, like McConville, are Republicans, objected.

In contrast, when then-Sheriff Robert Langley Jr., a Democrat, who lost to McConville in November, appeared before the Legislature, Republican members typically grilled him, especially about overtime costs, while Montgomery defended his management.

On May 3, Montgomery said she had not been asking McConville for specifics of officer assignments and locations but wanted "to ensure the department was properly funded and staffed and our public and our deputies were safe."

"I understand that the patrols were cut in March [from six to four or five] due to lack of funding," she said. "I wanted to know why we're down patrols."

Montgomery said that her "many attempts in good faith" to get basic information went nowhere while her position

and concerns had been "totally distorted" by some legislators and others.

Earlier in the meeting, the legislators unanimously agreed to allocate \$179,000 toward the purchase of five new cars: two for the jail, two for the Civil Division and one for the Bureau of Criminal Investigations. Dealer information suggested four will be hybrid vehicles, using both electricity and gas for power.

Montgomery advocated switching to all-electric models in the not-too-distant future. "I'm hoping we can make some progress to getting off our addiction to fossil fuels" to improve public health and fight pollution and climate change, she said. She noted that while Putnam in 2019 joined the state's Climate Smart Communities program, "we've not made any progress on that."

Others agreed on the goal but not the timetable.

Acquiring e-cars "is something that has to come gradually, over time," said Legislator Amy Sayegh of Mahopac. To accommodate them, the county garage would need new equipment, tools and employees, she said. "We should look into this, but it's not going to happen this year and probably not next year."

Legislator Joe Castellano of Brewster said electric cars cost more and take time to recharge. "To the benefit of the taxpayers," gas-powered cars "is the way to go right now," he said.

In other business:

■ The Legislature approved the appointment of Ben Cheah, who lives in Cold Spring, to the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency. He will serve until Dec. 31 to complete the term of Sarina Tamagna, a Philipstown resident who resigned.

■ Legislators approved the transfer of \$195,000 to cover the costs of a retrial of Andrew Krivak, whose conviction for the 1996 murder of Josette Wright, 12, of Carmel, was overturned in 2019. Montgomery noted that some residents have urged the district attorney to abandon the retrial; a co-defendant, Anthony DiPippo, was exonerated by a jury in 2016 and settled with the county for \$12 million. But Montgomery said that, after learning more about the case, she supports the retrial.

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Garrison School budget

In a letter that appeared in the April 29 issue, six former Garrison school board presidents urged passage of the district budget on Tuesday (May 17). They argued that the "true tax rate" for Garrison residents is the lowest in Putnam County.

The reason our rate is so low is that our district is educating fewer than 300 students. The average cost per student is \$41,000, or 30 percent higher than any other district in Putnam and among the highest in the state.

To present this as a good thing and ask for a 9.2 percent increase says to me that Garrison taxpayers need to look more closely at how their money is being spent.

Kathleen DiBart, *Garrison*

Per-pupil cost is a misleading figure, as it can fluctuate wildly depending on enrollment and special-education placements. The tax rate, on the other hand, reflects the impact of the overall cost of the district on taxpayers — which has been very favorable to the taxpayer.

James Hoch, *Garrison*

Hoch is a former Garrison school board president.

I am writing to express my support for the Garrison school budget and humbly ask

all registered Garrison voters to come out in force on May 17 and vote yes.

No one ever gets excited about seeing a tax bill go up. But the proposed increase is absolutely justified in this case and desperately needed by the school and all of our Garrison children.

As many people have already pointed out, the major cost drivers for this year's budget are not within the district's control: large increases in transportation, health insurance premiums, high-school tuition and special education, coupled with a decrease in state aid. Those cost drivers constitute nearly half of the budget.

The shortfall is not a result of excessive programming or irresponsible spending, and the programming our district offers is comparable to neighboring districts, all of which have significantly higher taxes. Of 84 neighboring districts, Garrison is 83rd in terms of school tax rates; if the budget passes, it will be 82nd. Our taxes are now and will still remain exceedingly low relative to our neighbors.

There are so many things at stake if the budget doesn't pass: loss of school choice between O'Neill and Haldane, bus routes, modified sports, jobs, programming. These will not be experienced as mere cuts — more like amputations — and Garrison children will bear the brunt of it.

The current school tax rate in Garrison is unsustainable if we want to have a decent school that is on par with neighboring districts. Using the fund balance as a bandage only perpetuates the problem and will make things infinitely worse a year from now.

Lauren Biniaris, *Garrison*

Fjord Trail

The point made by Jack Goldstein, the chair of the Cold Spring Planning Board, regarding the segmentation of the environmental review process for the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail is a good one ("The Fjord Trail: Good or Bad for Cold Spring?" May 6). Why isn't the entire project, and its impacts on Philipstown in its entirety, being reviewed as a whole?

I attended a few of the planning meetings for the trail, but it was apparent from the start that there was a well-funded force behind the scenes that was going to make this happen, no matter what. If the true intention of the Fjord Trail is to address and help the communities impacted by the increased use of the trails, why can't Cold Spring, Philipstown and Nelsonville have a seat at the table during the environmental review process of the entire trail?

As of now, the Town of Fishkill, which historically has had zero interest in the Breakneck corridor besides writing a few speeding tickets, would have the majority of the input on a project that will impact their residents the least.

Michael Bowman, *Nelsonville*
Bowman is the former mayor of Nelsonville.

It strikes me as wrong to call this a "fjord" trail. According to the *Oxford English Dictionary*, a fjord is "a long, narrow, deep inlet of the sea between high cliffs, typically formed by submergence of a glaciated valley and found predominantly in Norway."

Clearly, this development and exploitation of a beautiful natural and historic setting, including Dockside Park, is not situated in a fjord; it is a development of a river valley, specifically, the Hudson River Valley, to host an amusement park.

Why call it a fjord trail? Only two reasons seem fit: (1) The parties behind HHFT are ignorant as to what constitutes a proper fjord; or (2) These parties thought that *fjord* better connotes fanciful, if misplaced, romantic ideas of rustic and scenic Norse fjords, longboats and rural coastal villages, all of which stand in contrast to what has been revealed about the wretched development they are planning.

While the name of this amusement park is likely the least of its offensive qualities, it does seem to reflect something, in these days of Orwellian politics, that might be intended to continue the apparent intention

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of the powers behind the HHFT (most prominently the shadowy Scenic Hudson bunch) to carry forth a scheme that will likely be something other than that for which expectations and hopes may have been cultivated.

Steven Sohn, *Cold Spring*

This section of the river has been referred to as a fjord for decades.

From my 1984 edition of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference's *New York Walk Book*, "Introduction to the Geology of the New York Region" (an even older chapter, copyright 1971), Page 6: "As the majestic Hudson River slices through the Highlands, it illustrates yet another effect of the Pleistocene Era. Ice speeding up as it cut through the narrow Hudson Gorge cut the river channel well below sea level. Thus the river here is a fjord, the only one on the East Coast south of Maine."

Michael Goldfarb, *Garrison*

In its previous iteration, the Fjord Trail officially ran along Fair Street. Its new route runs along Market Street, past Lunn Terrace, and then on New, West, Lower Main or North Streets (this part is unclear to me) to the reimagined "gateway" at Dockside Park.

The new proposed route was suggested in response to concerns raised by residents of Fair Street at a meeting held in 2016 in the Town of Fishkill.

I appreciate that the residents of Fair Street were given a voice in this planning process. Were the residents of Market, Lower Main, New, Fish, West and North streets also consulted about the further influx of visitors — not to mention cars circling and Ubers making drop-offs — that the Dockside terminus is bound to attract? Is it "fair" that the residents of one street can veto safe pedestrian access for an entire community just because they don't want people walking there? There are about 25 homes on Fair Street between Main Street and Little Stony Point. There are roughly the same number of homes on the streets surrounding Dockside.

While I remain convinced that the Dockside terminus is foolhardy, I suggest that all parties involved consider real improvements to Fair Street and 9D/Morris Avenue. This will make the Fjord Trail a real success and also benefit the residents of Cold Spring and Nelsonville.

Ethan Timm, *Nelsonville*

Corrections

- The photograph of Asher Pacht that accompanied *5 Questions* in the May 6 issue should have been credited to Michael Isabell.

- In our profile of Chris Ams in the May 6 issue, we identified his band as Chris Ams & the Favored States. In fact, it is Chris Ams & the Favorite States.

- A profile of Hana Yilma Godine gave incorrect hours for the Fridman Gallery in Beacon, where her work is being shown through May 31. It is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily except Mondays and Tuesdays.

- A story in the May 6 issue identified Mona Kleinberg, a Beacon resident, as co-chair of the Dutchess County Independent Reapportionment Committee. She is a member of the committee but not a co-chair.

It is important to clarify that Cold Spring does not, as Jack Goldstein stated, lie "entirely within a local and federal historic district." Only a portion of the village is designated as a Local Historic District, and a smaller portion of that is listed on the National Register. Dockside Park, Mayor's Park, the village Highway Department, the Metro-North property in question, Spring Brook condominiums and Fair Street from Northern Avenue to the village line are not located within the Historic District.

Sean Conway, *Cold Spring*

Conway is a member of the Historic District Review Board.

I work for the MTA. I am also an avid hiker. Before the Breakneck Ridge station closed temporarily, the trains used to drop off 300 to 400 people four or five times every Saturday and Sunday, amounting to 1,200 to 1,500 people daily climbing the mountain. Since the station has been closed, not even a quarter of that gets dropped off at Cold Spring for hiking.

I know: I work it, I see it. I have read many things about the Fjord Trail, good and bad. I have also seen how the mountain has been damaged and closed down multiple times because of boulders falling and the trail being

widened so much that there is not anything to follow anymore. Personally, I don't even go there because of all the tourist activity and how badly the mountain has been damaged.

The best thing that can happen for the mountain, rescue squads and Cold Spring residents would be to close Breakneck Ridge permanently. I love the idea of the Fjord Trail, but the amount of tourism and extra people it will bring will devastate the mountain further.

Dave Mueller, *via Facebook*

Sheriff report

Nearly a year had passed since the Putnam County Legislature approved paying \$45,000 to the accounting firm Bonadio & Co. to study overtime spending at the Sheriff's Department under then-Sheriff Robert Langley Jr. ("Where's the Report?" April 22), with no sign of its findings.

The first indication that the report's unveiling might soon be imminent came during the Sept. 16 Protective Services Committee meeting, where it was revealed that a draft had been delivered to the county executive but not to the sheriff or to legislators. A month later, an undersheriff said that the department's contact at Bonadio indicated that three drafts had been delivered to the county executive.

At the Protective Services meeting in April, Legislator Nancy Montgomery asked the current sheriff if the steps he is taking to restructure the department were based upon the findings of the Bonadio report. He

said they were not. She asked if he was in possession of the report. He said he was not. She asked if he had seen the report. He said he had not.

Legislators Ginny Nacerino and Carl Albano both tried to steer the conversation away from the report, with Albano making comments to the effect that he was sure the sheriff would look at the report "when it becomes available."

Is it possible that the reason no one besides the county executive seems to know anything about the results of this study — or at least claims not to know anything — is because it backfired on them? Could it be it wasn't the scathing indictment of Langley's handling of the budget they were hoping it would be? Is it possible that the study vindicated Langley, and that's the reason our county executive and the legal department have gone to such lengths to suppress it?

Let's be real: Given all the vitriol exchanged between the former sheriff and our county government, if the study (unfinished or not) had findings that reflected negatively upon Langley and his department, it would have found its way into public view before the November election, the same way confidential footage of a collision involving a sheriff's deputy somehow found its way into the hands of NBC News for a hit piece on Langley in the home-stretch of the race.

Tom Weller, *Carmel*

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tee there are more queer people in our town than Ukrainians,” he said. “If we’re concerned about representing the people who live in Philipstown, I feel confident I can rally enough people to outnumber the Ukrainians.” Local businesses would pay for the flag project, he assured the board.

The discussion prompted consideration of what comes next.

“Once you allow one non-governmental flag to be displayed, you have an obligation — because you make it an open forum under the First Amendment — to display other flags” upon request, said Stephen Gaba, the town attorney. “You can open quite a can of worms when you start flying other flags, unless you have other poles designated for that purpose.”

“We will have to have a policy” on flag-flying, Van Tassel concluded.

After the U.S. Supreme Court ruled May 2 that Boston could not stop a Christian group from flying a flag featuring a cross on city property, a Satanic group sought the same accommodation. Boston had permitted private entities to fly their flags over a city plaza when holding events but was sued after it rejected the Christian flag because of its religious symbols.

Philipstown Councilor Megan Cotter suggested the town avoid flying other flags until they establish a policy. But Gaba advised that “just because you don’t have

a policy now doesn’t mean you can’t adopt one going forward” after displaying the Pride Progress flag in June.

A policy can come soon, Councilor Robert Flaherty concurred. “Right now I think we’re just going to say we’re all in favor of flying this flag.”

Relieffunding

Although it took no formal vote, the board said it planned to award funds from its federal American Rescue Plan money to the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub, Philipstown Aging at Home, an initiative to help the town make grant requests and an anti-hunger campaign with the Cornell Cooperative Extension.

As outlined by Councilors Jason Angell and Judy Farrell, who oversaw the town’s review of applicants, The Hub would get \$10,000 now and another \$40,000 later; Aging at Home would get \$15,000 upfront, and \$35,516 later; the granting-writing effort would receive \$10,000 now and \$20,000 going forward; and the anti-hunger/food security initiative would get \$15,000 upfront, and \$129,760 later – with all of the latter amounts contingent upon enough funding for the Garrison water district, which Farrell and Angell described as the town’s “most urgent infrastructure need.” Putnam County has expressed interest in helping pay for the water district upgrades.

“My thought would be to support all of these” four recipients, Van Tassel said.

“They certainly seem legitimate. There is a need. The money is here. We should get it out there to where it’s needed.”

“There’s a lot of Philipstown residents going hungry right now,” Angell said. “The problem is that it’s hard to identify them.” The grant would fund efforts to locate needy residents, which probably will entail door-to-door outreach, he said.

Food-scrap composting

The board approved an eight-month contract with Curbside Compost, an organization that collects food scraps for composting. The town plans a pilot program, beginning this month, to help residents corral waste in household bins before dumping it into a container at the town’s former landfill on Lane Gate Road.

Flaherty noted that minimizing food waste will also reduce the town’s pollution-related carbon footprint. “It’s amazing — the amount of food waste and the amount of carbon it produces,” he said. “I was shocked.”

Stretch Code

The board unanimously voted to incorporate the eco-friendly NY Stretch Code into town law. The code, which is more stringent than basic state building code, requires such things as better insulation, windows and lighting, and similar adaptations for new construction, as well as charging stations for electric vehicles.






Baby and Dog

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? Anne and Kyle Greenberg of Cold Spring shared this photo of their daughter, Brynna, comforting Wiggins, the family's Guiding Eyes for the Blind foster dog, after his nail was cut too short. If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to editor@highlandscurrent.org.

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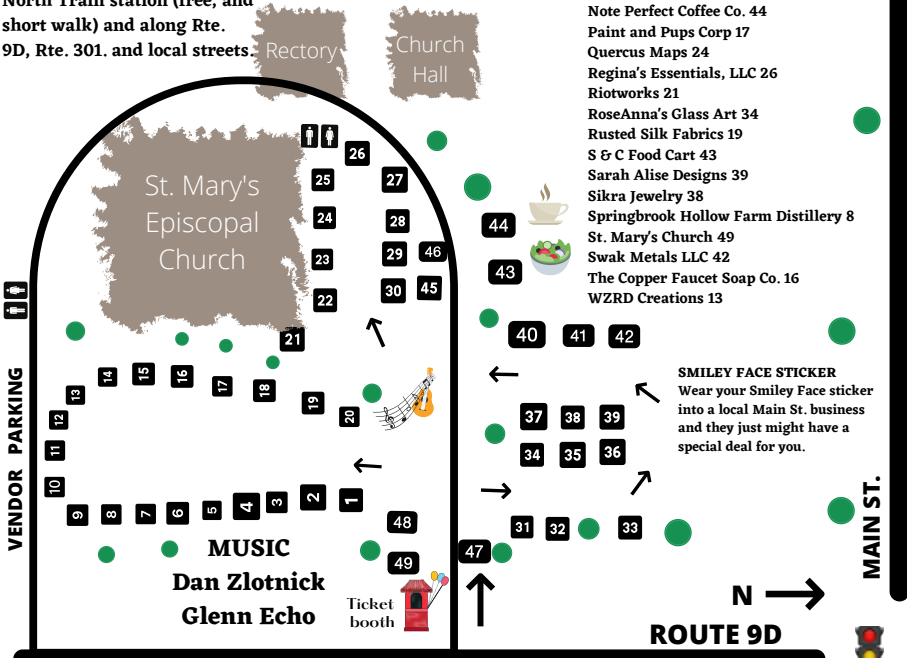
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Modern Makers Market at Cold Spring

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To Catch a Killer *(from Page 1)*

In the Carmel home, responding officers from the Town of Kent found glassine envelopes stamped in red ink with the dealer's brand name, "Mambo King." Later, investigators discovered the dealer's nickname: Ace.

That evidence was part of a puzzle that came together on March 31, when the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York announced that it had charged a Poughkeepsie man, Allen "Ace" Peloquin, with selling the fentanyl-laced heroin used in the overdose deaths of the Carmel woman and three other people: a man and woman in Poughkeepsie and a man in Poughquag.

The indictment is unusual in that police were able to make a connection between drugs recovered at the scene of overdoses and their alleged supplier. It details an investigation aided by witness statements, Facebook and text messages, undercover purchases and video surveillance from a Poughquag motel where Peloquin is alleged to have stayed and one of the victims died.

The investigation's details highlight something else: the myriad challenges detectives and prosecutors face in catching dealers who sell narcotics mixed with fentanyl, a synthetic, low-cost painkiller that is 100 times more potent than morphine and an impetus for the spike in overdose fatalities.

Last year, for the second in a row, the U.S. set a record for overdose deaths, according to provisional data from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Smith said she has encountered families who get involved early following an overdose death, even questioning people themselves who may have information. But friends and family of overdose victims are often reluctant to give information to investigators, or are unaware of whom the victim spent time with or where he or she hung out, she said.

In addition, the physical evidence detailed in the Peloquin indictment is absent in far too many investigations into overdose deaths, she said, often because people with the victim have cleaned up the scene before first responders arrive. There are cases where "the information is so thin, you have nowhere else to go," she said.

Robert Tendy, Putnam's district attorney, "has sat down with mothers and fathers who've had to bury their kids and it's so sad," said Smith. "It's so unfortunate that we can't

give them a better answer; we can't give them a better outcome. But we're committed to doing everything and anything we can."

The four deaths that prosecutors allege were caused by Peloquin's drugs all occurred between January and May 2020, a year when overdose fatalities reached a then-record-high of 93,000, according to data released in 2021 by the CDC. That record was eclipsed in 2021, with nearly 104,000 reported deaths, said the CDC.

The state's most recent opioid report, released last year, identified fentanyl as the primary driver of significant increases in both opioid and cocaine overdose deaths between 2010 and 2019.

The Carmel woman was one of 17 people in Putnam County who died from an opioid overdose in 2020, five more than in 2019. Another 103 deaths occurred in Dutchess County, compared to 64 a year earlier, according to state data.

They include a female who prosecutors say died on Jan. 2, 2020, in a room at the same motel in Poughquag where Peloquin stayed; another female who died on May 4, 2020, in a room at a Poughkeepsie hotel; and a male who overdosed in his mother's apartment on May 7, 2020, and died in a hospital three days later.

By the time of the two May deaths, according to court documents, Peloquin had changed his brand to "Dope Dick," and police officers found glassine envelopes stamped with that name in red ink at both scenes.

The branded envelopes proved crucial in

the Peloquin investigation, a fact not lost on dealers, said Smith.

"I've not been seeing as many stamps as I did last year," the prosecutor said. "It's like a cat-and-mouse game with the people who sell these drugs."

“It’s so unfortunate that we can’t give them a better answer; we can’t give them a better outcome. But we’re committed to doing everything and anything we can.” ~ Breanne Smith

Investigators in the Peloquin case also relied on Facebook and phone messages. The indictment details a series of Facebook exchanges between the Carmel woman and Peloquin starting in October 2019. According to the indictment, in the final message, sent at 11:37 p.m. on Feb. 11, the day before she died, the woman asked Peloquin: "Did u still wanna hang out tonight?"

Investigators were able to access telephones and social media accounts in the other three overdose cases, according to court documents. That information is often unavailable in overdose cases, said Smith.

"Either there's no phone or nobody knows the access code to get into the phone," she said.

Peloquin was charged under federal law, which makes selling controlled substances that result "in death or serious bodily injury" punishable by a sentence of 20 years to life in prison. New York does not have a crime specific to cases in which a dealer sells drugs that cause an overdose death.

Two state crimes — criminal sale of a controlled substance and criminally negligent homicide — are felonies, but the homicide charge is harder to prove and carries a lighter sentence, said Smith. Prosecutors charging someone with criminally negligent homicide have to show that a dealer knew the drug caused overdoses and continued to sell it, said Smith.

"Short of getting in that person's head, one way to prove that is by identifying other overdoses that person has caused," she said.

That list keeps growing.

New York's Health Department releases quarterly reports on overdoses and treatment admissions at the state and county levels. The most recent report, issued last month, shows 65 overdose fatalities in Dutchess County through September 2021, and 10 for Putnam.

Smith said she was notified of an overdose death that occurred last month.

"I don't care if I have to spend every minute on an investigation just to turn it over for somebody else to prosecute," said Smith. "I want to see justice be done."

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Calls for 'Parents' Rights' in Nearby School Election

Beacon business owner organizes opposition

By Jeff Simms

Alarmed by campaign signs proclaiming "Christ is King" and exhorting voters to "Trust in God," a Beacon business owner and a Fishkill mother of seven have mobilized to oppose a slate of Wappingers Falls school board candidates.

There are eight candidates for three seats on the nine-member board, which found itself under a spotlight in March when it

voted to remove *Gender Queer: A Memoir* from the library at John Jay High School. The election is May 17; the winners will serve three-year terms.

The three incumbents, Keri Cahill, Marie Johnson and Eddy Slosower, are running for re-election. The Dutchess County chapter of Moms for Liberty, a national organization at the forefront of a movement to remove books from public high schools, has endorsed Cahill; Virgil Capollari, a retired U.S. Air Force special agent; and Dan Pena, a Westchester Community College instructor.

Their campaigns, as well as that of Anthony Ciro DiLullo, who has included Christian slogans on his yard signs, emphasize their support for "parents' rights." Capollari adds that he wants "no political influence (or 'indoctrination') in the classroom" and Pena says he supports "transparency in the development of both curriculum and policies affecting education."

DiLullo, who describes himself as "a God-fearing, America-loving patriot" says he wants to see a shift away from "emotional learning" because "what's happening today to the students is both a tragedy and a crime."

"I believe parents should retain control over their children," he wrote on a Meet the Candidates page of the school district website. "Teaching the Constitution for the United States is also of paramount importance. Students should know their rights

secured by the Constitution."

Sarah Hanganu, listed on the Moms for Liberty site as the contact for its Dutchess chapter, did not respond to an email asking for clarification about how the group defines "parents' rights" or the reasons behind its endorsements. The national website says that Moms for Liberty "is dedicated to fighting for the survival of America by unifying, educating and empowering parents to defend their parental rights at all levels of government" around issues such as gender identity, antiracism training, sex education and critical race theory, a view of Black history that is taught at the college level.

Laura Leigh Abby, who owns the Main Street Studio @ Beacon with her wife, Samantha, and lives in the Wappingers district, says she was alarmed by DiLullo's campaign signs because they mix public education with religion and might "set a precedent."

(The state does not prohibit candidates from using religious messages in campaigns, said Jay Worona, deputy executive director and general counsel for the New York State School Boards Association. However, if elected, "they would not have the ability to speak on behalf of the board if their message is to promote religion," he said.)

In addition, Abby argues that phrases such as "parents' rights" and charges of "political influence" by teachers are code

for far-right campaigns to censor books and ideas in the classroom. In response, she and Karen Finnegan, a Fishkill parent, in April launched Defense of Democracy NY, a grassroots organization that opposes what the women describe as "far-right, extremist groups like Moms of Liberty that use political agendas to undermine our children's right to a free and fair education."

Finnegan has seven teenage children — three straight, two gay and two nonbinary. Two attend school in the district, and Finnegan said the challenges to books with LGBTQ themes, and the rhetoric of the school board campaign, have made her feel they have "a target on their backs."

She and Abby raised \$1,000 to print "Teachers Shouldn't Be Preachers" signs to counter DiLullo and endorsed Johnson, Slosower and Cheryl Migatz, an English instructor at Dutchess Community College, for the board. The three candidates also have the support of the Wappingers teachers' union.

The eighth candidate, Ariana Dingman, owns a graphic design business and has said she supports "honest education in these challenging times."

Howard Rissin, who has two children in the Wappingers district, said he supports the pushback. "It doesn't resonate with me to play into fear and narrow the field of education," he said. The district's focus "should be enriching students and expanding their minds, not to be an echo chamber for a political agenda."

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Power Pact *(from Page 1)*

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According to the Joule, the agreement saved about 25,000 residents in the 10 municipalities \$5.7 million through the first three months of 2022. While they were paying 6.6 cents per kilowatt, the price charged by Central Hudson rose to more than 20 cents per kilowatt-hour in February before dropping to 6 cents as of Wednesday (May 11).

Chris White, Beacon's administrator, said the city is in regular communication with Joule and "we fully support Joule's efforts to ensure Columbia Utilities honors its contractual obligations, including to Beacon customers."

Jason Angell, who before winning a seat on Philipstown's Town Board was part of a team that helped put together Hudson Valley Community Power, said he is angry.

"You shake hands, you make a contract, that contract is good," said Angell. "You don't get to just back out of it all of a sudden midway through because it's a good deal for one side."

In its filing with the Public Service Commission, which regulates utilities, Joule said it received a letter from Columbia Utili-

ties on Feb. 8 alleging that Central Hudson's well-documented billing problems were "negatively impacting" Columbia's efforts to provide service. The company "raised the possibility" of suspending service until the billing problems were resolved, and asserted in a follow-up on March 4 that it had grounds to terminate the agreement, according to Joule.

Central Hudson's billing issues are the subject of a state investigation, but, according to Joule, "upon information and belief, based on discussions with Central Hudson," they have been resolved.

In addition to asking the Public Service Commission to reject any attempt to end the agreement, Joule is calling for the agency to reveal the contents of the April 19 notice it received from Columbia.

The notice was redacted at Columbia's request. The firm said it contains trade secrets and confidential information that, if disclosed, "would likely cause substantial injury to the positions of Columbia."

Christina Costa, the regulatory affairs manager at Columbia who made the request to the PSC to censor the document, did not respond to an email with questions about its agreement with Hudson Valley Community Power.

Stephen Filler, Joule's general counsel and senior vice president, called the redaction an attempt to "to hide an apparent breach of Columbia's contractual obligations," adding that "there is no explanation how Columbia would be harmed" by disclosure.

Questions for School Candidates

Although there are no challenges for board trustee seats in the Beacon, Cold Spring or Garrison school districts — in Beacon, there will be four names on the ballot for four open seats, and in Cold Spring and Garrison, two

for two — we asked the candidates to share why they are running and what priorities their district needs to address. The responses are posted at highlandscurrent.org. The election is Tuesday (May 17); see Page 13.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

PUTNAM COUNTY

Number of cases:

24,801 (+255)

Cases per 100K,
7-day average::

10.0 (+0.6)

Percent vaccinated:

83.0

Cold Spring (10516): **94.3**
Garrison (10524): **86.6**

Number of deaths:

125 (+2)

DUTCHESS COUNTY

Number of cases:

69,790 (+679)

Cases per 100K,
7-day average::

10.2 (+1.2)

Percent vaccinated:

77.3

Beacon (12508): **72.2**

Number of deaths:

659 (+1)

Source: State and county health departments, as of May 11, with totals since pandemic began and change over the previous week in parentheses. Percent vaccinated reflects those ages 5 and older who have received at least one dose.

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◀ **CAUGHT IN THE CURRENT** — Students from The Foundry School in Cold Spring, on their way to the playground, spotted themselves on the front page of the May 6 issue in the blue boxes outside the paper's office, and stopped to take a look. *Photo by Michele Gedney*



▲ **CATCH OF THE DAY** — Volunteers cleaned up Little Stony Point near Cold Spring on May 7 for the Riverkeeper Sweep organized for the state's annual I Love My Park Day. This Boy Scout from Troop 437 couldn't quite believe what was flushed out of the river.

◀ **LESSON IN THANKS** — The Beacon Teachers' Association distributed treats on May 3 to each district school for Teacher Appreciation Week. *Photos provided*

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The Calendar

Up Close and Personal

Garrison show highlights work of street photographer

By Alison Rooney

Born in Brooklyn in 1918, son of immigrant Jews from Romania, Alfred Schwartz was a dentist who developed an interest in photography early in life.

Accompanied by his Leica, and sometimes by his daughter, Nancy Baker, Schwartz would scout areas that might yield visual treasures.

"Even today, when I look through his work, I always discover places in New York that I recognize but which have transformed of late into highly prized and gentrified neighborhoods," says Baker, who lives in Brooklyn and is also a photographer.

Twenty of Schwartz's silver gelatin prints, taken between 1950 and his death in 1994, are on display at the Garrison Art Center through June 12 for a show called *No Parity*. Schwartz usually shot in black and white on 35mm but also used a 4-by-5-inch Linhof that provided a broader range of tones.

"He had a darkroom wherever he lived," says Baker. "I watched him; he liked to print them dark with cloudy skies."

She says that her father "largely avoided promoting his own work"; it was she who brought his work to the art center, proposing a show.

Schwartz studied, and became friends with, luminaries such as social realist photographer Sid Grossman and documentarian Lisette Model, says Baker.

"My father was very progressive and his work was informed by this," she says.

"He had an extraordinary ability to relate to his subjects. He also had a dedication and love for the New York area," particularly its urban architecture, commercial signage and inhabitants.

"He was the kind of intrepid adventurer who was always on the lookout for the sublime underbelly," she says. "He had a deep affinity for all people of the world. He coupled this with great technical skill,

and he was methodical about cataloging his images. Every photo had the year, film roll and printing instructions.

"Later in life, his directive was in minimal landscapes, and of his beloved Long Island Sound. The context of the North Fork of Long Island, expanded his vision to nature, brutal and peaceful. His final photograph was of the sea meeting the sky."

Kate Cahill, the art center's exhibition coordinator, says the images on display "capture the down-and-dirty, gritty side of the *Mad Men* era. They are technically fabulous but not slick, capturing a moment between subject and shooter. The urban visuals are more 'folksy' — the people are less composed than the Instagram versions we are overloaded with."

The Garrison Art Center is located at 23 Garrison's Landing. A series of works by Carla Rae Johnson, From the Séance, is also on exhibit. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Monday. See garrisonartcenter.org.



Schwartz in 1984



"Gorilla Man" (1972)



"Gotham" (1972)



"Angry Lady" (1959)



"White Power" (1959)



"Sandy's Lobsters" (1984)



"Peace" (1971)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

For a complete listing of events, see
highlandscurrent.org/calendar.

COMMUNITY

SAT 14 Birdathon

PHILIPSTOWN

putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

For 24 hours, teams will record as many species as possible in this annual fundraiser for the Putnam Highlands Audubon Society. *Cost: \$20 per individual or \$80 per team*

SAT 14 Modern Makers Market

COLD SPRING

11 a.m. – 5 p.m. St. Mary's Church
1 Chestnut St. | hopsonthudson.com

This artisan pop-up will benefit the church.

SAT 14 Funminster Dog Show

PATTERSON

Noon – 2:30 p.m. Recreation Center
65 Front St. | putnamservicedogs.org

Friendly dogs of any breed or age can compete in 10 categories, such as best tail, in this event to support the training of service dogs for conditions other than blindness. The entry fee is \$20. *Cost: \$15 adults (\$5 ages 12 and younger)*

SUN 15 Plant Sale

GARRISON

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Recreation Center
107 Glenclufe Drive
philipstowngardenclubny.org

The Philipstown Garden Club will have a large selection of annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables and hanging baskets.

SUN 15 Run and Walk with the Dogs

BEACON

10 a.m. Memorial Park
runsignup.com/Race/NY/Beacon/ARF5K

Bring your well-behaved dog and run or walk at this 5K to benefit the Animal Rescue Foundation. *Cost: \$30*

SUN 15 Community Safety Day

BEACON

Noon – 4 p.m. Elks Lodge
900 Wolcott Ave. | beaconvac.org

The Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps will share info and offer free bike helmets and fittings for children.

SUN 15 Flower Moon Eclipse Gathering

GARRISON

9:30 p.m. – 1:30 a.m. Boscobel
1601 Route 9D | 845-265-3638
boscobel.org

Watch the full lunar eclipse on the grounds, with guidance from Lisa



The Pillowcase Project, May 21

DiMarzo, and a celestial magic lantern show. *Cost: \$24 (\$21 seniors, \$13 ages 5 to 18, discounts for members)*

WED 18 Adult Spelling Bee

CARMEL

5:30 p.m. Centennial Golf Club
185 John Simpson Road
covecarecenter.org

Teams of up to 10 people can show off their word skills in this fundraiser for the Cove Care Center, which helps people affected by mental health and addiction issues. Tickets include a buffet dinner. *Cost: \$45*

FRI 20 Library Associates Award Dinner

BEAR MOUNTAIN

6:30 p.m. Bear Mountain Inn
99 Service Road | 845-424-2030
desmondfishlibrary.org

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Dr. Frank Lucente

(at right) will be honored at this annual fundraiser for the Desmond-Fish Public Library. *Cost: \$200+*



SUN 22 International Day for Biological Diversity

OSSINING

11 a.m. Teatown Lake Reservation
1600 Spring Valley Road | teatown.org

Learn about the diverse species that live in the lower Hudson Valley, how they survive in urban and suburban environments and ways to be a good neighbor to wildlife. *Cost: \$8 (\$3 members)*

SUN 22 Spring Benefit

GARRISON

4:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org

Celebrity judges will make their

pronouncements during a Great Cake Bake-Off to support the theater's programs. *Cost: \$50+*

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 14 Student Film Festival

BEACON

6:30 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road
foundationforbeaconschools.org

Students from the Beacon City School District will present 2-minute films at this inaugural event. *Cost: \$8 (\$4 children)*

SAT 14 Mabel's Married Life

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Via Zoom
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

The Butterfield Library's Silent Film series will feature the 1914 film with Charlie Chaplin and Mabel Normand, and live musical accompaniment by Cary Brown.

SAT 14 Young Frankenstein

WAPPINGERS FALLS

8 p.m. County Players Theater
2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491
countyplayers.org

The classic Mel Brooks comedy has been adapted for the stage. Also SUN 15, FRI 20, SAT 21, SUN 22. Proof of vaccination required. *Cost: \$25 (\$22 seniors, military, children 11 and younger)*

SAT 14 The Artichoke

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
artichokeshow.com

Drew Prochaska will host this installment of the monthly storytelling series with Andrew McGill, Julie Polk, Jess Salomon, Adam Selbst, Nina Lesiga and Adam Linn. *Cost: \$20 (\$15 for recorded show)*

SUN 15

Raphael Kosek

PUTNAM VALLEY

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

The poet will read from her latest chapbook, *Harmless Encounters*. An open mic will follow.

SAT 21

Celia Reissig

BEACON

6 p.m. Maria Lago Studio | 502 Main St.

The Beacon poet will read from her latest collection, *Huellas/Traces*, as well as a one-act play.

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 14

Ree Play Sale

BEACON

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
University Settlement Camp
724 Wolcott Ave. | weeplayproject.org

This tag sale of gently used children's clothing, gear, books and games will benefit programs for children. Also SUN 15.

SAT 14

Kids' Craft Connection

GARRISON

9:30 a.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Children and families can take a flashlight tour of the mansion and learn about toys and games, then make a ball-and-cup craft. *Cost: \$24 (\$13 children, member discounts)*

SAT 14

College Essay Workshop

COLD SPRING

1 – 4 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Eric Tipler will share tips for engaging college admissions officers and students will write a first draft. Registration required.

THURS 19

Earring Workshop

GARRISON

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

Joan Lloyd will show participants how to make beaded earrings. Make a pair for yourself and one to donate to a women's shelter.

THURS 19

Learning Differences Parent Support Group

COLD SPRING

7:30 p.m. Ascend Center
75 Main St. | bit.ly/haldane-gufs-LD

Join in person or email ptalearn-diff@gmail.com to attend via Zoom.

SAT 21

The Pillowcase Project

GARRISON

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

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SECOND SATURDAY

SAT 14

Wall Works

BEACON

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Hudson Beach Glass
162 Main St. | hudsonbeachglass.com

More than a dozen pieces by Franc Palaia will be on display to simulate an archeological site. Through June 5.



SAT 14

Hello My Name Is | Chomp'd

BEACON

6 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery
163 Main St. | 212-255-2505
clutter.co

With custom toys by 7 Sketches, 5th Turtle, Hot Actor and the Chomp Group. Through June 3.



SAT 14

Daniel Berlin

BEACON

6 – 8 p.m. BAU Gallery | 506 Main St.
845-440-7584 | baugallery.org

Berlin's paintings and monoprints will be on view, along with works by collective members and a curated group show, *Flux*. Through June 5.

TALKS AND TOURS

SAT 14

History Hike

PUTNAM VALLEY

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Granite Mountain Preserve
bit.ly/cce-guided-hikes

Master Gardener volunteers will lead a 5-mile hike to Lookout Rock and share history along the way.

SAT 14

Mount Beacon Incline Railway Exhibit

BEACON

Noon – 4 p.m. Beacon Historical Society
61 Leonard St. | beaconhistorical.org

Stories, photos and artifacts from the Incline Railway will be on exhibit as part of an open house and ribbon-cutting for the new Meyer Galleries and Johnson Library. The dedication of the society's new home, named to honor Robert Murphy, will take place at 1 p.m. The exhibit will run through July 30.

SUN 15
Vegetable Gardening
PUTNAM VALLEY
1 p.m. Putnam Valley Grange
128 Mill St. | putnamvalleygrange.org
Chris Bonura will share how to grow food in any space. *Cost: \$10 (\$15 door)*

SUN 22
Tavern Talk and Tour
GARRISON
5 p.m. Bird & Bottle Inn
1123 Old Albany Post Road
putnamhistorymuseum.org
Cassie Ward, the Putnam History Museum director, will discuss the history of the 260-year-old inn and the surrounding area and the owners will share their experience restoring it. *Cost: \$55+*

VISUAL ARTS

SAT 14
Mural Show
POUGHKEEPSIE
Noon – 8 p.m. Cryptic Gallery
358 Main St. | thecrypticco.com
The art and tech collective will feature the work of 12 outdoor muralists along with music, children's art projects and food trucks.

MUSIC

SAT 14
Harry Bolick
PUTNAM VALLEY
6 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org
Bolick will sign copies of his book, *Fiddle Tunes from Mississippi*, and perform with the Mississippi Travelers String Band. *Cost: \$20*

SAT 14
Tom Rush
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The folk singer is celebrating his 50th year of songwriting and playing. *Cost: \$50 (\$55 door)*



Damn the Torpedoes, May 14

SAT 14
Damn the Torpedoes
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The tribute band will create a Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers' concert experience. *Cost: \$25 to \$35*

SAT 14
KYO Surfers
BEACON
9 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St.
facebook.com/quinnnsbeacon
Expect to hear Butthole Surfer covers.

SUN 15
Michael Davidman
COLD SPRING
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org
The pianist will perform a program that includes works by Chopin, Couperin, Franck and Ravel. *Free*



MON 16
Pete Levin Trio
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St.
facebook.com/quinnnsbeacon
Levin, Mike DeMicco and Jeff Siegel will perform as part of the weekly jazz series. *Cost: \$15*

FRI 20
Lords of 52nd Street
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
Two original members from Billy Joel's band, Richie Cannata and Liberty DeVitto, will be joined by longtime members of the tribute group to perform Joel's hits. *Cost: \$37.50 to \$49.50*

FRI 20
Couples Therapy
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The show will feature performances by three bands of married, musical partners: The Costellos, Open Book and Annalyse & Ryan. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)*

SAT 21
Social Robot
PHILIPSTOWN
7 p.m. Little Stony Point | 3011 Route 9D
facebook.com/littlestonypoint
Mike Muller, Bayard Russell, Andrew Gilchrist and Jason Lang will play sci-fi rock outdoors at the Visitor's Center.

SAT 21
Back to the Garden 1969
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The Woodstock cover band will recreate performances by singers and bands who played at the historic concert. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

SUN 22
Irradiance
PEEKSKILL
3 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
Classical and rock violinist Daisy Jopling and Orchestra 914 will be joined by youth choirs and Ovation String. *Cost: \$25 to \$35*

SUN 22
Beacon Chamber Ensemble
BEACON
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
Joe Brent, Ben Russell and Jeff Fairbanks will play baroque, romantic and modern music. Proof of vaccination required. *Free*

CIVIC

MON 16
City Council
BEACON
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza
845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov

MON 16
Candidate Forum
7:30 p.m. Via Zoom
bit.ly/AD95EnvForum
At this forum, co-sponsored by 15 environmental groups, Democratic candidates for state Assembly District 95, which includes Philipstown, will address their positions on issues that include renewable energy legislation. Registration required.

TUES 17
Dutchess Town Hall
WAPPINGERS FALLS
5:30 p.m. American Legion
7 Spring St. | dutchessny.gov
County Executive Marc Molinaro will discuss the state of the county and take questions.



Harry Bolick, May 14

WED 18
Village Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

WED 18
School Board
GARRISON
7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D
845-424-3689 | gufs.org

SCHOOL VOTES

TUES 17
Budget Vote and Trustee Election
BEACON
6 a.m. – 9 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road | 845-838-6900
beaconk12.org

TUES 17
Budget Vote and Trustee Election
GARRISON
7 a.m. – 9 p.m. Garrison School
1100 Route 9D | 845-424-3689
gufs.org

TUES 17
Budget Vote and Trustee Election
COLD SPRING
7 a.m. – 9 p.m. Haldane
15 Craigsides Drive | 845-265-9254
haldaneschool.org



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There are now over 100 million free-roaming cats in the United States; they kill approximately 2.4 billion birds every year in the U.S. alone, making them the single greatest source of human-caused mortality for birds.

Free-roaming cats also spread diseases such as Rabies, Toxoplasmosis, and Feline Leukemia Virus, and face many more threats like vehicles and predators. Living outdoors shortens a cat's lifespan to just 2-5 years, whereas indoor cats can live to be 17 and beyond.

The easiest way you can help prevent needless bird deaths and keep you and your pet safe is by keeping your cat indoors.

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Band of Artists

Newburgh initiative unites galleries

By Alison Rooney

Many of-the-moment arts districts grow from a predictable formula: Artists need low rents and a fair amount of space, which translates into homesteading — moving to places they can afford, often in hardscrabble districts where cultural tourism isn't ingrained.

It's then up to the newbies to spread the word and convince their neighbors and others farther afield to sample the establishments and nearby restaurants, shops, music venues, architects and, of course, the seemingly bottomless well of distilleries, coffeehouses, wine bars and breweries.

Case in point: Newburgh, which has boasted a growing gallery scene over the past decade, and an increasing population of transplants, many running those new businesses and staffing the galleries. These constituents have a vested interest in showing off their establishments to more people, visitors and residents.

NBNY Art Seen, an initiative by Newburgh's gallery and art space community, is emblematic of these aspirations. Occurring on the last Saturday of the month — it debuted April 30 at Grit Works with an exhibit by David Lionheart — the spaces participating will be open in the afternoon and one space each month will host a reception from 5 to 7 p.m.

There are eight participants so far: Holland Tunnel Gallery, Elijah Wheat Showroom (starting in June), Visitor Center, Ann Street Gallery, ADS / DAS Gallery Project Room, Grit Works, CMA Gallery at Mount Saint Mary College and Mindy Ross Gallery at SUNY Orange Newburgh.

Tamara Rafkin, a facilitator for NBNY Art Seen, says it began in an organic, friend-to-friend way. "We all felt that Newburgh should restart its 'Last Satur-



On the Schedule

MAY 28: HOLLAND TUNNEL

Holland Tunnel Celebrates 25 Years

The gallery was founded in 1997 by Paulien Lethen in a Home Depot garden shed in her Brooklyn backyard.

JUNE 25: ANN STREET

Incorrigibles

This project tells the stories of "incorrigible" girls in the U.S. over the past century.

JULY 30: VISITOR CENTER

In Between Dreams at Dusk

Works by Angelo Filomeno



Tamara Rafkin with artist David Lionheart at the Grit Works Gallery in Newburgh during NBNY Art Seen's first event last month

Photo provided

days' events, and that this should start with the art spaces," she says.

Rafkin, who is a fine artist and commercial photographer, has lived in Newburgh for three years. "Part of the reason I moved

here," she says, was the number of artists and art events. "There is already a good base in town; we're just mobilizing and coming together."

She said Newburgh has seen, in the past few years, an increase in "Brooklyn-style" galleries, which "changes the dynamic. Part of what we're doing is to

try to represent the diversity in Newburgh communities. You have people who aren't used to visiting art spaces because they don't feel a part of the conversation. We want to use community spaces to show that a white-walled gallery isn't something to be scared of.

"Art shouldn't be intimidating," she says. "Maybe it's thought-provoking, but that's part of a community's language. And Newburgh has this range of art spaces, from high-end galleries that do the international art fairs to specialists in mid-career artists. Some show functional art like furniture, others are small, casual places."

The initiative was created, in part, "so they're aware of what everyone else is doing," she says. "It's a way for everyone to band together and be open at the same time. Newburgh is a small city and a small town — we want to make this a good representation, as well-rounded as possible."

For more information on NBNY Art Seen, see the website of the Newburgh Arts & Cultural Commission at newburgharts.org, which has details about the monthly events, a downloadable walking map and links to each space and gallery.

Roots and Shoots

Planting in Public

By Pamela Doan

Of course, I said yes when I was asked if I wanted to plant a “tree pit” on Main Street in Cold Spring in front of *The Current* offices.

While most home gardens and yards are at least partially on public view, a sidewalk garden is intended only for people I probably don't know. I would need to apply my personal aesthetic as a filter to create something others can appreciate.

This means that the Eastern prickly pear cactus is not a good choice. (See “The Plant Has a Point,” at highlandscurrent.org for more on *Opuntia humifusa*.) And maybe not one of the 7-foot perennials that I like to unleash in my own gardens. And probably not anything too aggressive that will seed itself into all the other sidewalk gardens in the village over time.

This is the list I built about the criteria for the planting:

Easy to maintain

I don't work at the office on a regular basis and can't expect my colleagues to spend time

weeding, watering and tending plants. This garden needs to be able to survive without a lot of care, which makes the cactus seem useful — but, no, too hazardous.

Hardy

This situation calls for generalist plants that tolerate a range of growing conditions. There will be trash, trampling and dogs, among other challenges. The stormwater will collect sidewalk residue and ice-melt chemicals in the winter. The soil is compacted and needs a few years of organic amendments to improve.

Drought-tolerant

The watering schedule will be uneven and, while there is a nice amount of shade from the tree, these plants need to stay upright on the hottest days. Using high-input plants on any level is out of the question.

Budget

A future tree pit planter might tear it all out and start anew. While I will plant a mini-garden that endures, the first year's investment should be modest.

Compatibility

At this stage, there doesn't seem to be a lot of coherence among the sidewalk gardens. I strolled up and down Main Street but didn't notice any themes or colors. Each tree pit planting seems to be up to the unique tastes of the gardener. Still, I'd like it to complement the village's sensibility.

All the usual considerations also apply.



Keep an eye on this space.

Photo by Michael Turton

Ideally, the pit would have something to look at in all seasons: Spring bulbs, bright summer colors, a fall glow and an interesting array of dried foliage and something evergreen for the winter.

Since it's me that was asked and not someone else, my personal touch is to make it a showcase for native perennials and grasses that make butterflies and other pollinators happy. Would plant labels last or be carried off, I wonder?

A few plants that meet these criteria:

White Beeblossom (*Gaura lindheimeri*)

While found in environments in Texas and Louisiana, it will grow in our zone. It tolerates poor soil and part shade, blooms from spring through summer, and doesn't like a lot of water, making it a good candidate for this purpose. I added one to a Beacon garden last summer and the owner was delighted with it, causing me to give it more attention.

Butterflyweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)

This milkweed species, a host plant for monarch butterflies, is a favorite of mine. In a public setting, it can get exposure as a friendly landscape flower that can be incorporated into any garden. Many gardeners only think of *Asclepias purpurascens*, aka the purple milkweed, which is taller and considered weedier. Butterflyweed's bright orange flowers pop in every setting.

Blue-stemmed Goldenrod (*Solidago caesia*)

There's quite a bit of shade in this spot cast by the tree and parked cars. This yellow flower will tolerate part shade and flower in late summer and early fall. Goldenrods are important pollinator plants for that time period and I promise this one is well-behaved and won't colonize the village like some other goldenrod species. It is also not ragweed, the plant notorious for causing allergies.

Christmas Fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*)

This fern will tolerate dry shade and its common name refers to its evergreen nature. In winter, it will still look like a fern. With a few other foliage plants, the fern can add shape to the winter garden.

Check out Tree Pit No. 70 in front of *The Current* office for updates in coming weeks. And send suggestions for a better name than “tree pit” — I'll pass them on to the Tree Advisory Board.

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Almond Cake

Adapted from Alice Medrich's
Pure Dessert

Mouths to Feed

Cake for Me and You

By Celia Barbour

If I were queen of the world, I would write this week's column about leftovers. Not your leftovers, sorry, no, but the particular chaos of dishes cramming my refrigerator, residue of a busy week followed by a sociable weekend, all of which I over-shopped and over-cooked for, as always. But whatever recipe I came up with would be useless to you ("take 2/3 pint of 2-day old herbed rice..."), and the pictures would be ugly to boot.

That's a roundabout way of saying I don't feel like cooking something new today. Which is why I've come up with a clever way to make this week's column work overtime for me.

Here's the plan: Last Sunday morning, a dinner guest texted asking me for some of the recipes I'd served the night before. One of those recipes — for a chicken tagine — had already run in this space a few years back ("Tracing My Taginealogy"), so I directed her to the website. Others were ad hoc, on-the-spot combinations — a sauce of mustard and crème fraîche, e.g.

But one recipe, for an almond cake, comes from a cookbook that's a bit of a mess: full of my comments and adjustments, and a bit dog-eared to boot. I began making the cake over a decade ago for my wonderful mother, who adores anything almond, and I've continued to do so because it's very delicious and, as far as I can tell, completely foolproof.

It's also super versatile, as it can be served plain, topped with a dusting of powdered



sugar or accompanied by whipped cream and whatever fruits are in season. Moreover, it's easy to make gluten-free without compromising flavor or texture, since it contains a scant amount of flour. And because it's quite moist, it can be made a day ahead with no risk of staleness.

Best (or worst) of all, it's one of those cakes you can't stop nibbling on. I've lingered late around our table on many evenings, watching the thing evaporate sliver by please-just-one-more sliver, until it's completely disappeared. In fact, one night in a friend's garden a few years back, we finished off an entire cake between four of us. (The recipe says it serves 10 to 12, so that seems about right.) On those rare occasions when there are leftovers, I wake up wanting it for breakfast, with a cup of good, black coffee, or with afternoon tea.

So one self-serving aspect of today's column has to do with that morning-after cake. I've long wished for a slightly less sweet version, one that would be better suited to brunch or teatime. So thanks to this (award-winning! Bravo, everyone!) paper, I had a good excuse to experiment — and the results were perfectly delicious.

Another bonus: I use the *Current* website the way my mother used to use a little metal recipe box filled with handwritten 3-by-5 recipe cards. The site, like her card file,

- 4 ounces whole almonds, blanched or unblanched (about one cup minus 2 tablespoons)*
- ¾ cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar (for the sweeter version, use 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons)
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 3 large eggs
- 1 stick (8 tablespoons) butter, cut into chunks and slightly softened
- ½ teaspoon almond extract
- 1 tablespoon kirsch, maraschino liqueur or rum (optional)
- ⅓ cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ teaspoon baking powder
- Confectioner's sugar for dusting (optional)

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Butter the sides and bottom of an 8-inch cake pan. Line the bottom with parchment and butter the parchment (see note for optional almond crust).
2. Place the almonds, sugar and salt in the bowl of a food processor and process until the nuts are finely pulverized, about 1 minute. Take care that they are quite fine or the cake will be gritty.
3. Add the eggs, extract, butter and liqueur, if using. Process until well-blended and smooth. Add the flour and baking powder and process briefly, just until combined, scraping down the sides.
4. Transfer the batter to the cake pan and bake about 35 to 40 minutes, or until a toothpick poked into the center comes out clean. Cool completely in the pan placed on a wire rack.
5. When cool, turn the cake out onto a plate. Serve dusted with confectioner's sugar, with fresh berries or berry puree, and whipped cream.

* You can substitute almond flour for the almonds, and simply whirr it quickly with the sugar and salt in step 2. Just be sure that almonds are the only ingredient.

Note: To make an almond crust, skip the parchment paper in step 1. Butter the pan generously, then press slivered almonds into the butter. Sprinkle with about 3 tablespoons sugar, then proceed with the recipe as written. When baked, instead of letting the cake cool completely, allow it to cool for about 10 minutes, then slide a knife around the side, place a plate over the pan and invert. Cool completely on the plate.

contains my evolving repertoire of go-to meals and treats, both for every day and special occasions. These days, our college kids access it often, too, instead of calling home requesting the recipe for this or that, as I still sometimes do with my mother. So now this cake can join its cohort in the ether. And finally, hey Panni: Here's that recipe you asked for!

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Then and Now: Native Americans in the Highlands

A conversation with Evan Pritchard, a descendant of the Micmac

Evan Pritchard, a former professor of Native American studies at Marist and Vassar colleges and founder of the Center for Algonquin Culture, is the author, most recently, of *Mapping Native New York*. He spoke with reporter Michael Turton.



Evan Pritchard

Photo provided

According to the 2020 census, more than 5,500 people in Putnam, Dutchess and Orange counties identify as Native American. Does that surprise you?

I'm very surprised, because a lot of Native Americans don't have a lot of respect for the census and government meddling. So, they might not — and I don't generally — indicate that on the census.

What was the Native American population of the Hudson Valley at its peak?

Nobody agrees on that. It was probably

about 5,000 per borough in present-day New York City and 10,000 per county in the Hudson Valley, which had some of the best territory for growing, fishing and hunting. But nobody really knows.

How would you describe the Wappinger and other Algonquins who lived in the Hudson Highlands?

They were hunters, and a lot were fishermen. They knew their rivers inside out and upside down; they mostly named their villages after them. They grew corn, especially where the tide would rise and water the plants. Women often had dominant roles, but it was not a matriarchal society. The women were tough but often they weren't equal because the men were stronger, taller and more muscular. Some men weren't always nice to the women, but that was individual; it was not their philosophy. They were surrounded by friends, allies and relatives, so there was little warfare, although they were capable warriors. Using bows and arrows, they held their own against guns.

Is it true there was a ferry system for crossing the Hudson?

Yes, they had ferry routes all along the river. In Poughkeepsie, it was at the bottom of a trail that is now Main Street. Someone would stand by the river, hold a large pole with a white cloth attached and wave. The ferry operator might be a young guy who

wanted some extra wampum. He would land his canoe, put out his hand and they'd give him beads, furs or whatever, and he would take them across. It was the same at Beacon, Newburgh, near Bannerman's Island, at West Point and other locations.

What were some of the significant trails in the Highlands?

The Mohican Trail was likely the most important. It started in what is now Manhattan and went quite far north to Mohican territory. Later it became Old Albany Post Road, and then Route 9. The original trail was probably created by huge mastodons that followed the ridge. They saved Native Americans a lot of work! It was a trade route because there were many items along it that could be collected. What is now Route 52 through Fishkill and Beacon was once a trail that continued west from Newburgh to the Delaware River. Route 9D was also an important trail. Many served as portages, connecting one river to another.

What present-day places were significant to the Wappinger?

Dennings Point in Beacon was one. Many tribes gathered there — it was crowded, because that's where trading was conducted. It was serious stuff; landings like that held society together. Cold Spring was a decent-sized village, and it had several satellite "fires," or villages, around it. I can't say authoritatively that Little Stony Point was significant, but I've spent a lot of time walking around there and it is a magical place, a place of power. Maybe it was a crossing. There is also archaeological evidence, including copper tools, of a fire near the present-day Garrison train station.

Is it true Native Americans have no word for "time"?

When I went up north to the bush to learn the Algonquin language from Micmac elders, I asked what the word for *time* was. My teacher said, "We don't believe in that." They may use the word *when*, such as "when the sun is there" or "when oak leaves are the size of a mouse's ear," but there's no word for the concept of time. It's very much



A map of the Algonquin territories created by Evan Pritchard. What is now Beacon and Philipstown is located in the lower left.

in harmony with what Einstein thought in terms of relativity.

Today, do Native Americans in the Hudson Valley gather as a group?

We hold powwows for ourselves, and to educate others. More than 20 years ago, Gil Tarbox said Daniel Ninham (1726-1776), the last sachem of the Wappinger, came to him in a dream and said, "Nobody remembers my name anymore; do something to help them remember." That led to the Daniel Ninham powwow, and for years they boomed. They're the backbone of our community; thousands came. I went to 19 of them. But a couple of years ago, almost all the powwows collapsed; the organizers got older and wanted to retire. COVID-19 killed what was left of the powwows. They are just now starting to come back.

What is the goal of the Center for Algonquin Culture?

Part of our mission is to protect, preserve and restore the dignity and culture of every Algonquin nation, large or small, and to unify the Algonquin people. We're spread all over Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. That's a tough job. We also want to educate the public about Algonquin culture and history and its central role in the development of modern-day America.

How well are schools educating students about Native Americans?

Since moving here in 1982, I've been trying to help schools teach Native culture in a respectful way. It's been discouraging, overall, but during COVID, and since the George Floyd killing started to be resolved, my phone has been ringing a lot. In the last year, it's been a sea change. Private schools have been working hard. Public schools lag behind, but they're certainly better since COVID.

Evan Pritchard is our guest on the latest episode of *The Current* podcast. See highlandscurrent.org/podcast.



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Something You Don't Know About Me

Jay Brennan

By Michael Turton

At many points in his 75 years, Jay Brennan, who lives in Manitou, in south Philipstown, would have benefited from having a stunt double.

How many people have crash landed a plane in the Hudson River; ridden across the U.S. on a motorcycle (twice); repeatedly flown in the world's largest air transport; sailed across the Atlantic and back (twice); lost a leg in a motorcycle accident (twice); distributed medical supplies in a country blacklisted by the U.S. government; helped students evade their principal by hiding them in the basement of a pizza shop; repeatedly explored the Mediterranean Sea in a sailboat named Barleycorn and been the inspiration for the protagonist in a bestselling novel?

"It's been an adventure," says his wife of 30 years, Aetna. "I never stopped to think what it would be like to marry someone who is larger than life."

Brennan's love of flying dates to the mid-1960s, when he was working for a Westchester company that produced the ground-speed indicators for the C5A military transport, the world's largest plane at the time. Recalling that job, he smiles. He



Brennan with the seaplane he crashed into the Hudson River.

flew in the plane once a week.

In 1967, while he was riding his Triumph Bonneville near Peoria, Illinois, an approaching driver took a corner too fast. "And I was going too fast," Brennan recalled. "They sideswiped me, sheering my left leg," which had to be amputated.

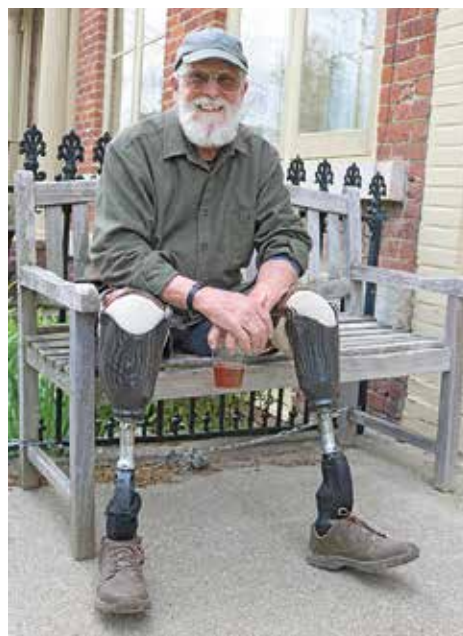
In 1969, he bought what became Jay's Deli and Pizza in Peekskill, operating it for 10 years. With a high school next door, business was guaranteed. He became popular with the students, and not just for his pizza. When the principal would come looking for truants, Brennan let them hide in the basement.

Having a prosthetic leg didn't deter him from riding his motorcycle to San Diego and back in 1977. He and his girlfriend spent 10 hours there before heading back east. He did an encore a couple of years later, with a different girlfriend.

In the early 1980s, Brennan worked at the Peekskill Seaplane Base. When he saw a "for sale" sign on a 1946 Seabee, he couldn't resist. Later, when the business closed, he bought five more. "I thought I might need parts," he says.

Brennan routinely flew the planes for a couple of hours a day. Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard were favorite destinations. "I met Ted Kennedy at the Vineyard," he said, adding they hit it off, in part because Kennedy's son had a prosthesis.

In 1982, he was riding his Honda Gold Wing on Route 9 in Philipstown, shortly after returning from a bike trip to Mardi Gras. "I don't remember what happened, but I crashed over the guardrail," Brennan says.



Jay Brennan

Photos by M. Turton

His leg was severed. "They put it in a bag, took it to the Bird & Bottle Inn and filled the bag with ice," he says. He was flown to Montefiore Hospital but there was no saving the leg.

Even with two prosthetic legs, Brennan kept flying, using the Hudson River as his airstrip. In May 1985, he took off from Cold Spring with his son, Greg, and Greg's girlfriend aboard and was making a wide turn over Cornwall when the engine blew a cylinder.

"My son had flown a bit, so I had him keep an eye on the water as we descended," Brennan says. "I just focused on the instruments."

They crashed in the river near Bannerman's Island. "The tail section hit part of the island," he recalls. "There was some adrenaline, for sure!" No one was injured, and a boat captain from West Point towed the plane to shore.

Today, the plane sits on Brennan's front lawn; his five other Seabees are stored nearby.

In 1987, T.C. Boyle, who grew up in Peekskill with Brennan as a neighbor, published his novel *World's End*, which won the PEN/Faulkner Award for American Literature. The protagonist, Walter Van Brunt, is based on Brennan. Asked if Boyle had accurately depicted him, Brennan says: "I'm less cranky than Walter."

Brennan doesn't say which passion runs deepest in his veins — biking, flying or sailing. But for longevity, and future pursuits, wind power seems to prevail.

He bought his first sailboat, the 23-foot Keoka, in the early 1970s, often sailing to Newport, Rhode Island. The sailing was good and usually calm, he says, though a few times the seas became rough enough that he sent his young children below.

Brennan first sailed to Bermuda in 1995, and two years later, made the first of two roundtrip Atlantic crossings, at the helm of his accountant's boat.

His most exotic water-based venture came in 1999, when he sailed to Cuba. Coming into port, he was asked if he and his passengers wanted their passports stamped. "No, we're not supposed to be here!" Brennan says he replied.

The U.S. government may not have wanted them there, but Brennan and his friends received a warm welcome. They brought with them \$100,000 in medical supplies, which they distributed to Cuban hospitals.

"Going into Havana was an adventure," Brennan recalls. "We met so many nice people, including many doctors" — noting that doctors were paid less in Cuba than bartenders.

In June 2001, he again sailed to Bermuda, this time with Greg. They ran into the tail of Hurricane Alison. "It got so rough that when Greg was on the bow he could look down and see the keel," Brennan says.

A month later, in Almerimar, Spain, Brennan bought the 46-foot cutter-rigged ketch Barleycorn, named by its original owner, who also owned the John Courage Brewing Co.

Throughout 2014, Brennan and his wife explored the Mediterranean Sea, from Spain, France, Italy and the islands off north Africa to Greece, Corsica, Sardinia, Croatia and Turkey.

"Jay had to get a Croatian captain's license," Aetna recalls. "The following year we were almost jailed in Dubrovnik because Jay didn't have the papers."

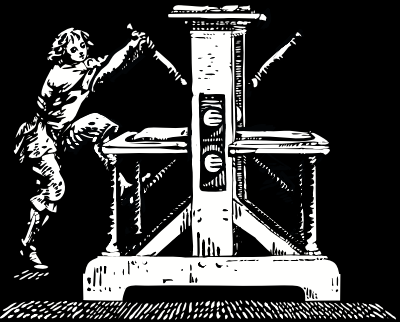
Brennan now keeps the Barleycorn at a port in Turkey.

He thinks his mother may have fueled his need for adventure. "She wanted to sell the family house and move onto a houseboat," he said. "That really surprised me."

He still has items on his bucket list but concedes it may be too late to get back into flying, "though I'd like to — and to have another motorcycle."

For now, he says, he's thinking of starting a parasailing club that would meet at his house — "you know, stay with something aeronautical, and still have the ability to crash."

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Notable Books by Local Authors

Night-night, Body

By Ted Scheu | Illustrations by Dr. Peter Gergely

This children’s book, with illustrations by the Garrison pediatrician, was inspired by Scheu’s need for a sleep aid. He patterned the story on a meditative technique he learned years ago — to move slowly up from toes to “tippy top,” tensing and relaxing muscles and giving them permission to “turn off” for the night.



Trolls at Play

By Raven Howell | Illustrated by Sarah Gledhill

In this children’s book, Howell, who lives in Cold Spring, shares the story of a family who moves to The Enchanted Village with its dwarves, bears, Cheshire cats, fairies, big bad wolves and princesses.



The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post

By Allison Pataki

This historical novel from the bestselling author, who lives in Garrison, tells the story of Marjorie Merriweather Post, who grew up in the farmland of Battle Creek, Michigan, as part of the cereal family. Before she turned 30, she was the wealthiest woman in the U.S. But her life also had its share of tumult and betrayal.



The Factory Girl and the Fey

By Nadine Feldman

In this historical fantasy, the Philipstown resident shares the story of Jane Thorburn, who was abandoned as an infant and wants only to be a great weaver in Scotland’s mills. The Fey, meanwhile, have lost much of their magic and need to bring Jane into their world to survive. At the same time, Jane has discovered a love she didn’t know she longed for. What life will she choose? Will she have a choice?



The Latinist

By Mark Prins

Prins, the son of Garrison residents Rick and Connie Prins, reimagines the Daphne and Apollo myth in his debut novel. Determined to keep her from leaving Oxford University, classics professor Chris Eccles sabotages the career of one of his students, Tessa Templeton. In the meantime, Tessa makes a discovery about a second-century Latin poet that could free her.



Benjamin Crane (1929-2022)

Benjamin Field Crane, 92, of Brooklyn and Cold Spring, NY and Santa Fe, NM, died peacefully in his sleep on February 18th, 2022. Ben and his wife Sally built a home on Lane Gate Road in the early 1980s and had many close friends in the area.

Ben was born on May 5, 1929, in Holden, MA, and grew up in Sterling, MA, Canon, GA, and the Bronx. This included a stint at Leake & Watts children’s home (now Rising Ground), where he and his brother Fred lived in the orphanage’s dormitory while their mother worked as its dietician (they visited her on Sundays). He attended Creston Jr. High School and the Bronx High School of Science. After one semester at the University of Iowa, he enlisted in the Army in September 1946 at age 17. When his service as a radio announcer in Livorno, Italy ended, Ben returned to Iowa and graduated Phi Beta Kappa in May 1951. He worked as a DJ, reporter, home football game announcer, and a member of the Central Party and Entertainment Committee, which brought bands led by Tommy Dorsey, Duke Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie and others to campus.

After a debating tour in England, Scotland and Wales for the English-Speaking Union, he attended NYU Law School on a Root-Tilden Scholarship, graduating cum laude in 1954. Ben was a lawyer with Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP for 40 years, from 1954-1994, working on corporate financing transactions and mergers and acquisitions for major global corporations. He was in charge of the firm’s Paris office in 1965-66. Ben genuinely enjoyed his career, his colleagues, and his clients at Cravath.

He is survived by son Michael (Kate), daughters Betsy and Susan (Karen), grandchildren Cameron, Benjamin, and Harrison Crane; Noah, Alexander and Elsa Mushkin; and Lily Crane-Newman, as well as his sister-in-law Catherine Molloy, CND, his longest-standing pal Peter Leavy, cherished friend Marcia McHam, and many more family members and friends. Ben’s life during the past 8 years was enriched by Melissa McHam Green, a dear friend who provided wide-ranging experiences and all aspects of his care, as well as special caregivers Henrietta Cassie and Lorna Gillett. Ben was pre-deceased by his beloved wife of 52 years, Sally Molloy Crane, and his “smarter than I am” brother Fred.

Ben was the most generous person any of us have ever known, not only with his extended family but to others all around the world. One of his favorite charitable activities was sending children’s books to a library founded by his sister-in-law Catherine in Kumbo, Cameroon. He also helped many relatives with their education, as he believed his life had been forever changed by his educational opportunities. Ben was an early proponent of and leader in establishing the Brooklyn Bridge Park on old piers along the Brooklyn waterfront and was so happy that it became a reality. He took part in many other civic activities over the years. He and his wife Sally had wonderful friends in each of the places they lived and had an incredibly busy social life (he said he had been an introvert, but Sally changed all of that!)

Ben collected Native American pottery, textiles, and prints; Japanese prints and art from the Pacific Northwest; Hudson River School paintings; and many books and antiques. Ben also had a fabulous sense of humor, a sharp mind, and deep empathy for others. He and his family traveled all over the world (he didn’t want to take vacations anywhere close to NYC and risk being called into the office), and he reveled in learning about other cultures. Inspired by Sally’s example, Ben wrote his own memoir several years ago. He was continually amazed, humbled by, and grateful for how his life evolved. He was greatly loved by his family and friends. While he will be hugely missed, he will have a lasting impact on all of us and is finally reunited with his greatest love, Sally. In lieu of flowers, donations in his honor may be made to the Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy, Planned Parenthood of Greater NY, or the Santa Fe Opera.

A celebration of Ben’s life is planned for May 16, 2022. If you would like to attend virtually, please RSVP by email to: cranecelebration@gmail.com.

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	2	-	Time is a Mother	Ocean Vuong
	3	-	Klara and the Sun	Kazuo Ishiguro
	4	-	The Hunger Games	Suzanne Collins
	5	-	Crying in H Mart	Michelle Zauner
	6	-	Sea of Tranquility	Emily St. John Mandel
CHILDREN	1	-	Witchlings	Claribel Ortega
	2	-	Lunch Lady: The First Helping	Jarrett Krosoczka
	3	3	Katie the Catsitter Book 2	Colleen AF Venable
	3	-	Cat Kid Comic Club: On Purpose	Dav Pilkey
	4	-	Hey, Kiddo	Jarrett Krosoczka
5	-	Good-bye Stacey, Good-bye	Gabriela Epstein	

ADULT

CHILDREN

Looking Back in Philipstown

By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (May 1872)

The Cold Spring Village Board ordered pound master Theodore Morrison to keep all animals and domestic fowl off the sidewalks. "It may be a matter of taste, but the majority of our people do not want, nor will they have, goats and pigs sharing the walks with their wives and children," observed the editor of *The Cold Spring Recorder*. "If the odor of the barnyard and pigsty is inoffensive to some, let them enjoy the same at home."

The Kellogg Base-Ball Club of Cold Spring defeated the Peekskill Flyaway Club, 37-35.

The state distributed its annual grants for teacher pay, including to Philipstown's 15 school districts.

Washburn's Great Musical, Gymnastic and Character Melange was scheduled to appear at Town Hall.

The children of Gen. George Morris sold his home, Undercliff, to J. Adolphus Page, a New York City lawyer.

125 Years Ago (May 1897)

Irving McCoy, the editor of *The Cold Spring Recorder*, offered this observation: "Shall the man take the woman's name at marriage? The indications are that we are going in that direction. Here is an actual case: A man whom we shall describe as Mr. Smith took to wife in the city the other day a young woman whom we shall describe as Miss Brown. Soon after, his friends were astonished to find his

cards read, 'Mr. Brown-Smith.' What can be dearer to a man than his name? If he is willing to barter that for domestic peace, his soul is no longer his own."

As required by state law, the store owner who served as town clerk posted a bulletin board for announcements in front of his establishment with the words, "Philipstown. Town Clerk's Office" painted on it.

A benefactor from West Point joined with E.L. Hallock, director of the Cold Spring Concert Orchestra, to purchase a German-made double bass.

R.W. Meade, a retired admiral, died in Washington, D.C., following an operation for appendicitis. The Navy officer had been stationed at one time in Cold Spring as inspector of ordinance at the West Point Foundry.

The body of an unknown man was found on the railroad tracks south of the Garrison tunnel. The only thing in his pockets was a pair of brass knuckles.

The King Granite Co. of Garrison shipped two boatloads of paving bricks to New York City and a boatload of stone to Florida.

A windmill erected at Rocklawn, the Garrison estate of Hon. Hamilton Fish, was destroyed during a windstorm.

The Hudson River Telephone Co. said it would supply all its offices with an asbestos blanket and a pile of sand for fire emergencies.

The editor of *The Recorder* lamented the peculiarities of a political system in which a senator from Nevada who represented only 45,000 people could shape tariff legislation



Undercliff, the home of George Morris, in a painting made about 1840

that affected 70 million other Americans.

In a program hosted by the Men's Club at the Presbyterian Church in Cold Spring, the Rev. George Egbert of the Presbyterian Church in Cornwall spoke about his travels to the Orient ("The Turk as I Saw Him") and performed several selections on musical glasses.

The Cold Spring Hose Co. No. 1 held its inaugural annual meeting. It recounted the fire alarms it had received, on Aug. 13 (at the foundry and machine works on West Street), Dec. 11 (at the home of William Woods on Kemble Avenue) and Feb. 2 (aboard the schooner Mary Emma docked at the foot of Market Street).

A group of young people met at the Presbyterian Church to organize the Parsonage

Lawn Tennis Club, adopting the motto, "A good time for all."

Herman Fink, formerly of Continentalville, secured a job with his father-in-law in the soda water business.

Clarence Sara, a Cold Spring bicyclist, was injured near Wappingers Falls when a chicken crossing the road caused him to crash. Although he broke his collarbone, Sara rode to New Hamburg, where he took the train home.

Gov. Frank Black signed a bill introduced in the state Assembly by Emerson Addis, who represented Putnam County, that banned the scalping of railroad or steamboat tickets.

The Haldane Debating Club posed the

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questions, "Resolved, that railroads should give cyclists special rates" and "Resolved, that every voter under the age of 30 years should be able to read and write."

The Recorder noted that hardly a night went by that the steamer Adirondack was not saluted by fireworks and shouts from shore as it traveled up the river. The captain would respond from the "magnificent Roman palace" with a whistle and the flashing of its 24-inch search light against the banks.

Between Nov. 6 and May 10, the gardener at Mountain View, the summer home of John Frank, sent 3,660 eggs laid by 100 hens to the family in New York City.

The Recorder reported that nearly all the farmers in North Highlands had finished planting, and that Alson Mosher already had corn up.

Richard Austin of Garrison suffered a serious laceration on his cheek when he was bitten by a horse.

Brig. Gen. Louis Fitzgerald, who lived at Eagle's Nest on the Garrison road, announced his retirement as commander of the First Brigade of the National Guard. He had been in the service for 40 years.



Brig. Gen. Louis Fitzgerald in 1898

Robert Barrett of North Highlands reported he had sawed nearly 1,300 feet of plank from a single yellow oak.

The Cold Spring Village Board instructed the street commissioner to remind Main Street merchants they could not use the sidewalk to store boxes and barrels.

The Recorder shared this quip: "A Joplin, Missouri, paper states that a woman preacher at that place stopped in the middle of a discourse and, picking up a Bible, said she was going to throw it at a man who was unfaithful to his wife. Thirty-seven men immediately ducked."

100 Years Ago (May 1922)

At a gathering of 2,500 Sunday School students from 150 Episcopal churches at the Cathedral of St. John in the Divine in New York City, a delegation from St. Mary's in Cold Spring was honored for achieving the highest percentage increase over its 1921 offering, at 280 percent.

Edward Bullock of Cold Spring filed for federal bankruptcy protection, saying he was \$291,163 in debt [about \$5 million today]. Bullock had been president of the Katzenbach & Bullock Co., a New Jersey company that made chemicals and dyestuffs for the military. His attorney said the firm went bust with the signing of the armistice, and that Bullock was working as a clerk.

75 Years Ago (May 1947)

Harry Cox of Cold Spring was elected commander of the Putnam County Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A post office opened in Putnam Valley and Garrett Cochrane, a World War II veteran, was appointed postmaster. Putnam Valley had a post office around the turn of the century but the mail had since



An 1895 advertisement for the steamship Adirondack

been delivered from Peekskill.

Thomas Healey, 80, was found dead in the "tramp room" at the county jail, where he had sought lodging.

50 Years Ago (May 1972)

About 100 people filled the Municipal Building in Nelsonville to hear the Village Board discuss a proposed zoning ordinance.

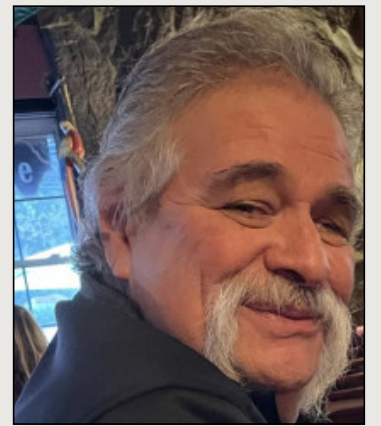
Robert Roda, who had been principal at Haldane for 14 years, said he planned to retire. He earlier had been principal at the Garrison School for 12 years.

The Zeta Eta Sorority named Dorothea Pinkel as its inaugural Lady of the Year for Philipstown. A retired kindergarten

teacher, Pinkel was a member of the Highland Garden Club, Putnam County Historical Society, Constitution Island Association, Philipstown O.E.S., Philipstown Chorale, Haldane PTA and Community Bible School, and helped with the British War Relief and World War II Rationing Board. She also assisted with cancer research and Red Cross drives, gave blood, and served on the Girl Scout Committee. In addition, she was the first woman to serve on the vestry at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, where she had been a member of the Altar Guild for 47 years and taught Sunday school for 34 years.

Wayne Stellefson set a Haldane record in

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Phil Padilla (1951-2022)

Philip R. Padilla of Cortlandt Manor, New York passed away peacefully on May 6, 2022 at the age of 70. His beloved family was by his side. Phil was born on June 19, 1951 at New York Hospital in Manhattan. He was an alum of Highland Falls High School, Class of '69. He was predeceased by his parents, Rudolph and Connie Padilla and a brother, Roland Rudolph. Phil owned and operated Concepts by Bil-Tech Construction and was a creative master craftsman who specialized in unique home remodeling. He was the beloved husband of Rosie (Figuerola) for 52 years. Phil and Rosie met in '67, marrying on November 15, 1969. He is survived by his son Brion (Butch) Padilla (Fiancé Erika Egger), and Barbara English the mother of his beloved, grandchildren Meghan and Bryen Padilla. Phil's legacy and love lives on in his great-granddaughter, Payton Ann Padilla, whom he cherished. Also surviving are his sister Christina Gilsenan (John), brothers, James (Christina), Roland Timothy (Loretto), and William (Karen). Phil had many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and many many friends who loved him dearly. Phil's dog Russell will miss him. Phil was a great man who lived life at its fullest, he had an impact on all that met him and will be missed by everyone. A memorial celebration will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 12-3 PM at the O'Mara & Carpentieri Funeral Home.

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New Residential Food Scrap Recycling Pilot for 2022

The Town of Philipstown has created a residential Food-Scrap Recycling Drop-off Facility at the Town's Recycling Center located on 59 Lane Gate, Cold Spring, NY 10516. This will be an (8) eight-month pilot program which will begin on May 16, 2022 and continue until December 31, 2022. Major funding for this project is from NYSERDA Clean Energy Community Grants that have been secured by the Philipstown Climate Smart Task Force. We are proud to be the first municipality in Putnam County to offer such a service and to once again lead the way to a cleaner environment for our residents by reducing landfill waste and greenhouse gas emissions.

This is a pilot program that will be available to residents of the Town of Philipstown. Registration will begin on May 16, 2022. Residents who wish to participate, are asked to register at the Town of Philipstown's Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Participants will be asked to purchase a Start-up Kit for \$20.00 (checks only please). Registration will continue until all kits have been purchased. Each kit includes (1) Countertop Collection Pail, (1) Storage and Transportation Bin, and a Roll of (25) Compostable Bags. The use of this kit will allow the Town to measure this program's environmental impact and thus the success of the pilot. Our first Food Scrap Drop-off will be on May 28, 2022, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the Town's Recycling Center, and again every Saturday through the end of the year. More information about this program is available on the town website: www.philipstown.com.

Unlike backyard food composting, ALL food scraps will be accepted. This includes, but is not limited to: meat, fish, bones, fruits, vegetables, dairy, bread, rice, pasta, raw and cooked food, as well as cut flowers, napkins, soiled paper towels and waxed paper. The collected food scraps will be recycled into compost and thereby help residents to conscientiously incorporate nutrient-rich food waste back into the food chain rather than treating it like garbage. At a future date, the Town hopes to return composted food scraps to residents on a Compost Give Back Day.

Please note - There are a limited number of starter kits. Registration opens on May 16 @ 9:00 AM at Town Hall. Kits will be available for pick up on Saturday, May 21.

More information regarding this pilot is available on the town website:

climatesmartphilipstown.org or foodscraprecycling@philipstown.com

Looking Back *(from Page 21)*

the discus with a throw of 143 feet and 10 inches. He had set the previous mark the week before.

St. Basil's Academy in Garrison held a memorial service for George Spyropoulos, who left \$500,000 to the school to build a children's center.

During a parade competition organized by the Highland Falls Fire Department, the North Highlands Engine Co. took top honors for overall unit, dress-uniform unit and ladies' auxiliary.

Voters approved a 4.4 percent increase in spending at the Garrison School, 206-62.

A federal census of housing units in Putnam County found that 71 percent had televisions, 60 percent had washing machines, 23 percent had dishwashers and 20 percent had air conditioning (although only 1 percent had central air).

Incumbent Willis Stephens easily won the Republican primary for his U.S. House seat over Putnam County Clerk William Rich.

25 Years Ago (May 1997)

After Garrison school district voters, in a record turnout, rejected a proposed \$4.49 million budget, 318-290, the school board voted to hold another vote with no changes. In another record turnout, the budget again was defeated, 389-290.

A member of a paving crew working at the Maple Lawn Garden Center on Route 9 in Garrison was seriously injured when he was run over by the small bucket loader. His supervisor, who was driving, said he yelled for the teenager to get out of the way but he must not have heard.

Mario Buatta, who billed himself as the "Prince of Chintz," spoke at a Putnam County Historical Society gala about a style

he called "the undecorated look" that mixed contemporary and antique furnishings.

David Barnhart, a Garrison resident whose work as a lexicographer included *The Barnhart Dictionary Companion*, the *Dictionary of Bahamian English* and the *Dictionary of Gambling and Gaming*, spoke at the Desmond-Fish Library.

Malachy Cleary, speaking for members of a standing-room-only crowd, asked the Cold Spring Village Board to address rumors that the Tiny Tots play equipment at McConville Park on High Street would be moved to Mayor's Park. Mayor Anthony Phillips said the move was being considered because of two large dead trees, a lack of insurance and complaints from neighbors about noise and congestion. The group asked for permission to post a laminated sign asking that children not be allowed to relieve themselves on the trees and shrubs.

Joann Sherman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Flaherty of Cold Spring, won Emmy Awards for technical ability and graphic design for NBC's coverage of the 1996 Olympic Games. She had received her first Emmy two years earlier for outstanding individual achievement in news and documentaries.

A Garrison woman who said her accelerator had stuck plowed her vehicle through the front windows of the Butterfield Pharmacy.

The chair of the Putnam Legislature's Rules & Enactment Committee suggested that County Executive Robert Bondi had committed an ethics violation when his photo appeared in an advertisement in a publication distributed by the New York State Association of Counties endorsing a company that sold software to Putnam County. Bondi said he had not been paid to appear in the ad, in which he said he was happy with the firm's service.

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CROSS CURRENT

ACROSS

1. Went out with

6. Chinese martial art

12. Moolah

13. Skillful

14. Sheathe

15. Mountain chain

16. Stadium cheers

17. Quaker pronoun

19. Profit

20. Canadian gas brand

22. City area, for short

24. Gun lobby org.

27. Male turkeys

29. Show ennui

32. Pale, sweet fruit

35. Riga resident

36. "I smell —!"

37. Despondent

38. Hem's partner

40. Jealousy

42. Prefix with athlete

44. Early automaker

46. Burden

50. Aplenty

52. Strange thing

54. "Can you give me directions?"

55. Family girls

56. Goes angling

57. Tennessee county

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2. Eyebrow shape

3. Rib

4. German river

5. Fresca, e.g.

6. Hit with a stun gun

7. Farewell

8. Hot temper

9. Like *Green Acres* humor

10. Employ

11. "Let's leave — that"

12. German article

18. Hit one out of the park

21. Farm pen

23. Reuben bread

24. Stanley Cup org.

25. Caviar base

26. Mounds built by insects

28. Final performance

30. Romance

31. SSE's opposite

33. JFK info

34. VJ's network

39. Not as good

41. Alpine air?

42. Pre-weekend cry

43. Malek of *Bohemian Rhapsody*

45. Reply to 'Shall we?'

47. Pleasing

48. Western tribe

49. Method (Abbr.)

51. Reaction to fireworks

53. Cato's 502

DOWN

1. Lady of Spain

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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 ancient Greek mathematician (10)

2 surrenders a game (8)

3 firmly rooted (10)

4 patch things up (7)

5 marine people movers (7)

6 resident of Texas' capital (9)

7 pull a fast one on (7)

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VARSITY ROUNDUP

By Skip Pearlman

BASEBALL

Haldane dropped a pair of 11-1 decisions — losing Tuesday (May 10) at Pawling and Wednesday at home against Putnam Valley — to close out its regular season.

The Blue Devils (4-12) are expecting to open the Section I, Class C tournament on Monday (May 16) with a best-of-three series at either Tuckahoe or Leffell.

At Pawling, Jake Hotaling took the loss on the mound. John Kisslinger had an RBI, and Jeremy Hall went 2-for-3 with a double and a run. Dan Nakabayashi and Hunter Erickson each had hits.

Against Putnam Valley, Julian Ambrose went two innings on the mound before being relieved by Nakabayashi. At the plate, Hotaling had an RBI double for Haldane, which fell into an 8-0 hole in the first inning.

“Our goal all season has been to cut down on [giving up] walks, and we threw strikes and accomplished that, but Putnam Valley was hitting well,” said Coach Simon Dudar.

Junior outfielder Matt Junjulus, the team captain, conceded that while Haldane’s record “is a little rough,” the team has improved over last season. “We’re putting the ball in play, and our defense has been looking good, and so has our pitching,” he said. “We’ve had some good games against good teams. We’d like to pull an upset, win those two games and keep going.”

Beacon won its fourth straight game on Wednesday, over Washingtonville, 10-2, behind reliever Mikey Fontaine, who struck out seven batters in 6.1 innings.

Fontaine, Joey Vollaro, Liam Murphy, Derrick Heaton, Jackson Atwell and Jack Antalek each had an RBI for the Bulldogs (8-6).

On Monday at Valley Central, Atwell singled in Heaton in the eighth inning for an 11-10 victory.

Heaton earned the victory on the mound with 4.1 innings of relief, striking out a batter with the tying run on base. The offense was led by Vollaro, who went 3-for-4 with a pair of RBI; Chase Green was 2-for-5; Tyler Haydt went 3-for-5 with three RBI; Murphy was 2-for-3 with two doubles; Atwell was 3-for-4 with two RBI; and Antalek had a pinch-hit RBI double.

Beacon beat Lourdes, 7-3, on May 5 at home on Senior Night, with Owen Browne pitching a complete game, scattering six hits and striking out two in a 7-3 victory. Vollaro drove in two runs; Green had a two-run double; Haydt was 2-for-4 with two RBI; and Owen Bozsik had an RBI triple.



Jeremy Hall hangs on while sliding into third against Putnam Valley.

Photo by S. Pearlman

TRACK & FIELD

Beacon traveled to the Race at the Oval Office at Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park on Saturday (May 7), with Damani DeLoatch winning both the varsity triple jump and the freshman/sophomore long jump.

Evan LaBelle was first in the 400 meters in 52.42, and the 1,600 sprint medley team of LaBelle, Sal Migliore, Edward Menante and Lucas Vermeulen won in 3:50.93. Cody Shields was second in the long jump at 18-8.

The Bulldogs were scheduled to compete in the Loucks Games in White Plains on Thursday (May 12) before hosting Monticello on Wednesday (May 18), followed by the regional championships.

SOFTBALL

Beacon dropped a 5-3 decision Tuesday at Washingtonville, with Olivia Ciancanelli taking the loss in the circle. Lianna Rinaldi went 3-for-3 with a double and an RBI; Olivia Spiak was 2-for-2; and Mikayla Sheehan was 2-for-3.

“We had a decent defensive effort, and good pitching by Ciancanelli,” said Coach Michael Carofano. “But we struggled to string hits together, and we left too many runners on base.”

Beacon fell 7-2 to Newburgh Free Academy on May 5, with Ciancanelli taking the decision. Bella White pitched in relief. Haleigh Zukowski went 2-for-3 with an RBI for Beacon (4-11). “After the second inning we played great defense, backing up Bella in the circle, which kept us in the game,” Carofano said.

BOYS’ LACROSSE

Haldane picked up a 14-10 victory over Lourdes in Poughkeepsie on Wednesday (May 11) to close its regular season. Evan Giachinta and Liam Gaugler each had four goals and four assists; Rowen Kuzminski and Frankie DiGiglio each had two goals; and Jesse Hagan and Ryan Van Tassel each



Where’s the ball?

Photo by Amy Kubik



Mairead O’Hara battles a Putnam Valley player for possession.

Photo by Amy Kubik

had one. Jordon Hankel had 12 saves in goal.

On Monday at Putnam Valley, the Blue Devils fell, 13-9, with Giachinta scoring a hat-trick. Will Sniffen, Brody Corless and Rhys Robbins each had a goal, and Hankel stopped 15 shots.

Haldane lost at Chenango Forks, 19-7, on May 7, with Giachinta and DiGiglio each scoring twice. Haldane also lost, 14-2, at Arlington on May 5.

“We played some tough competition to close out the season,” said Coach Ed Crowe. “Chenango is No. 3 [in the state] in Class B, and Putnam Valley had eight wins to close out its season. Lourdes also battled well, but I wouldn’t do it any differently.”

Haldane is expected to open the Section I, Class D playoffs on Tuesday (May 17) on the road.

GIRLS’ LACROSSE

Croton topped Haldane at home on May

5, 13-4, with Mairead O’Hara and Amanda Johanson each scoring twice. Helen Nicholls and Caroline Nelson each recorded an assist, and Lola Mahoney had 11 saves, including her 100th of the season.

On Saturday (May 7) at Briarcliff, Haldane took a 14-6 loss, with O’Hara leading the team with four goals. Nelson and Kayla Ruggiero each had a goal, and Mahoney had 12 saves.

Haldane lost to Arlington, 18-8, on Monday, with O’Hara and Johanson each notching a hat-trick. O’Hara also had three assists, and Nelson and Ruggiero each had a goal. Ellen O’Hara had an assist, and Mahoney had 11 saves.

Beacon came up with a 12-10 win Monday over Roosevelt, with Kailey Mesorana and Anaya Camacho each scoring a hat-trick, and Gabby Kuka and Bethany Rudolph each adding two goals. Alex Faiella and Olivia Del Castillo scored one apiece for the Bulldogs, and Josalyn Pagan had eight saves in net.

Beacon dropped an 11-7 decision on Wednesday to Highland, with Camacho notching a hat-trick. Rudolph, Mesorana, Del Castillo and Kuka each had a goal.

TENNIS

The Beacon boys have won three of their last four matches, topping Minisink (7-0), Valley Central (5-2) and Goshen (4-3). The team fell 6-1 to undefeated Cornwall.

Beacon is led by singles players Alex Wyant, Matt Sandison, Beckett Anderson and Danny Barry, and the doubles teams of Brock Barna/Scott Bunker, Charlie Klein/Frank Zezza and Jamison Sheehy/Imroz Ali.

“Our young players are starting to emerge,” said Coach David Ryley. “It’s great to see them coming together and playing their best tennis at the end of the season.”