Couple Charged in Beacon Disappearance

Steven Kraft last seen on West Church Street
By Leonard Sparks

A Marlboro man who disappeared in April 2020 after dropping off his daughters on West Church Street in Beacon was the victim of a plot by his ex-wife and her current husband, federal prosecutors alleged on June 16.

Jamie Orsini, 36, and Nicholas Orsini, 35, are accused of conspiring to kill Steven Kraft, 34, on April 28, 2020, dumping his Toyota Camry in the City of Newburgh and buying supplies that could be used to dismember and burn a body, said the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York.

The Orsinis, who live in Amsterdam, New York, near Albany, were arrested there at 6 a.m. on June 15 and each charged with one count of carjacking resulting in death, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison or death, and one count of conspiracy, which carries a maximum sentence of five years. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Thursday (June 29).

An affidavit signed by a state police investigator said the probe relied on GPS and cellphone data and surveillance video from public and private cameras, which captured the couple buying a tarp, duct tape and a Tyvek suit and boots at the Home Depot on Route 9 in Fishkill shortly before Kraft disappeared on April 8, and an ax, grinder and firewood soon afterward. Prosecutors allege the couple began plotting Kraft’s murder at least two days before.

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Legislature Votes to Ban Indian Point Discharge
Local official also says storage tanks out of question
By Brian PJ Cronin

Holtec International, the company decommissioning the Indian Point nuclear power plant, plans to discharge 310,000 gallons of radioactive wastewater into the Hudson River starting in September and 1.3 million gallons total over two years.

But this week those plans began to look murky, because New York State is on the verge of outlawing the discharges. In addition, the mayor of Buchanan said the village would not allow the wastewater to be stored in tanks on-site for years while its tritium decays.

Further complicating the matter: Workers at the plant, who comprised most of the audience at the most recent meeting of the Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board on June 15, say they were told to expect layoffs if the discharges were banned.

Indian Point workers also protested outside the Ossining office of Assembly Member Dana Levenberg, a Democrat whose district includes Buchanan and Philipstown and who sponsored the bill that, if signed by the governor, would ban the release.

The bill, which was sponsored in the state Senate by Pete Harckham, a Democrat whose district includes Peekskill and

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Tati Matkin, 21, a 2020 Haldane graduate who grew up in Garrison, is a model based in New York City.

What inspired you to pursue modeling?
My family goes way back with modeling. My great-grandpa was a well-known photographer and great-grandma was a model. My grandparents were models, and then my mom, as well. Growing up, I thought modeling was stupid and I never felt comfortable in front of the camera. As high school was ending, I knew I didn’t want to go to college, so what inspired me, I have to say, is making some frickin’ money! I have this little body and this face. I applied to every [modeling] agency I knew, because no one was going to scout me. I only had like 900 followers [on Instagram]. The only way I’ve been able to do it is to have a healthy mindset, because it’s an industry where you can get lost in the sauce.

What have you learned about the industry?
You have to be ready for whatever comes. You get options that are unbelievable, huge amounts of money. Then they say, “Never mind.” You have to be OK with the uncertainty. But my agents at Unite Unite, which was my mother’s agency, are so on it. Being able to slowly get financially independent is amazing, and also to be able to work with these crazy clients and have fun on set. But they’re hiring you for your appearance, not your personality. It’s like being a little chameleon or an actor because you put on new faces, new outfits. You’re not going to be super-validated [as an individual]. I’m a transgender-masculine guy but I’m booked as “the androgynous girl.” I know [going in] how I’m going to be perceived.

Any highlights so far?
I was hired in October for a Marc Jacobs campaign. They flew me to London, where I worked with the hairstylist Duffy; Alistair McKimm, who is editor of ID Magazine; and photographer David Sims — a dream team.

Who has inspired you?
The first person that comes to mind is a model known as Uglyworldwide. They have the coolest style. I want to get more into styling. I also think trans people opened my eyes — seeing them existing and not being apologetic, doing their thing. If you’re happy and you can live, who cares?

What’s next?
I’ve been in a creative rut; sometimes it feels too much. But my agents aren’t just blasting me into every job that I can get, because if you do that, people get tired of seeing you. It is a short-lived career. I would like to save enough to pay for college, to learn about psychology, sociology, gender studies and sexuality. I want to work with children, LGBTQ+ children, people with addiction. I’m glad that life went the way it did. I’ve learned so much. I’m just a grateful little guy who’s been through it and is finally able to manage my life in a healthy way, you know?
Beacon Man Charged with Larceny
Allegedly stole $189K from Philipstown business

The Putnam County Sheriff's Department said on Tuesday (June 20) that deputies had arrested a Beacon man suspected of stealing $189,000 from his employer over the past year. Walter Alex Munoz, 46, was charged with grand larceny, computer tampering and falsifying business records, all felonies, the sheriff said in a news release. The business, located in Philipstown, was not named.

The employer notified the sheriff on June 1 that he had discovered a large number of purchase orders had been refunded to credit card accounts. Munoz was arraigned June 12 in Philipstown Town Court. After surrendering his passport, he was released until his next court date.

Chamber Presents Annual Awards
Cold Spring business group also gives three scholarships

The Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce presented its annual awards on June 13 as part of the Outstanding Philipstown Business Award.

Among merchants, Angie's Bake Shop & Cafe received the Pretty Good Award; the Cold Spring Film Society was named a community treasure; Fred Astaire Dance Studio received the East-West Connector Award. The Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne appointed Tax Chief Putnam Historian Presents Awards

The Putnam County Historian presented seven awards on June 11 as part of Putnam County Day, including to Doug's Pretty Good Pub and Philipstown Depot Theatre. The Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne presented with the Philipstown Depot Theatre was recognized for excellence in the arts; and the Brewster Chamber of Commerce was presented with the East-West Connector Award.

Putnam Executive Appoints Tax Chief
Will succeed retiring director

Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne on June 12 appointed Trish McLoughlin as director of real property tax services. She succeeds Lisa Johnson, who retired after 20 years with the county.

McLoughlin has more than 30 years of appraisal and assessment experience, the county said in a news release. The selection committee for the position included Legislator Paul Jonke, Deputy County Executive Jim Burpoe and Director of Personnel Paul Eldridge. McLoughlin's appointment must be approved by the Legislature.

Putnam Historian Presents Awards
Groups honored for Putnam County Day

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The historian also honored students from Brewster High School who organized a symposium on influential Hudson Valley women; the county jail for a program in which inmates restore historic markers; Town of Kent historian Jacqueline Rodriguez-Strickland; Vassar professor April Beisw, author of Making Our Water for the City; Kara Mattsen for her programming at the Putnam History Museum in Cold Spring; and the Patterson Historical Society.

Beacon Prison Rides Needs Volunteers
Organization helps families visiting incarcerated loved ones

Beacon Prison Rides, an organization that has provided more than 2,000 free rides from the Beacon train station for family members visiting loved ones in area prisons, needs volunteers.

Volunteers use their own cars to pick up riders at the Metro-North station and take them to one of several local prisons (or do the reverse trip). Drivers choose when and how often to volunteer, based on their schedules. Text 845-288-1865 or email beaconprisonrides@gmail.com to learn more. New volunteers will be paired with experienced drivers while training.

Zuckerman Reappointed to MTA Board
Garrison resident chairs finance committee

Neal Zuckerman, who represents Putnam County on the board of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, was confirmed by the state Senate on June 10 to serve a new term.

Zuckerman, who chairs the finance committee, was recommended by Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne.

Racist Graffiti Found at Haldane
Administrators notify police

Haldane school district officials said on June 15 that racist graffiti had been discovered in the second-floor boys’ bath-

room of the high school.

“We are investigating the vandalism and have reported it to law enforcement,” Principal Julia Sniffen and Superintendent Philip Benante wrote in an email to parents.

“This matter underscores the need to ensure that we are engaging our students in an age-appropriate manner about the power of our words and our response when confronted with hate speech,” they said. “We ask you to discuss this with your child. If you have any information that can help us identify the individual(s) who may be involved, please contact either of our offices.”

One Primary in Highlands
Working Families contest on ballot

There is only one primary vote scheduled in the Highlands on Tuesday (June 27), for the Working Families line for Dutchess County Family Court judge.

The candidates are incumbent Joseph Eggitto and James Rogers, a former state deputy district attorney who is also the Democratic nominee. The winner will appear on the Working Families line on the November ballot.

Forty-four Beacon residents are registered with the Working Families party, according to the most recent data posted by the county Board of Elections. They can vote at the Memorial Building at 413 Main St. or in early voting through June 25 at Wappinger Town Hall.

Teresa Lagerman of the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce with Doug Price of Doug’s Pretty Good Pub

Photo by Anita Prentice

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**LETTERS AND COMMENTS**

**Phil Mackintosh, Cold Spring**

I don’t know anyone who enjoys the dangerous walk alongside Fair Street traffic to get to our trails. Most of us aren’t physically able to take a three-hour mountain climb. With the plans being discussed, no one will have to.

By saying “no” to improvements in infrastructure, Cold Spring residents are missing out. If you go to Beacon, Peekskill, Hopewell Junction and many other towns, you will see dedicated walking trails that provide a safe place for parents to walk with young kids and for kids to learn to ride bikes; a flat and quiet trail for grandparents to walk and talk with families; and places for runners to exercise and for neighbors and families to enjoy the beautiful parts of their towns in peace and safety.

I, for one, can’t wait. It’s about time Cold Spring got the investments that allow all of us to safely enjoy our amazing and picturesque outdoor spaces.

David Limburg, Cold Spring

**Donald Arrant, who lives in Beacon,**

In the June 16 issue, Lynn Miller wrote: “If we choose to assume goodwill and imagine the possibilities, these innovations will benefit our local community just as much as those who come to share the beauty that surrounds us.”

Goodwill and imagination are important but only go so far in planning. The best intentions of donors and Scenic Hudson’s tradition of environmental stewardship do not guarantee a successful outcome. The Fjord Trail is not Canopus Lake and Dockside is not a sandy beach in the woods.

There is no evidence that comprehensive traffic, visitation or environmental impact studies that evaluate and mitigate the potentially negative impacts on the village have been conducted or incorporated in the heartfelt and graphically sophisticated HHFT master plan. For example, estimates of visitation by HHFT and its consultants have varied widely.

That HHFT will fund a visitation data committee that includes community representatives is promising news but begs another question: What happens if the models expose significant negative impacts? Will HHFT be committed to undertaking a significant redesign?

David May, Cold Spring

### Fjord Trail

A true downsizing of the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail would be to go back to the original woodland trail connecting parking areas and to do away with the Walt Disney attractions (“Fjord Trail Drops Some Elements, for Now,” June 16). Before Amy Kacala (executive director of HHFT) accuses opponents of not providing solutions, a multitude of solutions have come out of the May 8 meeting [organized by Cold Spring, Nelsonville and Philipstown officials]. These include dedicated parking areas, paid parking, permitted entry, timed entry and enforcement of all of these.

It is HHFT that refuses to budge from its mega-boardwalk plan even when confronted with its negative impacts, the least of which were “forest nets.”

As part of any environmental impact study, all mitigation methods have to be explored, and one of those methods is the no-build option for the boardwalk. If Chris Davis [who chairs the HHFT board] wants the public’s thank you, HHFT should use his sizable donation to improve the parking and, east of Route 9D, access to the trailheads, and implement the solutions provided by the community.

Michael Bowman, Nelsonville

**LETTERS AND COMMENTS**

I grew up in Cold Spring and would have appreciated having a Fjord Trail. You can’t stop people from coming to the village or from using outdoor spaces, but what can be done is planning so that we can deal with these challenges. We shouldn’t be afraid

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to embrace change, especially when that change will increase access to public parks and boost the economy.

Nick Farrell, via Facebook

The parking situation needs to get priority, especially around the Breakneck Tunnel. Someone is going to get killed. It’s a beautiful spot; you can’t stop visitors from enjoying the views.

Theo de Haas, via Facebook

I am a village resident and hike the trails along Route 9D during the week and with frequency. I am not an anomaly – lots of locals do this and see each other out there — looking at you, Hiking Bandits!

I was at the May 8 meeting. The opposition to the Fjord Trail careens from “We just want the crowds managed” to “Don’t attract more people here” to “They need to stop writing articles about Cold Spring in The New York Times” and “Businesses shouldn’t use Instagram to advertise, that just attracts more cars to the village” to the root of the matter: “It didn’t used to be like this. Living here used to be friendlier, cheaper; everyone knew everyone else, not at all fancy/snooty; so not so many cars parked on the streets.”

Many of the voices of ardent opposition have the sound of collective grief. The general social contract for living here changed simply by time moving forward. I am amazed at the intensity of more than a few people who genuinely believe Cold Spring is so precious and unique that any change is a personal affront. I can relate: I grew up going to Montauk when it was a shabby beach town.

I am looking forward to the HHFT to walk or bike to Beacon. The project is not “ceasing.” Other than listing grievances, please direct me to a local action committee that has an organized agenda to work with Putnam County and Albany to manage the traffic along 9D.

Irene Pieza, via Facebook

I am a lifelong resident of Philipstown. I grew up here and raised four children here. I understand the sentiments about mournings times gone by. I am also an employee of the HHFT. We are the entity with an organized agenda to work with the county, Albany and all entities involved, including the local communities, contrary to what some may have you believe.

Lori Moss, via Facebook

I spoke against Dunkin’ Donuts when it was proposed for Cold Spring, because I didn’t want the town overrun by franchise businesses and driving out small businesses (and also because I didn’t want my children buying junk food after school every day). Dunkin’ went through, but the village passed a resolution banning franchise businesses, so the effort of protest was successful and Cold Spring benefits from it.

There can be similar benefit from the reaction to the Fjord Trail. I am in favor of the project, although the compromise of starting it at Little Stony Point seems to me a no-brainer because I don’t want Dockside destroyed by the horde. There’s real benefit in the discussions about tourism, quality of life and planning that this issue has fostered.

I live on lower Main Street. I accept the tourists as a fact on the weekends. But encouraging more traffic by promoting Cold Spring as a terminus is a bad idea. There could be a big difference in the impact of the language of “from Cold Spring to Beacon” versus “from Little Stony Point, near Cold Spring” or “from Little Stony Point, a short walk from the Village of Cold Spring.” Take the money allotted for the river boardwalk between Dockside and Little Stony Point and instead use that to create and improve sidewalks from the village to Little Stony Point.

Bo Bell, via Facebook

I’m a village resident, too, and 63 years old. I hope to be able to ride my bike to Beacon before I’m too old.

Adam Osterfeld, via Facebook

There are pragmatic issues that need to be addressed with any project of this scale but a certain few extremist, xenophobic individuals (who claim they are not) are hijacking the conversation.

It’s quite sad, because we love this village and the wonderful people we have met since moving here full-time five years ago. I hope more people get educated and involved so we have a balanced plan that gives all people, including children and grandparents, an opportunity to spend time outdoors together, and for small businesses in town to expand and thrive.

The West Point Foundry Preserve was also met with disdain back in the day, and now it’s an essential and cherished part of life here — where else is there to go for a walk that’s not on the highway?

Matthew Hart, via Instagram

Seastreak

It’s a poor show that the Village of Cold Spring bends over to accommodate more Seastreak and West Point boats for a nominal bit of coin, selling out local concerns (“Seastreak Asks for More Cold Spring Cruises,” June 16).

The barges don’t just come and go — they malinger and occupy the berth as their queues clog the streets and riverfront for several hours each day, robbing the view and further blighting the area with tourists. Adding insult to injury, the noise-code-violating mustur horn will continue to rouse the dead. As this egregious infestation of tourist boats reaches critical mass, I fear we will need to rename Dockside to Port Cold Spring.

Derek Graham, Cold Spring

Beacon progress

Beacon has had a wonderful transformation. I grew up near the Elks Club and graduated from Beacon High School in 1984. While Beacon had “character” then, it was in dire need of help and the past four mayors delivered it, along with the new Beacon High School, which all of my children attended (“Beacon: Then, Now and How,” June 16).

Beacon’s success has not only helped Beacon but also the surrounding area, including the Town of Fishkill, driving southwest Dutchess into being a premier area to live in the entire U.S. Wonderful story, wonderful mayors, wonderful Beacon.

Ozzy Albar, Fishkill

Albar is the Town of Fishkill supervisor.

Correction

In the June 16 issue, we reported that Beahive Beacon had taken over the storefronts formerly occupied by Roma Nova, Batt’s Florist and the Beacon Barber Shop. In fact, it only took over the former site of Roma Nova and two offices.

The Philipstown Trail Committee is also getting little support from “old Springers” who don’t want anyone coming here. And that’s a plan for a simple path from Cold Spring to Garrison.

It’s been five years and little has progressed with that project. Where are the same people who say, “We support a smaller trail”? I am getting sick of the bullies ruining opportunities for the rest of us.

Thomas O’Quinn, via Facebook

The idea of the Fjord Trail is infuriating — it does not serve locals in the slightest. It caters to visitors and further imposes on the natural environment. Ever since the pandemic, there has been more trash and graffiti than ever. Locals can’t enjoy the trails unless it’s the crack of dawn or just before sunset because of overcrowding and tourists with annoying Bluetooth speakers.

The Fjord Trail cannot be the only solution. The more this plan develops, the more absurd it becomes. Hammocks? Swimming docks? It’s the woods, not a country club. Stop gentrifying everything and let some things be.

Chelsea Pegues, via Instagram

I can’t wait for the Fjord Trail and am pleased to see further evidence that HHFT continues to listen to locals.

Matthew Hart, via Instagram

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Disappearance (From Page 1)

He disappeared. Security footage and a store receipt showed that Jamie Orsini bought, with cash, items that included a 10-foot-by-100-foot tarp and the duct tape and ‘Tyvek suit and boots, according to the complaint. Video from the parking lot captured Nicholas Orsini helping Jamie Orsini load the supplies into the couple’s GMC Envoy, said prosecutors.

That same day, according to the complaint, the pair drove to Newburgh to allegedly determine how to dispose of Kraft’s car. Data from their phones and video footage tracked the couple traveling from West Church Street over the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge to Newburgh.

The next day, according to prosecutors, Nicholas Orsini visited the Walmart on Route 9 in Fishkill and purchased a “burner phone,” which can be activated without the user having to open an account using personal information.

Prosecutors said that Kraft, a former U.S. Marine who was 34 when he disappeared, had custody of his daughters from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and every other weekend. On April 28, 2020, the day he disappeared, Kraft picked up his daughters from his ex-wife’s home in Beacon at 4 p.m., drove them to a Sonic restaurant in the Town of Newburgh and then to his apartment in Marlboro, before returning them to Beacon at 7 p.m. Police said they used location data to confirm that Jamie and Nicholas Orsini followed him to the restaurant.

The next day, Kraft failed to show up to his job at a deli in Marlboro, and on May 4, investigators found his 1999 Camry abandoned at Third Street and Carpenter Avenue in the City of Newburgh.

One of the earliest pieces of evidence was surveillance footage showing Kraft’s car crossing the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge on April 28. Nicholas Orsini is now accused of being the driver. He allegedly parked the car, walked a mile to a Sunoco station on Route 9W, discarded one of Kraft’s phones along the way (another was left in the car) and used the burner phone to call a taxi to take him back to Beacon.

In the days following Kraft’s disappearance, the Orsini’s traveled extensively between Beacon and Amsterdam, New York, where Nicholas Orsini’s family owns farmland, prosecutors said, before eventually moving there. Nicholas Orsini drove to Amsterdam the day after Kraft disappeared, according to court documents, stopping at the Walmart in the Town of Newburgh to buy a new burner phone.

That same day, Jamie Orsini sent a text to Kraft’s phone, asking about their children’s report cards “to create the impression that she did not know he was dead,” according to police and prosecutors.

Over the next few days, Nicholas Orsini searched Google using the term “is galvanized steel fireproof” and the couple rented space at a storage facility in Middletown, according to court documents.

Nicholas Orsini also bought from the Home Depot in Fishkill two 31-gallon galvanized steel trash cans, an angle grinder and ax, three bottles of charcoal lighter fluid, a flame lighter and 16 bundles of firewood, prosecutors said.

“The two murder suspects individually allegedly deliberately took the life of another person and will now be held accountable for their actions,” said Steven Negrelli, acting superintendent for the state police.

Dean Kraft, Steven’s father, who lives in Illinois, told the Poughkeepsie Journal that he was “flabbergasted by the arrests.” “I couldn’t believe two people could have that much hate for another person,” he said.

Kraft said that, since his son disappeared, the Orsins had not responded to his phone calls or letters when he reached out to his grandchildren, Sesame, 15, and Sidney, 13. He told the Journal he wanted his grandchildren to know “I’ve never forgotten them, and I’ll always love them.”

He added: “It’s long overdue, but I believe justice will prevail. I want justice for Steven.”

He was charged with third-degree arson, two counts of first-degree reckless endangerment and two counts of second-degree criminal mischief, all felonies.

Leaf blowers

The Beacon City Council has dropped its consideration of leaf blower regulations in favor of a public education campaign.

The council earlier this year discussed restricting leaf blowers but was unable to reach consensus on whether or how to proceed. During a workshop on June 5, Council Member Dan Aymar-Blair, who introduced the idea last year, said that while he “strongly believes that leaf blowers are a public-health risk,” he was willing to approach the topic in a different way after hearing feedback “from my colleagues, my constituents and local businesses.”

Aymar-Blair said he believes “the clock is ticking on laws” and advocated an educational campaign to introduce “contemporary ways of gardening that are more in keeping with the natural world,” such as planting pollinator pathways or composting fallen leaves.

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eastern Putnam County and who chairs the Committee on Environmental Conservation, would “make it unlawful to discharge any radiological substance into the Hudson River in connection with the decommissioning of a nuclear power plant.”

An earlier version of the legislation would have banned radiological discharges into any waters of the state, but that would have had serious effects on the operation of the state’s three remaining nuclear power plants on the shores of Lake Ontario.

The revised bill limiting the ban to the Hudson River passed the Senate unanimously on June 9 with “yes” votes from Harckham and Rob Rocklin, a Republican whose district includes the Highlands, and in the Assembly, 101-44, on June 20 with support from Levenberg and Jonathan Jacobson, a Democrat whose district includes Beacon.

The radioactivity of the discharges would be far below the legal limits and are no different from the hundreds of routine releases that took place over the last several decades at Indian Point, according to federal regulators. The Decommissioning Oversight Board said on June 15 that Holtec had agreed to allow the state Department of Environmental Conservation to conduct its own sampling of any discharge and also oversee Holtec’s testing.

Those assurances have failed to mollify many residents, local lawmakers or environmental groups. They argue that even if the effects of the discharge are negligible, the perception of a “radioactive river” could harm the local economy and property values.

“We cannot underestimate the impact of the public perception of a severely polluted Hudson River,” said Tracy Brown, president of Riverkeeper. “Together we have made great strides in cleaning up the Hudson. We cannot let outmoded ‘business-as-usual’ polluting practices undercut that work.”

If the water cannot be released into the Hudson, the leading alternative would involve storing it on-site during the decommissioning, which is expected to take another 12 to 15 years. Tritium has a half-life of 12.5 years, meaning that in 12.5 years the water would be half as radioactive.

In a presentation on June 15, David Lochbaum, a retired nuclear engineer and former director of nuclear safety at the Union of Concerned Scientists, who is a member of the Decommissioning Oversight Board, outlined the risks of on-site storage, specifically the tanks’ tendency to leak.

Of the 305 tanks that store water at the Fukushima Daiichi plant in Japan, an alternative at Indian Point to a river discharge.

Storing radioactive water in tanks, like these used at the Fukushima Daiichi plant in Japan, is an alternative at Indian Point to a river discharge. Tokyo Electric Power Co.

dangerous than an intentional discharge, Lochbaum said. The discharge planned for September, for example, would take several months, with only a portion released at a time after being further diluted. By contrast, a leak would, in Lochbaum’s estimate, be 267 to 534 times more potent.

“If the goal is to reduce the radiation dose to as low as achievable, that would not be the best way to do it unless you’re very, very lucky and none of the tanks ever leak, evaporate or spill,” Lochbaum said. “I can survive a bee sting. I don’t know if I could survive 267 to 534 bee stings in a short period of time.”

After Lochbaum’s presentation, Theresa Knickerbocker, who has served as mayor of Buchanan since 2014, said the village “will not ever issue a permit for any tanks. So, as of tonight, you can take that off the checklist.”

At the meeting, Levenberg, who also sits on the oversight board, asked Rich Burroni, a Holtec representative, about a letter that she said Holtec had sent to local unions stating the company would cut 100 jobs at Indian Point if it couldn’t discharge into the river. Burroni said he wasn’t familiar with the letter but confirmed that cuts would be likely.

If Holtec can’t discharge the water, “we will have to totally change our approach to decommissioning,” he said, noting that the plant employs 690 workers, 400 of whom are union members.

In a statement released the next day, Levenberg accused Holtec of attempting “to enlist labor in an effort to stifle public discussion of our options.”

“I heard repeatedly that there is plenty of work to be done at various points during the decommissioning process,” she said. “If this is the case, why are workers being told that their jobs are at stake” if the ban goes into effect?

The Decommissioning Oversight Board will host a public forum on July 11 with a panel of state and federal technical experts. To register, see bit.ly/dob-july-11.

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The Highlands Current
Public Comment Closes on Cold Spring Zoning

Village faces June 30 deadline to finish update

By Michael Turton

After nearly two months of discussion, the Cold Spring Village Board closed public comment on Wednesday (June 21) on updating chapters of the village code dealing with noise, signs and zoning. Written comments closed at noon the next day.

The Village Board and its attorney and planning consultant will meet at 4 p.m. on Monday (June 26) to review final public comments, working toward completion of the update by Friday, the deadline set by the New York State Energy Research and Development Agency, which funded the project.

Chapter 134 (Zoning) dominated the discussion during Wednesday's protracted hearing, which grew contentious at times, especially regarding a proposed change to the 12-acre former Marathon Battery site on Kemble Avenue from industrial to planned mixed use.

Michael Reisman, who lives on Rock Street, alleged that "the board and the mayor, in particular, have been subject to influence by the Marathon site owner Sean Kearney, with whom the mayor has had a prior business relationship."

The issue of Mayor Kathleen Foley’s business relationship with Kearney had been raised earlier in the hearing and is addressed on the village website. It states that Foley has "a casual, friendly relationship with the owner of the Marathon site," and notes that such relationships are common in a small village.

It also states that in 2018, before being elected to the Village Board, Foley collaborated with the Kearney Group in an unsuccessful response to a request for proposals by the City of Hudson.

In an email on Thursday (June 22), Foley described her interactions with Kearney as "entirely appropriate between a mayor and a property owner in the process of zone change considerations," adding that Kearney "did not participate in drafting the code, nor did he supply feedback on the draft."

When Reisman commented on Wednesday that Kearney had contributed in 2021 to Foley's campaign for mayor, she interrupted, asserting: "That is not true!"

Reisman said he would submit his concerns in writing. "You can send all the letters you want; that statement is not true," Foley countered, adding that her campaign finances are a public record.

"Show us the check; who wrote the check?" Reisman persisted. According to the New York State Board of Elections website, a $250 donation to Foley's campaign was given by Adriana Kearney, Sean Kearney's wife. Reisman said the check had originally been recorded as coming from Sean Kearney.

In her email to The Current, Foley said the check was signed by Adriana Kearney but had been incorrectly recorded. The mistake was subsequently corrected with the Board of Elections, she said.

Reisman asked the mayor to recuse herself from discussions or voting on the Marathon site zoning. He further asked that the ad hoc working group, which includes Foley and has been advising the Village Board on the zoning update, "commit to not take future work related to the development of Marathon because of their involvement in this process."

Foley didn't comment at the time but said in her email that she will not recuse herself.

The mayor described the update now nearing completion as "a level-best attempt" to update zoning introduced in 1967 and under revision since 2006.

The new zoning, she said, will not be perfect, "but at some point, the process has to close; the village has reached a state of analysis paralysis."

In other business...

- Trustee Eliza Starbuck presented data to be considered by the board in response to Seastreak's proposal for 30 cruise boat dockings at Cold Spring between August and mid-November. Last year, the village anticipated $34,320 in revenue. But after six of 26 scheduled cruises were canceled due to bad weather or inadequate bookings, only $27,984 was received. The village budgeted $27,984 in revenue for 2023, but if Seastreak's expanded schedule is approved using last year's docking fees, that would increase to $37,688. If August dockings are eliminated, revenue would total $31,152. Starbuck pointed out that if fees are increased to reflect inflation, revenues will increase accordingly.

- The board approved hiring Debra Petrosky as deputy village clerk for $27 an hour. Petrosky has worked in municipal government for more than 20 years, including as clerk for the City of Peekskill, chief court clerk for the Town of Newburgh and senior court clerk for the Village of Monroe.

- The village, along with other local municipalities, will appoint two representatives to the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail Data Committee, which will review studies completed as part of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the trail. The data committee will hire its own consultant to review the studies with a stipend provided by HHFT. Details on how residents can apply to serve on the committee will be posted on the village website.

- Burke Electric's low bid of $5,992 was accepted for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at Mayor's Park.
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BEACON HIGH SCHOOL

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Shepard Rodgers

Salutatorian

Jordan Aguilar Montano
Lina Ahmed
Jared Alston
Mato Alvarado
Andre Alzate
Gabriel Aquino
Gil Banks
Daniel Barry
Joseph Battle Jr.
Adrian Beato
George Belgrave
Angelina Berlingieri
Isabella Boswick
Isabella Bottiglieri
Delaney Brennen
Kaylee Broas
Cody Brooks
Julian Brown
Scott Bunker
Margot Burke
Ivianna Cancel-Dickens
Kevin Candia
Eric Caporale
Ariadna Carmona
Sofia Castelhano
Crystal Chen
Wilson Ciccone
Esther Clair
Logan Claudio
Sophia Clauson
Alexander Clay
Hope Cleveringa
Grace Cohn
Maryah Cuth
Parjat Das
Nicholas Dean
Anastasia DeCarlo
Madison DeLeo
Brianna DeMillo
Damon Dennis
Jason Derasmo
Jacob Dinobile
Danielle DiRubbio
Jordan Dixon-Caines
Beatrice Dowd
Jaeden Drysdale
Jhanelle Duncan
Laney Ebeling
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De Mya Elliott
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William Fahman
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Journey Fleming
A’Janae Foreman
Gabriela Foret
Lowell Freedman
Adrian Gallego
Sadot Garcia
Mahki Garrett
Gabriella Ghent
Nia Gilchrist
Darian Gillins
Esteban Gomez-Perez
Caitlyn Gonzalez
Bram Goodnow
Jenna Griseng
Lubahah Hassan
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Tyvashea Henderson
Krystal Herrera
Aedan Heting
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Emma Labodin
Gavin LaDue
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Gabriella Leiva
Audrey Lewis
Sharon Li
Sarbina Lin
Tylynn Lindsay
Aki Lloyd-Harrison
Jeremiah Long
Jordyn Long
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Daniel Rogers
Frederick Rosa
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Liam Runnitt
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Jesmarie Sanz
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(SOMERS)

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

(POUGHKEEPSIE)

Abigail Salazar

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CEDAR CREST COLLEGE (PENNSYLVANIA)
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DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Art
Isaiah Hall
Dumitruc Mahoney
Communications & Media Arts
Samuel Dennehy
Computer Information Systems
Matthew Santos
Criminal Justice
Rhema Reynolds
Early Childhood & Childhood Education
Erika De Haas
Engineering Science & Technologies
Aidan Alvarado
Ryan Rabenda
Aiden Tripaldi
Exercise Science & Wellness
James Cordero
General Studies
Kimberly Drew
Michael Morrison
Allison Varian
Ravyn Way
Jacob Welsh
Human Services
Kristine Alvarado
Sarah Betancourt
Emma Dennehy
Savannah Douglas
Liberal Arts - Humanities
Victoria Albra
Jethro Banks
John Darcy III
Ayana George
Ava Muscat
Jah’el Padilla Colon
Kayla Seegler
Liberal Arts - Science
Wesley Brooks
Medical Laboratory Technology
Joseph Matias
Nursing
Shakira Bratton
Alyia Rabadi
Priscilla Urgiles

FLAGLER COLLEGE (FLORIDA)
Rory McElDuff
(Coastal Environmental Science)

JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Michael Manzoello (Police Studies)

MERCY COLLEGE
Evan Salazar (Psychology)

MIAMI UNIVERSITY (OHIO)
Rachel Arbor
(Master’s, Teaching Biological Sciences)

MOUNT SAINT MARY COLLEGE
Gabriella Cabrera
Kathleen Finn
Cynthia Flynn
Melissa Haydt
Patrick Holloway
Courtney Horan
Kendall Reis
Margaret Treacy

SUNY NEW PALTZ
Rhiannon Parsca (Anthropology)

SUNY ONEONTA
Briana Gonzalez (Criminal Justice)

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Chase Coulson
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Celia Drury
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Megan Farrell
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Sara Ferreira
David Fisher
Olivia Flanagan
Gael Frezza
Madeleine Gardephe
Lucas Garnier
Maya Gelber
Elliott Goldberg
Jesse Hagen
Diego Haskell-Ramirez
Paula Herrera Gordillo
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Madeleine Knox
Andrew Kubik
Rowen Kuzminski
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John Marra-Willis
Jake Mason
Izak Matkin
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Nathaniel McPherson
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Photos provided
Julia Caldwell happens to notice things. She had just moved to Beacon in 2020 when, visiting Cold Spring, she noticed that 49 Main St. was for rent. A few months later, she opened Studio Tashtego, a gallery focused on ceramics, sculpture and functional artwork such as light fixtures, all with the common bond of what she calls “compositional asymmetry, imperfection and not overstuffed.”

Surrounded by fragile items, Caldwell says she grew frustrated navigating the limited square footage. The breaking point came when she reached for a vessel to hand to the customer who had just bought it and dropped and broke the piece.

Like many others, Caldwell had wondered what would go into the space at 158 Main St. that for decades had been home to C&E Paint Supply but more recently has been empty, its windows papered over. It turns out, it is Studio Tashtego, which is named for the harpooner from the Wampanoag tribe in Moby Dick. The space opened June 17 with a reception for ceramic artist R.A. Pesce’s exhibit, Brutalism vs Nature, which runs through Sept. 3.

The space is divided into a fine-art gallery and a store. “It's so much more spacious — I just couldn't pass up the opportunity,” Caldwell says. “For me, it’s about connecting with both sets of visitors. We want to bridge the divide and get away from that perception that this is not for people on a budget, that it may be out of reach.”

The gallery will have British studio ceramics, along with vessels crafted out of leather and pre-Colombian-inspired Chilean pottery. In the store, it's baskets, Japanese tea bowls, glassware and paper lanterns, among other items.

After moving from the bottom of Main Street to the top of the hill on what she recalls as the hottest day of the year so far, Caldwell says she realized how quickly she had outgrown 49 Main. “I was there for only two years but everything came out of the crevices,” she says. “We struggled our way up, but we got it done.”

Caldwell grew up in rural Cape Cod and, after graduating with a degree in philosophy from New York University, worked for a hedge fund, which she says she hated. She heeded advice to use what you do in your free time as a career guide.

“I found myself doing a lot of online browsing of design, interiors, decorative objects,” she recalls. “That felt frivolous, but I thought I should investigate.”

She went to graduate school for design but dropped out when she found the work too technical. “I was attracted to more traditional decorative arts, marrying functional with the beautiful,” she says. “I wound up working for design galleries in the city and became director of one. I liked curation, working with artists, bringing people into a world of beauty.”

Studio Tashtego is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. See studiotashtego.com or call 917-794-4643.

Studio Tashtego occupies the space that was formerly the home of C&E Paint Supply.
THE WEEK AHEAD
Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

PRIDE EVENTS
SAT 24
Putnam Pride Parade
BREWSTER
1 p.m. Old Town Hall | putnampride.com

There will be music, dancing and speakers on the steps of the Old Town Hall at this fourth annual event, followed by a march to Wells Park at 1:45 p.m. Enjoy food, face painting, an open mic and shopping at dozens of vendors. Angel Elektra and Shay D’Pines will host.

INDEPENDENCE DAY
SAT 1
Parade & Summer Fun Day
COLD SPRING
11 a.m. Dockside Park
The parade line-up begins at 10:30 a.m. and proceeds at 11 a.m. up Main Street to the lawn at St. Mary’s for a family fun day at 11:30 a.m.

INDUSTRY DAY
SAT 1
Concert and Fireworks
WEST POINT
7 p.m. Trophy Point | westpointband.com

The West Point Concert Band, the Hellcats and the Benny Havens Band will perform, followed by fireworks. The rain date is SUN 2.

COMMUNITY
SAT 24
Free Fishing Days
COLD SPRING
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Putnam Health 1 Geneva Road | 845-808-1390 putnamcountyny.gov
Walk-ins welcome. Learn your status in 15 minutes.

KIDS & FAMILY
SAT 24
Summer Reading Kickoff
GARRISON
4:30 p.m. Greig Farm | 227 Pitcher Lane

The Putnam County Business Council will host a discussion with Rep. Mike Lawler and state Assembly Member Matt Slater.

THE ART OF GETTING OVER YOURSELF MIXER
BEACON
TUES 27
The Art of Getting Over Yourself Mixer
BEACON
6:30 p.m. Beahive
6 Eliza St. | 845-418-3731 beahivebeacon.spaces.nexudus.com/events

Elly Walker will facilitate a mixer with mini-workshops designed to inspire participants to do something good. Free

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WED 28
Small Business Roundtable
BREWSTER
11 a.m. Ace Endico 80 International Boulevard putnamcountybusinesscouncil.com

The Putnam County Business Council will host a discussion with Rep. Mike Lawler and state Assembly Member Matt Slater.

WED 28
Green Teen Benefit
RED HOOK
1 p.m. Split Rock Books | 97 Main St.

The event will feature tacos, games and food.

TUES 27
College Admissions in a Test-Optional World
COLD SPRING
6 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040 butterfieldlibrary.org

Eric Tipler will discuss how to navigate applying to colleges and what has recently changed.

FRI 30
Bike Decorating Party
COLD SPRING
3:30 – 4:45 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040 butterfieldlibrary.org

Get your bike ready for the Independence Day parade or bling it out for fun.
TUES 27 Food Canning Class BREWSTER 5:15 p.m. Tilly Foster Farm 100 Route 312 putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events Cornell-trained master food preservers will demonstrate how to capture the freshness of fruit with basic kitchen equipment. Cost: $5 TUES 27 Beacon’s Great Estates BEACON 7 p.m. Eks Lodge 900 Wicot Ave. | beaconhistorical.org Denise Van Buren, president of the Beacon Historical Society, will discuss important homes in the area once known as the twin villages of Fishkill Landing and Matteawan. Free

FRI 30 Benedict Arnold’s Flight GARRISON 11 a.m. & Glenclyffe | 845-265-4010 putnamhistorymuseum.org The Putnam History Museum will lead a 1-mile, moderately difficult hike from the parking lot at Marci’s Mile through the area where the general fled after his attempt to give West Point to the British during the Revolution. Master Gardeners will point out ways that the natural environment affected history. Cost: $15 ($22 members)

SAT 30 Somewhere in Time BEACON 6:30 & 7:30 p.m. Boats leave dock 845-831-6346 | bannewarmancastle.org Watch an outdoor screening on Bannerman Island of the 1980 film in which a playwright (Christopher Reeve) hypnotizes himself to travel through time to meet an actress (Jane Seymour) he sees in a vintage poster. Cost: $40

MUSIC SAT 24 Compose Ensemble Meets Hot Wrk Ensemble BEACON 6 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. | 845-831-4988 howlandculturalcenter.org New York City musicians Franz Hackl (trumpet), Gene Pritsker (electric guitar), John Knelling (cello), Jai Jeffreys (piano) and Debra Kaye (piano) will collaborate with Beacon musicians Lois Hicks-Wozniak (saxophone), Brad Hubbard (baritone saxophone) and J. Brooks Marcus (percussion). Cost: $20 ($25 door)

SAT 24 Scott Seltzer BEACON 7:30 p.m. Reserva Wine Bar 173 Main St. | reservabeacon.com The singer and guitarist will perform classic rock and Americana.

SAT 24 Aimee Mann POUGHKEEPSIE 8 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St. 845-473-2072 | bardavon.org The singer will play songs from her latest album, Mental Illness, which won a Grammy award for best folk album. Cost: $46 to $73

SAT 24 Sharkey & The Sparks BEACON 8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St. 845-855-1300 | townecrier.com Sharkey McEwen, a Philpstown resident, will play with his son, Ben, along with Felipe Torres, RJ McIvy, Quinn Petkus, Oliver Petkus, Luis Perez and Premik Russell-Tubb. Cost: $25 ($30 door)

FRI 30 James Kepner / Billy Stein BEACON 8 p.m. Dogwood 47 E Main St. | dogwoodbeacon.com The guitarists will play improvisational music.

SUN 25 K-Fest WAPPINGERS FALLS 5 p.m. Heritage Financial Park 1500 Route 91040wine.com/kfest-2023 The annual concert organized by K104 will include performances by Shannon, Corina, Quad City DJs and Color Me Bald. Cost: $41 to $89

SUN 25 Lydia Faculty Artist Recital BEACON 7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. | 845-831-4988 howlandculturalcenter.org The guitarists will play songs from her debut release, Lady Sun, accompanied by her band, Adam Cabo, Dassi Rosenkrantz and Zohar Cabo. Lila Blue will open. Cost: $20 ($25 door)

SUN 25 The Music of Charles Ives BREWSTER 4 p.m. First United Methodist Church 477 Main St. | 845-855-1300 The multi-instrumentalist plays Ives’ Variations on America on the same organ and in the same location where Ives first played it for an audience. As part of the program, the Putnam Chorale will sing patriotic songs. Cost: $15

CIVIC MON 26 State Assembly Office Hours Poughkeepsie 1 – 4 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St. nyassembly.gov/mem/Dana-Leventer Members of the staff of Assembly Member Dana Leventer, whose district includes Philipstown, will be available to assist constituents.

CIVIC MON 26 City Council BEACON 7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza 845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov

FRI 30 Myles Mensano BEACON 8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St. 845-855-1300 The James Brown tribute band will play the hits. Cost: $20 ($25 door)

SAT 30 Errant Space 100 BEACON 2 – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. | 845-831-4988 howlandculturalcenter.org

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What Do You Believe?

In annual workshop, Haldane students consider 'core' beliefs

By Alison Rooney

For more than a decade, seventh graders at Haldane Middle School have participated in an end-of-year workshop in which they write an essay about their core beliefs.

Known as This We Believe, it is inspired by This I Believe, a National Public Radio show that in turn was inspired by an Edward R. Murrow radio broadcast from the 1950s.

Haldane teacher Danielle Pece, writing professor Kathy Curto and, in some years, this reporter, engage the students in discussion about the writing process and what a "core" belief could be. While working through several drafts, the students listen to recordings of writers of all ages reading This I Believe essays and discuss enhancing descriptions and honing ideas. Most important, year after year, the students listen to each other's work, often discovering things they didn't know about each other despite spending eight years as classmates in a small school. There is always empathy displayed and there are always surprises.

Noting that seventh graders are "full of strong opinions — in a great way," Pece says she hopes the exercise "dusts off what's already there and has great meaning for them — going into eighth grade, they have that maturity level to be introspective."

With permission from the authors, Pece shared two essays. "Hallways," by Leo O'Neil, at right, and "Practice Makes Progress," by Kirra McCoy, which is posted with this article at highlandscurrent.org.

Zine Makers Gather at Split Rock

Writers share their homemade publications

By Erin-Leigh Hoffman

On June 17, Split Rock Books hosted its first "zine fair" as part of its five-year anniversary celebration.

Four creators of zines — short for fanzines, or self-published magazines — sat outside the bookstore on Main Street in Cold Spring sharing and selling their work and promoting zines of artists not in attendance. The zines ranged in price from $1 to $13 and focused on poetry, essays, short stories and Hudson Valley exploration, among other topics.

After seeing an advertisement for the zine fair, Elena Lombardi LaBreche, 24, brought This Year, Half Gone, in which she reflects on graduating from college into a post-pandemic world.

“I’ve always been sort of shy about my work, and I figured this would be a nice, fun activity, but also just a good creative risk,” said LaBreche, who lives in Cold Spring.

Ethan Timm, an architect who lives in Nelsonville, debuted his zine, Cold Spring Brook: Map & Guide, with Polaroid photographs and typewritten captions.

“I was originally interested in learning more about the stream that runs from the forest and Nelsonville, so I used zine-making as a process of both learning more about it, photographing it and meeting some of the people who live alongside it,” he said.

Timm said he enjoyed the creative process of putting together his publication. "In this day and age of easy digital production, it’s an amazing process to do everything by hand."

Violet Herman, 8, and Zephyr Wayland, 11, brought their zines, Dog Heroes, and Giraffes, respectively.

Dog Heroes tells the story of a city of dogs that is attacked by cats who steal their treasures. The dog heroes save the day. “I really love dogs,” Violet said.

Giraffes is Zephyr’s third zine. A previous title, Dogs, was a children’s bestseller at Split Rock. When the bookstore said it planned to sell zines at its anniversary party, Zephyr said “sure” and created Giraffes “because my library teacher loves giraffes.”

Heidi Bender, the co-owner of Split Rock, said zines being made by local children and adults, often during workshops at Supplies for Creative Living in Cold Spring, reflected a bespoke feeling that the bookstore wanted to support.

“It was fun seeing this original work, and it made us want to see more,” Bender said.

Baby & 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? Gabrielle and Will Vogel of Garrison shared this shot of their daughter, Grace, with Charlie. The photo was taken in 2005; on June 10, Grace graduated from high school. If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to editor@highlandscurrent.org.
Scrambled Eggs with Feta and Red Pepper Aioli

Red-pepper aioli

Note: This is also great with grilled fish and all sorts of sandwiches, as well as dolloped into fish stews or vegetable soups.

- 1 red pepper (or substitute ½ cup jarred, roasted peppers)
- 1 clove garlic, roughly chopped
- 1 tablespoon feta, crumbled
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- Salt and pepper

If using jarred peppers, jump to the next step. Place the pepper directly over the flame of a gas stove or under the broiler, and allow the skin to blacken and burn, and the flesh to soften, turning the pepper with tongs as it cooks. When the skin is completely blackened, place the pepper in a bowl and cover it tightly with a plate or plastic wrap. Allow the pepper to steam to 10 to 15 minutes, then rub off and discard the blackened skin. Cut away the stem and seeds, cut the flesh into roughly 2-inch pieces.

Put the red pepper in a blender with the chopped garlic and ¼ cup of the olive oil and blend until smooth. Set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk the egg yolk together with a few drops of the lemon juice until pale and slightly thickened, about 1 minute. For the next steps, it helps to place the bowl on a damp kitchen towel to hold it steady, or have a partner/kid come add the oil or hold the bowl: One drop at a time, begin to add the canola oil, whisking constantly.

As the mixture begins to emulsify, you can start drizzling in the oil in a pencil-lead-thin stream, still whisking continuously. When it gets thick and glossy, add a squeeze of the lemon juice to thin, then slowly pour in the remaining oil. Whisk in the pureed pepper and garlic. Add the cayenne and smoked paprika, plus salt and pepper and additional lemon juice to taste. Transfer to a jar and store, covered, in the refrigerator for up to 5 days.

Tips for soft-scrambled eggs:

1. Use a bowl that’s considerably larger than you think you need, and whisk the eggs vigorously until they are frothy on top, about a minute.
2. Heat your skillet over medium low; add a slick of butter or oil, and when that’s heated, pour in the eggs. Immediately turn the heat to low. (The exact temperatures will depend on your stove; mine tends to run hot.)
3. Don’t stir and scrape the eggs too often as they cook. You want large curds to form. This takes patience!
4. Wait until the eggs are at least three-quarters cooked before you add salt, pepper and anything else, such as cheese.
5. Don’t overcook; push eggs to the side as they cook and allow any liquid portion to coat the bottom of the pan so it will cook through.

For the sandwich (per person):

- 2 scrambled eggs
- 1 tablespoon red-pepper aioli
- 2 slices focaccia or other bread
- 1 tablespoon feta, crumbled

Spread a thin swipe of the aioli on hot, buttered toast, top with the eggs and feta.

The Price of Eggs

By Celia Barbour

One by one, our chickens stopped laying this past year, and now they are just pricy, high-maintenance pets. If I were made from tougher stuff, I would have steered their well-fed bodies toward the stewpot by now, but I can’t imagine it. They are far too sweet and sociable, chucking around the patio when we have folks over for cocktails like goofy little lapdogs looking for a pat on the head.

Science may not yet have determined which came first, chicken or egg, but in our house there’s no doubt which comes last.

The upshot is that, whereas we once had more eggs than neighbors to give them to, I am now back to buying eggs. My favorites come from the farmers market and have marigold-yellow yolks and fairly hefty price tags. With three kids home from college, we can easily go through two dozen of these treasures a week. The economics make no sense: We buy chicken feed for our former layers, and then go out and buy eggs laid by other people’s hens to feed ourselves. But I see no alternative; the heart, after all, is not an economic machine.

Most days, the kids roll out of bed about the time that I am clearing up my lunch dishes. (Lest you think that we allow our children to be as unproductive as our chickens, I will hasten to add that they have jobs that permit the keeping of such wanton fowl, I will hasten to add that they have jobs that permit the keeping of such wanton fowl.) Often their next move is to make themselves some kind of egg sandwich — one day it might be scrambled eggs with avocado, cilantro and hot sauce on a tortilla; another, fried egg, hummus, cheddar on toast; on still another, scrambled eggs with cream cheese on an everything bagel.

But it also marked a turning point of sorts: the moment when I realized that my intensity toward cooking was something I might ought to take seriously. Many years later, an acclaimed chef (I can’t remember which) wrote that, as it is all but impossible to get soft-scrambled eggs in even the priciest restaurant, learning to make them just so for yourself is a cook’s imperative, and one of life’s great gifts. When I read that, I wanted to track Ben down and show it to him. Then I realized it would be a rather aggressive thing to do.

My family wisely leaves the egg-scrambling to me whenever we have breakfast together, which is not often anymore. The rest of the time, it’s every man for himself. Which is as it should be when it comes to egg sandwiches. For only you can know which of the countless excellent variations you will attend to your particular needs, and that goes for Ben, too. As I often crave fresh, young cheeses in spring and early summer, right now my sandwich of choice includes feta and a swipe of red-pepper aioli.

As for the chickens, they still serve a valuable purpose: They give me something to fuss over now that my kids have decided they can take care of themselves.
New Brewery in Beacon

Couple open family-friendly pub on Main Street

By Marc Ferris

While working at a tech startup in New York City, Max and Maria Headley found, in part, a shared love for beer.

After searching the world for the perfect pint, the couple settled in Beacon where earlier this month they opened their own brewery, Pillow & Oats, at 385 Main St.

The name refers to beer’s desired“mouth feel”and the grains that are a pivotal ingredient. The shop specializes in Hazy IPAs, a style that emphasizes hops and minimizes bitterness.

Max is the brewmaster. His first two iterations are Long Live the Hop Mosaic and Drool Face Emoji. Each includes a dash of citrus and an unfiltered body that resembles fruit nectar.

“When evaluating a beer, there are three boxes to check,” explains Maria, who manages the business. “Is the color balanced? Does it pass the smell test? And, of course, does it taste good? We’re only comfortable offering a glass when everything is in alignment.”

Max, who had been a home brewer, left a corporate job to pursue his dream of creating a beer brand. Maria is still employed in human resources.

The space was formerly occupied by Beacon Veterinary Associates, which moved a few doors down to 395 Main.

There are 12 taps in the wall behind the bar, five of which saw action during the opening weeks. In addition to the Hazy IPAs, the couple introduced Hoppy Table Beer, which has a lower alcohol content, and a dry Citra Lager, the first beer brewed. A Pilsner sold out the first day.

Max says he plans to tinker toward perfection. “I want honest feedback,” he says. “My goal is to create the best possible beer experience.”

The couple plan to add a pale ale, a hard seltzer and, when the weather cools in the fall, a coffee stout created with Big Mouth Coffee Roasters next door. They also sell beers in 32-ounce cans.

Because there is no kitchen, customers are encouraged to bring in meals from nearby restaurants. When football season starts, Max plans to invite fellow Bills fans to watch select games. He hails from upstate New York and Maria is from New York City. The couple moved from Hoboken in 2021; their 1-year-old daughter is a Beacon native.

During the late afternoon, Pillow & Oats is a busy place. At times, strollers jam the sidewalk outside and the area between the inside seats.

Sitting at one of the six picnic tables inside the doorway, a father and daughter played a card game as mom and another daughter mulled a chessboard. A toddler piled toys on the table across the aisle and two adults played cribbage.

“We want this to be a fun, family-friendly place known for serving great beer,” said Maria. “There are lots of fantastic bars and breweries in the area, but there’s room for more.”

Digital Detritus

By Krystal Ford

I’m no first adopter: I am several iPhone models behind, and I keep my laptops until they die. But my family and I have still managed to rack up an impressive amount of e-waste, which can have a significant impact on the environment when it ends up in landfills.

The first step to most human-made problems is to reduce; in this case, reduce the electronic gadgets you buy new. The next best thing is to repair and/or reuse. I recently sent my 3-year-old Microsoft Surface Pro for repair. It was no longer under warranty but, rather than buying a new one, I paid a few hundred dollars and it works again.

If you must replace, consider refurbished machines from sites such as macofall-trades.com or pcsrefurbished.com.

To dispose of an older computer, consider two routes: You can donate it to organizations such as The IT Club (the-it-club.org), which will fix it for students or adults in need. (Eamon Wall, a student at Haldane Middle School, is the New York state representative.) Or, most common electronics can be at least partially recycled, since they’re made largely of metal and contain minerals such as graphite and cobalt that are in short supply. See search.earth911.com or call2recycle.org. For example, I typed in “lithium ion batteries” and my ZIP code at Earth911 and learned I can deposit them at Staples, Home Depot or Best Buy.

I’ve found Staples generally takes everything (see bit.ly/staples-recycling).

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By Michael Turton

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In the evenings, with favorite destinations being Cold Spring, Fishkill and Monticello. They average about 400 miles a year. Penzetta has taken the Thunderbird to car shows in Rhinebeck, Bear Mountain and Beacon and is considering the weekly show at the 84 Diner in Fishkill.

The Thunderbird was introduced at the 1954 Detroit Auto Show. It was designed to compete with the Chevy Corvette, which hit showrooms in 1953, and it did, outselling Corvettes by a 24-to-1 margin. In 1958, Ford changed the two-seat Thunderbird to a four-seater and promoted it as a luxury car. Someone knew what they were doing: Sales grew from 21,380 in 1957 to nearly 93,000 in 1959.

After sluggish sales, Ford ceased production in the mid-1990s. A retro model produced from 2002 to 2005 had moderate sales.

The Specs

**MODEL:** 1957 Ford Thunderbird
**MANUFACTURED:** Dearborn, Michigan
**NUMBER BUILT:** 21,380
**ENGINE:** 292 or 312 cubic inch V-8
**TRANSMISSION:** 3-speed manual or automatic
**HORSEPOWER:** 265
**TOP SPEED:** 124 mph
**GAS MILEAGE:** 14 to 16 mpg
**ORIGINAL PRICE:** $3,408*
**$36,885 in 2023 dollars**
Louis Angelo Lombardo Sr. (1941-2023)

Louis Angelo Lombardo Sr., 81, of Garrison, New York, passed away peacefully on June 18, 2023, at home with his loving wife and family by his side, after a courageous battle with Lewy Body Dementia.

Louis was born on July 16, 1941, to Leonard and Lillian Lombardo in Tappan, New York. Louis was raised in Garrison and would remain there throughout his life. It was there that he and his wife of 60 years, Ruth Ann, chose to raise their family.

Louis worked for many years at the Garrison Coal Co., and at the Garrison School as a well-liked bus driver/custodian. Louis is well known for his business, Louis Lombardo and Sons Inc. Louis took pride in working hard every day until 2019 when his health forced him into retirement and his family continuing to run the business. For over 50 years Louis enjoyed seeing and taking care of the residents of Philipstown.

He also enjoyed seeing their dogs and they looked forward to seeing him too as he was never without a full box of biscuits! When they heard his truck coming, they would get excited for their visit from Louis. Recently Louis was gifted a book with photos and messages from his special furry friends. A gift he treasured.

Louis was passionate about serving others and was a lifetime member of Garrison Ambulance Corp and the Garrison Fire Department, serving the community proudly for over 35 years. He was always on call and would often be the first on the scene. Among other awards, Louis received a Proclamation from Putnam County in recognition of their appreciation and gratitude for his many years of volunteer services to the community.

Louis was a “collector” and loved finding treasures to add to his many collections. He was especially proud of his 1966 red GMC pickup truck. Louis loved the Hudson River, enjoyed fishing with his children and grandchildren and was a member of the Fish and Game Club in Garrison.

Louis had the incredible ability to be everywhere in one day. He would pick up kids for school in the morning as their bus driver, taking care of his customers in the afternoon, maybe giving an excised dog a biscuit, and he could come back later at night volunteering with the ambulance or fire department. Louis’s trustworthiness and dedication to his community were his life’s work.

People knew they could count on Louis, and he took pride in that. Louis touched the lives of so many generations in this community. He along with his family always loved to hear stories and memories about how he helped and impacted their lives. His dedication to serving others was unmatched, just the same as his sweet tooth! Louis was always dependable and the relationships he has cultivated over the span of his life are the reasons why his loss will be felt, not just by his family, but by our supportive community.

Louis will be dearly missed by his loving wife and family by his side, after a courageous battle with Lewy Body Dementia.
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Joachim's and St. John's churches. Pvt. Julius MacDonald, a former Beacon resident, drowned in the Panama Canal Zone, where he had been assigned to the 4th Field Artillery after enlisting in 1922. The Central New England Railroad said it would place uniformed officers at city crossings it considered especially dangerous after it had to pay out several settlements following collisions between locomotives and vehicles. The railroad said the officers would educate "autoists" on the risks.

Gussie Moose, of Herkimer, was killed while riding on the rear step of a New York Central Railroad train headed north from the city. According to the tower man in Beacon, Moose rushed from the depot just as the train was leaving and jumped on the last car. Because the door had been closed, he stood on the step and clung to the hand rail. When the train reached a bridge just south of New Hamburg, where there was not enough room for his body to pass, he was crushed. The tower man had phoned New Hamburg with an alert but, when the train arrived with no one on the rear step, a party was sent in search of the body.

Thirty federal agents conducted raids during the Firemen's Convention in Beacon, making 13 arrests for selling liquor (which was illegal during Prohibition). The agents said they found whiskey during five raids and beer in three others.

Lucy, Plast & Co., a department store in Poughkeepsie, announced it would use "modern advertising techniques" and "cater to the average family image of Beacon." Its newly enlarged store by dropping 5,000 pieces of paper over Beacon, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie and Kingston.

The Holland Hotel Co. sold its property at the corner of Main and Elm streets for $35,000 ($622,000) to John B. Lodge.

75 Years Ago (June 1948)

A 39-year-old South Avenue man serving a one-year sentence at the county jail on a morals charge walked away from a crew assigned to the courthouse. Three days later, he surrendered to the sheriff accompanied by his father.

The Dutchess Hat Works closed and the site of the former Dennings Brickworks leaked 10,000 gallons of oil into the Hudson River, damming boats at the Chelsea Yacht Club and White's Marina. A commuter who spotted the slick on an evaluation by the superintendent, had the Rombout job for a year. The school board meeting to protest the demolition of Daniel Ellsberg, who had leaked the Pentagon Papers. Two other plumbers, E. Howard Hunt Jr. and G. Gordon Liddy, were later convicted in the Watergate conspiracy. Young was given limited immunity for his testimony.

The Holland Circulating Library, built in 1872 and now home to the Howland Cultural Center, was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

The rock band Kid's Stuff, led by Micheal Faison, performed at the second annual Beacon Jaycees Beacon Day, along with a folk singing group, Double Image. New York Jits offensive lineman Dave Herman also made an appearance.

AAA recognized Beacon for not having a pedestrian fatality in 12 years, which put it in a three-way tie as the third safest city in the state behind Southampton (27 years) and Pelham Manor (14 years).

An armed robber who held up Beacon Hardware, at 178 Main St., fled with $50. After defeating Warwick, 11-10, on a bases-loaded single by Dave Eraca in the bottom of the final inning, the Beacon Hawks improved to 7-1 in the Hudson Valley American Legion Rookie League.

About 20 Black residents attended a school board meeting to protest the demolition of Arthur "Ted" Browne, the first Black principal in the district, from Rombout Middle School to his former position as assistant principal at Beacon High School. He had the Rombout job for a year. The board said the demolition was based solely on an evaluation by the superintendent, and no racism was involved. It voted 5-1 to make the change, with the "no" vote from Leon Cochrane, its only Black member.

25 Years Ago (June 1998)

The high school baseball team made a deep run in the state tournament. Seeded No. 8 among Section I, Class B teams, it upset No. 1 Harrison before defeating Brewster to advance to the championship game against No. 3 Nyack at Dutchess Stadium. In that contest, reliever Bryan McDowell retired 13 of the 15 batters he faced and the Bulldogs won, 3-2, for their first sectional title since 1991. Beacon won its first regional matchup, 9-8, in 10 innings over Roundout Valley, then traveled to Syracuse to face Wantagh in the semifinals but lost, 12-6.
Rosemarie Cretelli (1938-2023)

Rosemarie Cretelli, 85, a lifetime resident of Philipstown who co-owned C&E Paint Supply on Main Street in Cold Spring, died June 15 at her home.

She was born in Peekskill on June 11, 1938, the daughter of Frances and Marie Arrigo. On Feb. 15, 1959, she married Edward Cretelli, whom she had known since the first grade at Our Lady of Loretto School. They were married 58 years until his death in 2017.

Rosemarie was on the Our Lady of Loretto Parish Council for 12 years. She was a member of the Mother’s Guild and proud gym mom at Our Lady of Loretto School, and worked in parish activities for 20 years. C&E Paint closed in 2021 after 70 years in business.

Rosemarie is survived by her daughter, Donna Friedrich (Michael); her grandchil-
dren, Aleksander Friedrich and Emma
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Jack Goldstein (1949-2023)

Jack Goldstein, 74, of Cold Spring, died June 16 of a heart attack.

He was born on March 5, 1949. According to a biography posted on the website of his business, JLG Art & Antiques, Gold-
stein was raised in a military family at Wash-
ington, D.C., and made frequent forays to Washington University.

He moved to New York City following the demolition of the historic Helen Hayes and Morosco Theaters in 1982 and began his professional career as executive director of Save the Theaters, where he led a campaign to landmark 27 Broadway theaters. Goldstein later became executive director of the Theater Development Fund, where he organized an international design competition for the iconic red stairs of the TKTS booth in Times Square.

During his lifetime, Goldstein contin-
ously studied, collected and traded art and antiques. His first shop was a seasonal storefront in Rehoboth, Delaware. He had a specific interest in what fine examples of humble objects said about the time, culture and people that produced them.

Goldstein moved to Cold Spring in 2007, when he loved tooling around the Hudson Valley in his green Subaru looking for hidden gems. He was active in civic affairs, chairing the Planning Board and Code Update Commit-
tee. He also served on the board of the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce for many years.

Goldstein told The Current in 2014 that he missed “the intellectual stimulation, the being at the center of things” of his former life in New York City. “I think I’ve made a contribution when I walk through Times Square and see theaters filled — many would have been swept away. But I feel here that there’s an open-
ness to people here that has been very reward-
ing for me. I felt part of the place very quickly.”

Other Recent Deaths

Philipstown
Stephen Bogardus, 69
Leonard Lindros, 84
Todd Dahlia, 57
Louis Lombardo, 81

Beacon
John Ashburn, 82
Jack Montague, 89
Virginia Bechard, 89
Juan Carlos
Robert Galloway, 89
Morales, 81
Melvin King, 85
Anna Pistolesi, 93
Barbara Kuehsel, 84
Jerry Sullivan, 66

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Puzzles

CrossCurrent

ACROSS
1. Fireplace residue
4. Height of fashion?
7. Serpico director
12. Scary cry
13. Oklahoma city
14. Sports venue
15. Takes too much, briefly
16. First-rate
18. Mafia boss
19. “Once upon —”
20. Send forth
22. Author Umberto
23. Hardy hirsute
27. Do sums
29. Composer Prokofiev
31. New Zealand native
34. Daydreamer Walter
35. Hansel’s sister
37. Center
38. Round Table titles
39. Jargon suffix
41. Winds up
45. Michelangelo masterpiece
47. Have the flu
48. First-rate
52. Bikini top
53. Worth
54. Samovar
55. Slugger Mel
56. Brownstone feature
57. The Bells author
58. “See ya!”

DOWN
1. Home
2. Blender brand
4. See old friends again
5. Chowderheads
17. Med. plan options
21. Small fruit pies
23. Illegal payment
24. Literary rep
25. Allow
26. Hobbyist’s abbr.
28. Conk out
30. Outback bird
31. Brit. sports cars
32. Onassis nickname
33. Not ‘neath
36. Star Wars royal
37. Straight, for short
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51. Pair with an air

WordLadder
Can you go from PRIDE to FRAPE in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

PRIDE

FRAPE

Micro Crossword

ACROSS
1. Swan-necked fruit
6. Path starter?
7. Devoured with gusto
8. Rigatoni alternative
9. Aquatic eagles
17. Med. plan options
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Answers for June 16 Puzzles

SudoCurrent

WordLadder

Micro Crossword

For interactive sudoku and crossword answers, see highlandscurrent.org/puzzles.
The Philipstown Little League held its last baseball and softball games of the spring season on June 10 at the North Highlands Fire Department, Philipstown Park and Haldane. Two games were delayed until June 15 because of the Canadian wildfire smoke and a rainout. The All-Stars tournament begins today (June 23).

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