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There weren't many options for Donald Van Voorhees, who is 74 and disabled, when the lease on his Beacon apartment was not renewed. Photo by Una Hoppe

A Close Call

Beacon man finds housing after eviction, but barely

By Jeff Simms

Len Warner and Donald Van Voorhees had crossed paths many times on Warner's morning walk with his dog down Main Street in Beacon, but it wasn't until last summer that they had their first serious conversation.

In July, Van Voorhees shared the eviction papers he'd recently been served. Six months later, the connection between the two men kept Van Voorhees from being homeless.

After a local law that made it more difficult to evict renters was struck down by a City Court judge in November, Van Voorhees was given until Jan. 31 to leave the studio apartment where he had lived for 23 years. Vinit Jobanputra, who purchased 455-457 Main St. in 2022 for \$1.5 million, said in court filings that the building was in desperate need of repairs, with considerable water leakage and structural issues.

He informed Van Voorhees in February 2023 that his lease would not be renewed when it expired on May 31. After renovations, Jobanputra said he hoped to obtain market-based rent for the building's six apartments. "From what I understand, it would not be possible" for Van Voorhees to pay that, he told the court.

That left Van Voorhees, who is 74, disabled and without a cellphone or internet access,

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Beacon Council: No Cease-Fire Resolution

Some residents wanted statement on Gaza conflict

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council will not draft a resolution calling for a cease-fire in Gaza. The decision, reached Tuesday (Feb. 13) during an emotional workshop meeting, angered many of the people who had filled every seat in the City Hall courtroom.

The council was inundated a week ago with comments from residents seeking a resolution similar to one adopted by the Newburgh City Council last month. On Tuesday, Paloma Wake, an at-large representative who has said she is in favor of a resolution, made the case to her colleagues.

Wake said that "upward of \$200,000" in taxpayer funds from Beacon "have been going to fund this conflict" — a reference to a calculation by the U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights of the local contribution

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Cold Spring Launches Parking Changes

Resident permits begin March 1, Main Street meters follow April 1

By Michael Turton

After years in the making, significant changes aimed at improving an often-stressful parking picture in Cold Spring are about to become a reality.

Permits that limit parking on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays to residents on 11 streets in the core of the village take effect on March 1. Metered parking on Main Street that will be in effect on the same days begins on April 1.

At the Feb. 7 meeting of the Cold Spring Village Board, Trustee Eliza Starbuck said the plan addresses "egregious and longstanding" issues, including a shortage of resident parking, weekend traffic congestion on Main

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PART III

TALKING TRASH

By Brian PJ Cronin

As housekeeping goes, trash is easy — you place it in a plastic bag and inside a plastic carton and a truck arrives and takes it away. But where those trucks end up is vital to the health of the Highlands, and to the planet. The hundreds of thousands of tons of garbage produced by residents each year that can't be recycled (or can be, but isn't) must be buried or burned, which contributes to global warming and air pollution. In the final part of our series (the first two installments are posted at highlandscurrent.org), we examine what it would take to break through the "plastic ceiling" that's limiting the effectiveness of recycling.

Recycling is considered one of the few national environmental success stories and has become part of the fabric of our everyday lives.

Also: You're doing it wrong.

"When in doubt, throw it out," not into the green bin, says Audie Holt of Republic Services, a fourth-generation trash processor, as we donned hard hats and safety vests and headed into the deafening, cavernous Republic Services recycling center in Beacon.

Holt's great-grandfather came to the U.S. from Italy in 1898 and made a living by collecting discarded copper in his horse-drawn wagon. Every generation in her family since has been in the trash business. She resisted at first, getting an accounting degree and working on Wall Street, until the pace and excess became too much. "It was the '80s," she explains.

Republic processes about 5,000 tons of recy-

clables from the Hudson Valley each month; the material is sorted, packed and sent to the processors that will break it down. But its staff also spends an excessive amount of time pulling items from the conveyor belt that should not be in the stream.

Some of those materials can have serious consequences. The day I visited, the plant had just reopened after being closed for a few days to install technology that puts out fires caused by exploding lithium batteries. Because people keep throwing stuff away even when the plant shuts down, the staff was working its way through a backlog.

Having never thrown a lithium battery into my recycling bin, I felt pretty confident talking with Holt and Dave Kahn, who has managed the plant since it opened 10 years ago. I know they also would appreciate that I had spent time browsing the company website at recyclingsimplified.com. It was there I learned

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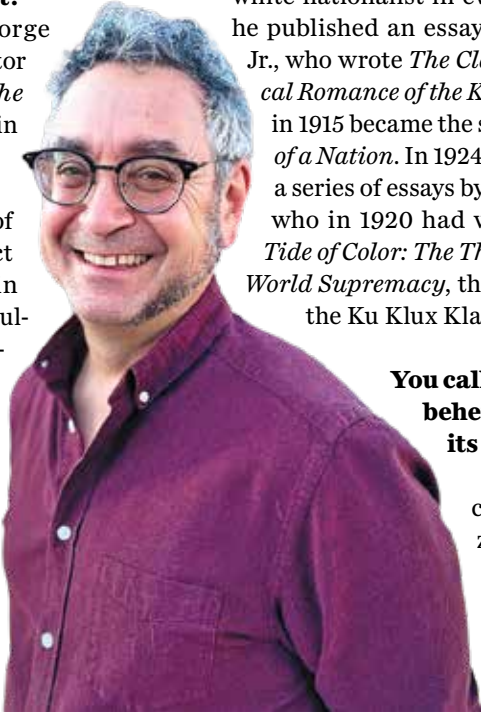
FIVE QUESTIONS: ADAM MCKIBLE

By Leonard Sparks

Adam McKible, a Beacon resident and associate professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, is the author of the newly published *Circulating Jim Crow: The Saturday Evening Post and the War Against Black Modernity*.

What is the book about?

It looks at how George Horace Lorimer, the editor who took over the *The Saturday Evening Post* in 1899 and made it into a behemoth, developed a stable of white writers of “humorous” Black dialect fiction, and the ways in which Lorimer was promoting white supremacist thinking. Octavus Roy Cohen is probably the biggest of the writers; he wrote hundreds of stories, many of them set in Birmingham, Alabama. The book also looks at the ways in which Harlem Renaissance writers pushed back.



Was Lorimer always pushing that agenda?

No, when he started editing the magazine, he was open to ideas of Black progress and humanity. He published Paul Laurence Dunbar’s stories and poems. But as Reconstruction faded, the ideology of Jim Crow became pervasive and Lorimer embraced it. He became a white supremacist and white nationalist in every sense. In 1905, he published an essay by Thomas Dixon Jr., who wrote *The Clansman: A Historical Romance of the Ku Klux Klan*, which in 1915 became the silent film *The Birth of a Nation*. In 1924, Lorimer published a series of essays by Lothrop Stoddard, who in 1920 had written *The Rising Tide of Color: The Threat Against White World Supremacy*, the unofficial bible of the Ku Klux Klan.

You called the *Post* a behemoth. What was its reach?

It was the largest circulation magazine in America and possibly the world. At the height of Lorimer’s editorship, it sold 3 million copies a

week. The standard thinking is that you triple circulation to get readership, so he was reaching close to 10 million readers in a nation of 100 million people. It was everywhere. In the first chapter of *The Great Gatsby*, Jordan Baker is reading to Tom Buchanan from *The Saturday Evening Post*.

What reaction did you have reading the dialect stories?

A lot of times, it was annoyance — and boredom. They are mind-numbingly formulaic. Nearly all concern someone being hoisted by their own petard — the swindler gets swindled — and all the silly, thin plots. I couldn’t believe that people wanted to read this stuff. Over time, I would get slightly nauseous. Sometimes, I was horrified.

What do you hope readers take away from your book?

That Jim Crow was not a natural event. It happened because people made it happen. During that moment, George Horace Lorimer created an image of Blackness that was consumed by millions with, if not the intention, certainly the effect of normalizing racist thinking. I want to tell the truth because the whole truth is important, and the clearer we are on the past, the better we might chart our future.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What kind of radio programming do you avoid?

Any subject if the person has a jarring, abrasive voice.



Qingxi Yang, Beacon

Sports talk; I’m just not into sports.



Bob Wade, Cold Spring

Aggressive, violent or divisive talk-show hosts.



Lauren Ferguson, Cold Spring

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NEWS BRIEFS

Rabid Stray Cat Found in Putnam Valley

Residents asked to call if they encountered

The Putnam County Health Department issued an alert Feb. 9 after a feral cat found in Putnam Valley tested positive for rabies.

The department asks any residents who may have come into contact with the cat, which was found near Peekskill Hollow Road and Tinker Hill Road, to call the office at 845-808-1390. Rabies staff can be reached 24/7. Rabies is nearly always fatal once a person begins showing signs and symptoms.

Strange behavior in an animal, such as acting unusually aggressive or tame, excited, irritable or lethargic, may be a sign of rabies. Residents should promptly report any animal bite or contact with a wild animal to the agency.

Police Looking for Two Missing Men

One from Beacon, another from Garrison

Authorities in Philipstown and Beacon are searching for missing men.

Colin Albert Marma, 26, who lives in Garrison, was last seen Feb. 2. He has schizophrenia and bipolar disorder and may



Marma

need medical attention, police said. He is 5-foot-10 and weighs about 150 pounds.

The vehicle he was driving, a 2004 Mercedes, was located in the Hamilton Heights neighborhood of upper Manhattan. Anyone with information is asked to call the Sheriff's Office at 845-225-4300.

In Beacon, police are searching for Mark Camillo, 62, who has schizophrenia and may need medical attention. He was last seen Feb. 1.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 800-346-3543 and refer to case 24-49030AL.



Camillo

Free Tax Help for Low-Income Seniors

Appointments available in Beacon, Kent

The United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region is making tax-preparation appointments for lower-income seniors. The free service is provided through the Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition and the AARP Foundation.

Seniors can schedule a weekday appointment by calling 211 or 800-899-1479. Locations in Dutchess County include the Howland Public Library in Beacon and the Fishkill Recreation Center and, in Putnam, the Kent, Patterson and Brewster libraries. See uwdor.org/hv-cash.

Cease-fire *(from Page 1)*

in federal taxes to \$3.8 billion in military aid to Israel — and called Beacon “a powerful voting bloc” for the federal elected officials who would receive the resolution. “We have stood for human rights and diversity and in solidarity with our many interconnected communities here,” she said, referring to a 2017 resolution in which the council declared Beacon a “safe and welcoming” place. “I see this as a continuation of that.”

Mayor Lee Kyriacou said that while he abhorred Hamas' Oct. 7 attack on Israel and the escalating violence that has come in response, he took issue with the reference to the “safe and welcoming” resolution, which he drafted. He said it states only that “no city employee would assist federal officials” in detaining immigrants without documentation, “absent a court order. That’s an absolute, direct connection to what we do” in Beacon.

“I don’t see [a connection] here,” he said. “I don’t think we’re making all of our residents safe this way. I don’t think we’re making all of our residents welcome in this way.”

Dan Aymar-Blair, who represents Ward 4, said the council would need foreign policy advisers to write a resolution about an international conflict. He conceded that he is horrified by footage of the violence shared on social media, but said “it doesn’t go anywhere; it doesn’t have any direct impact” for the City Council to weigh in.

“This is a conversation that is and should

be happening in hundreds of thousands of rooms around the world, but this is the only room where we can talk about the business of the City of Beacon,” he said. “It’s hard to say that you care about something but that you’re not going to do something about it. I just think it’s the wrong thing.”

Other council members expressed similar sentiments. Amber Grant spoke about the need for dialogue among community members but added: “I don’t think that this room is necessarily the place where that happens.” Aymar-Blair said he has been in touch with Brent Spodek, the rabbi at the Beacon Hebrew Alliance, to discuss ideas.

Wake pushed back. “We have a role and responsibility to primarily tend to the day-to-day operations of the city but also to tend to the people of the city,” she said. “I don’t think that there is a clear line between our discussions of parking minimums and our discussions of our shared humanity in the city.”

As Kyriacou spoke, angry audience members began to leave. “You’re all cowards; spineless cowards,” one woman shouted. Another man called out: “Represent us!”

Jeff Domanski, the Ward 2 member, asked if the council could take a break before moving to the next agenda item. After several minutes, Kyriacou gave the other council members the option of ending the meeting or discussing the remaining items.

“My perspective is to carry on with the business of the city that we are here to do, regardless of our emotions,” Grant said. “I agree with Amber,” said Wake.

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Cease-fire

While I support a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas, I do not support a Beacon City Council resolution expressing this opinion ("Beacon Residents Ask Council to Support Gaza Cease-Fire," Feb. 9).

The proposed resolution would force residents to take extreme sides on an issue they may have more nuanced views about. Clearly there are people in Beacon, whether Muslim, Jewish or secular, who are grieving and deeply affected by the war in Gaza. What we need is a safe and supportive space, with a skilled facilitator who can help us give voice to our pain and listen to each other.

I hope the City Council recognizes the underlying need here. Let's revive the Human Rights Commission and find an appropriate venue to collectively mourn and work toward mutual understanding. That is the Spirit of Beacon.

Anna Marcus, *Beacon*

The protesters do not represent all Beacon residents. The resolution they want calls for a cease-fire without any demands on Hamas, which started the war and violated the last truce, on Dec. 1, to release the remaining hostages and to change its charter, which calls for the destruction of Israel. There is also no acknowledgment of the horrific sexual assaults and mutilation of Israeli women, nor the other innocent people, including babies, murdered on Oct. 7.

Council members should remain focused on local issues because that's what we elect them for. They are not experts in international affairs.

Shelley Bloom, *Beacon*

I am unable to find any resolution by the

Beacon City Council condemning Russia's invasion and occupation of Ukraine. I also cannot find a resolution condemning the Azeri ethnic cleansing of Armenians from Nagorno-Karabakh.

If the City Council wishes to engage in foreign policy, over which it has no authority or influence, it would do well to avoid the appearance of a fixation on Israel and Palestine. Spending valuable City Council time passing a resolution on this one foreign conflict and no others would be a well-understood dog whistle. Blowing that dog whistle would diminish both the City Council and the people of Beacon and detract from peace-building.

If a municipal government genuinely wishes to promote peace it should do so in a manner that brings people a bit closer together. One example would be inviting speakers to engage, educate and challenge the public. Peace is a hard question and has no easy answers.

Sadly, we are now many years into national politics that proudly demand division and the alienation of our fellow citizens — in today's case, our Jewish neighbors. The resolution, guaranteed to go unheard in the Middle East, is asking the City Council to politely succumb to the politics of alienation. Beacon has so much more to offer and it is now in the hands of the City Council to affirm as much.

Michael Edgar, *Nelsonville*

One resident told the council that anything less than a cease-fire resolution "would be read by your community as an implicit support of continued violence at home and abroad." But it also could be read as implicit support of Hamas in its goal of eradicating Israel, as expressed in its charter: Peace is not an option for Hamas, only

violence, according to the Anti-Defamation League, which cites the Hamas charter: "There is no solution for the Palestinian question except through Jihad." May all who live in the Middle East find peace.

William Cornett, *Beacon*

Local resolutions can lead to national change, and give elected officials at higher levels a clue about what voters want.

Nora Olsen, *via Instagram*

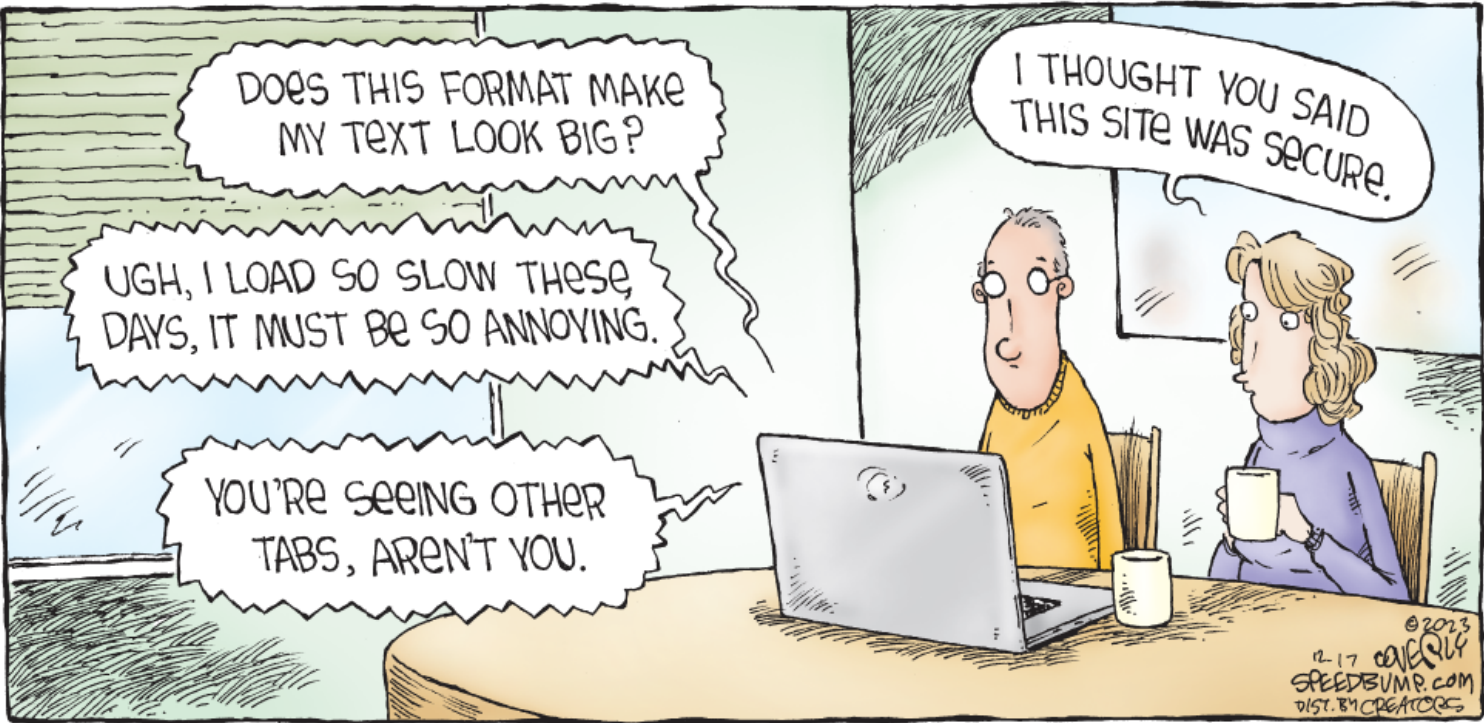
Beacon is represented in the U.S. House by Rep. Pat Ryan, who has failed to call for a cease-fire and has shown zero empathy for his Palestinian constituents. Cease-fire resolutions at the city level, as in Newburgh and Albany, are meant to amplify local voices so that our federal reps will stop greenlighting genocide. If you start from a place of saying that "it doesn't matter what we do," your selective empathy is showing.

Chiara Di Lello, *via Instagram*

As a 13-year resident of Beacon, a homeowner, an elected trustee of one of our community's most valuable institutions and a Jewish American, I am calling on the Beacon City Council to pass a cease-fire resolution.

My mother's family escaped from the pogroms in Russia and came to this country in the early 1900s. My grandmother worked hard to get Jewish families to the U.S. during World War II. Not a single member of my family would want this genocidal rampage to happen in Palestine, and certainly not in our name. This is a horrific ethnic cleansing that we are watching in real time, and we are also bearing witness to the power of pro-Zionist propaganda at

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My View

Two Truths

By Brent Chaim Spodek

Like so many of us, I am pained by the suffering of all who call the far eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea home.

This includes the Palestinian people, who have been killed and exiled from their homes by Israel. I painfully carry with me the reality that from Deir Yassin to Sabra and Shatila, Palestinians suffer oppression and humiliation daily at Jewish hands, paying for the egregious sins of the Roman, Ottoman and British empires, to say nothing of Christian Europe, none of which they had anything to do with.

This also includes the Jewish people, some of whom, like my family, returned to our ancestral homeland after millenia of exile — some fleeing centuries of persecution in Europe that culminated in the Holocaust, others expelled from their homes in the



Middle East and North Africa, who comprise the majority of Israel's Jewish population. As virtually every Jewish prayer testifies, during the centuries we were in exile, we never abandoned hope of returning home to Israel.

There are at least two truths crammed into that narrow sliver of land known as Palestine by some and Israel by others, and it can be incredibly painful to hold on to both of them. However, the root of violence is the belief that only "my" truth matters, but "your" truth does not.

I know and acknowledge that in the long years in which the vast majority of Jews were in exile from our homeland, another people, the Palestinians, put down their own deep and meaningful roots in that land. For more than a century, these two deeply traumatized nations, each of which has been formed in part by their suffering, have fought war after war in the misguided hope that *this* time, violence and coercion will set them free.

Violence might neutralize an immediate threat, but it never sets us free, and never truly liberates us from conflict.

Amid countless stories of war and violence, the Hebrew Bible offers a path for transforming conflict which I believe can help us here. We are taught (Exodus 25:20) that in the construction of the ancient holy ark, there are to be representations of two divine beings, standing with their arms outstretched, as if in surrender, each one facing the other. The Torah teaches that it is there — between those beings facing each other with openness and vulnerability — that the Holy One meets humanity.

I'm an American Jew with deep and strong connections to the people, state and land of Israel, but I am not a policymaker, a soldier or even an Israeli. Bibi Netanyahu and Ismail Haniyeh can reach for guns in the deluded hope that they will force their opponents into submission in the second century of this conflict, despite the failure of that approach during the first century of this conflict. I don't think there is anything I can do to dissuade them from that destructive path.

And we can replicate that dynamic here, reaching not, thank God, for guns, but for the symbolic power of the Beacon City Council, hoping that if the council agrees with "us," we

can coerce "them" to seeing things our way.

We can choose to do that, but we don't have to. Here in Beacon, we can draw on our own traditions to do something better.

In 1977, there were several days of violence along racial lines in our small city. In that moment, wise-hearted leaders came together to create opportunities for dialogue and growth, not more coercive violence. That led to the Spirit of Beacon parade, and that is the spirit of Beacon we need.

If the City Council decides to pass a simple declaration denouncing only Israel — or Hamas, for that matter — it will have no impact on the horrific loss of life there, but it will strain, if not shred, the social fabric here in Beacon. We can and should do better than that.

Even if those we love in Israel and Palestine cannot yet do so, I hope that, when the tensions of the Middle East are so palpable in Beacon, the City Council will embrace the Spirit of 1977 and lead us on a path of dialogue and reconciliation.

Spodek is the rabbi at the Beacon Hebrew Alliance.

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every level of our society and culture.

Further, my father's family were socialists and were blacklisted during the Cold War by the U.S. government for speaking their truth to capitalist power and against censorship of the freedom of expression. Now, in 2024, we are witnessing more blacklisting, more censorship and more limits to our freedom to criticize Israel's actions.

Is the City Council prepared to stand on the wrong side of history under the weak pretense that the resolution doesn't matter? If it doesn't matter, why are any of us serving our city? This is a time for being clear about the value of human life, and not for favoring those with more power and resources.

The City Council must pass this cease-fire resolution; there is no other choice you can make in good conscience.

Phoebe Zinman, *Beacon*

Beacon project

I love the idea of solar panels atop the

artist studio proposed for Henry Street in Beacon ("From Studebakers to Solar Panels," Feb. 2). However, why is the developer unable to build apartments above? We need more housing to accommodate people and to prevent forced migration.

Brett Miller, *Beacon*

Putnam politics

On Feb. 6, I attended my first meeting of the Putnam County Legislature. What an astonishing experience! I have lived in many places and attended many municipal meetings but have never seen such a display of ignorance, hostility and malice directed at a single legislator ("Philipstown Residents Defend Legislator Montgomery," Feb. 9).

After hearing from residents objecting to Nancy Montgomery being barred from any standing committee, the chair, Legislator Paul Jonke, read aloud a letter he had sent Nancy explaining the rationale for his failure to appoint her. His explanation boiled down to a long list of complaints about her personality

and manners. He concluded: "You are unfit to be appointed to any standing committee for 2024." This is a breathtaking action.

I hope the voters in Jonke's district in Southeast will rush to discharge him from his position at the earliest opportunity. They should not be able to tolerate being disgraced by a person who abuses his position by declaring another elected official as "unfit."

Dinky Romilly, *Philipstown*

As a lifelong resident of Philipstown, I remember the days when all six towns were considered part of the county. The members of the Legislature were a congenial group, regardless of their politics. They were tough but fair.

However, since this bunch of rogue lawmakers has gotten a stranglehold on the Legislature, it has become obvious that the county only has five towns.

It is past time for the voters of Philipstown to seriously consider seceding from Putnam and joining Dutchess or Westchester. We are under the weight of taxation without representation. Tons of sales taxes generated by our businesses, especially in Cold Spring, are sent to Carmel with nothing to show for it.

The Republicans are the majority in the Dutchess Legislature, but there is a significant Democratic lobby. Westchester is the opposite but still a true representative body. Philipstown residents deserve nothing less.

Anthony Merante, *Philipstown*

Fjord Trail

With the recent resignation of former Gov. Andrew Cuomo's appointee, Erik Kulleseid, as commissioner of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Gov. Kathy Hochul has a chance to appoint someone who can work well with well-intentioned individuals and organizations without abandoning government's imperative to engage the public in meaningful ways, not merely

as targets of clever public relations ("Open Space Names CEO," Jan. 26).


I have written the governor, urging her as she seeks a new commissioner, to carefully consider her views about such public-private partnerships, what values should dominate and how money can distort the complexities of land-use planning if her parks commissioner is not careful.

Such partnerships work best when community involvement is embraced as desirable and useful from start to finish, and a well-conceived process invites such participation from start to finish. They work best when all parties respect the other's expertise and listen to one another. They work best when construction costs and operating budgets and their working assumptions, if pertinent, are not only offered but presented with enough detail so that no surprises exist. Too often public-private partnerships announce their venture with great fanfare, never telling the public that if things go south taxpayers will pick up the pieces.

The new parks commissioner will have a budget in excess of \$300 million, which sounds huge but is never enough, and an important task, now more complicated as climate change wreaks havoc on our parks, rivers and railroad tracks. But the new commissioner will also inherit the controversial Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail and its exclusionary "process."

To date — more than three years in — there has been one highly scripted public meeting, several show-and-tells, a fancy website and lots of ads. But no preliminary construction or maintenance budgets have been shared and only recently did HHFT announce it will not be raising an endowment. But the contract that allows it to commercialize Dockside or Little Stony Point to raise revenues for maintenance still stands. Why? Further, the community has had to use the Freedom

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Real Estate

Market Report (January)

	Beacon		Philipstown	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
New Listings	10	11	6	5
Closed Sales	5	8	8	12
Days on Market	46	67	69	81
Median Price	\$365,000	\$546,000	\$787,000	\$692,500
% List Received	97.9	98.0	97.9	93.2

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

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of Information Law to learn about the most basic elements of its plan to “build the epicenter of tourism in the Hudson Valley.”

Yes, private funds can help, but when such funds obfuscate reality and impede involvement it will be the governor and her staff who will end up taking the justifiable heat. Process matters and a good process helps move things ahead expeditiously; a bad process robs the public of its voice, its ideas and its help.

I wish the governor good luck with her search for a talented person who cares deeply about open space for everyone, not just the elite, and understands how government has — or should have — the interest and responsibility to ensure fair and open processes and, hence, a result that many can embrace.

Gretchen Dykstra, *Cold Spring*

On Tuesday (Feb. 12), residents of Fair Street and the lower village west of Lunn Terrace in Cold Spring began receiving surveys from the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail. The structure and content of the survey are misleading, and the community should be wary of engaging with it.

The questions create false dichotomies that are designed to lead and entrap respondents. Any hesitations, doubts or opposition that respondents might voice in the survey back them into a corner as selfish, exclusionary and against tourism in general.

Through this framing, HHFT also ignores broader discussions about the impacts that the trail would have on the environment and the community as a whole. For example, how do residents feel about a decade of heavy construction along the waterfront? Additionally, does HHFT believe that residents of Main Street will not be impacted by the construction of the Fjord Trail? This is methodological sleight of hand by HHFT.

Meaningful community engagement would require engaging with the entire community, rather than a small, handpicked subset. And it would require asking open, honest questions — giving us the full scoop about the Fjord Trail, rather than plying us with yet another meaningless rendering.

Jon Erickson, *Cold Spring*

Composting

Thanks to Brian PJ Cronin for his “Talking Trash” article on composting. I started composting food scraps in 1998, in my college co-op’s backyard. I haven’t stopped. I have branched out. In 2016, I learned to compost human poop at an ecovillage in western North Carolina. In 2019, in Beacon, my husband and I started composting our poop and pee via a multilevel harvest toilet that allows us not only to divert our “waste” from the sewage system but also to turn it into plant food.

Helen Zuman, *Beacon*

Flying from Stewart

I couldn’t agree more with Stowe Boyd (“Wide Angle: Why You Can’t Fly from Stewart,” Feb. 9). Boyd has been dealing with the airport since he moved to Beacon in 2010, but I have seen it since Stewart started passenger service: Frontier through Raleigh-Durham through Atlanta; North-

Q: What’s Up with All the Coyotes?



Coyote story is probably a newsroom punchline in these parts. That said, wow, the coyotes appear to be thick. I saw two during an evening walk with the dog after the first snow in January near the Garrison School, and two more crossing Avery Road at Hudson Ridge. Neighbors reported a couple in their yard. They hustle away, as one would hope. We have heard them at night on occasion for years, but I have only recently seen so many firsthand. I must not be the only one. ~Jeff Grocott, *Garrison*

A. Kevin Clarke, a regional wildlife biologist with the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), said that seeing coyotes is not cause for concern. First, late winter is breeding season and the animals look for mates at all times of day. Resources are also limited, so coyotes may need to be more active to find food. Finally, their populations are boom or bust, so this could be a year with more.

In addition, animals that live near residential areas eventually become more comfortable around people. Coyotes will often try to avoid humans and can inhabit suburbs undetected. If they are not hunted or trapped, they learn that people are not a threat and make fewer efforts to avoid them, which can lead to bolder behavior.

However, that doesn’t necessarily make them dangerous. Coyotes are curious and will linger if they do not feel threatened. The best strategy is for residents to remove food attractants (e.g., pet food) and take actions that make coyotes feel uncomfortable, such as standing tall and waving their arms, making loud noises or spraying them with a garden hose.

Conflicts between coyotes and small dogs are common; don’t leave small dogs outside unattended or walk them a short leash, and avoid walking dogs in areas with active coyote dens during the pup-rearing period in spring and summer. Young children also should be taught that coyotes are not dogs to be played with.

Any coyote acting aggressively should be reported to the DEC to determine if it should be removed. See dec.ny.gov/animals/6971.html.

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west through Detroit; American through Chicago, etc. — all better options than traveling to Kennedy or LaGuardia, not to mention the parking costs.

What percentage of people who travel over the three bridges to Long Island would have an easier, shorter, cheaper trip to Stewart? Wouldn’t it be in the best interests of the Port Authority to mandate that roughly that percentage of flights fly out of Stewart to ease the constant congestion?

When you do need to go to Kennedy, take Metro-North to Grand Central station, then the Long Island Railroad one stop to Jamaica, where you can catch the AirTrain.

It’s a pretty painless trip.

Michael Caruso, *via Facebook*

I fly Play to Amsterdam with a stop-over in Reykjavik that is usually less than two hours. It saves me hours of driving to Newark or Kennedy, and the long-term parking is much less. Metro-North is convenient, but Stewart is still just a 15-minute drive, especially with heavy suitcases. And after an eight-hour flight back, I am home within 30 minutes of touchdown, versus more than two hours on public transit if coming into Kennedy. Stewart is underutilized.

Theo de Haas, *via Facebook*

This was going on long before the pandemic. By the time I drive the nightmare to any of these airports and sit in a plane on the tarmac waiting to take off, I can drive to Albany for a reliable, on-time flight. I’d rather go to Stewart, but the Port Authority has a stranglehold on the market. Until it eases its grip, things will never change. Money talks.

Cyndi Sullivan, *via Facebook*

Cold Spring parking

While Cold Spring residents did not necessarily wish for the traffic that tourism has brought to our area, the blessing of the curse is that we have a viable Main Street as opposed to the shuttered storefronts in disrepair that plague most of the rural U.S., including upstate New York.

In addition to being an idyllic, 19th-century village on the Hudson River with a tightly knit community and a commuter train line linked to New York City, we are adjacent to a state park that has some of the most magnificent views and hiking trails in America. We are blessed to live here.

With or without the Fjord Trail, this village is no longer a secret. The burden of tourism on Cold Spring will only increase. The rational regulation of parking is one of the few tools we have for managing tourism while fairly balancing the interests of all those who love this village.

Cold Spring’s parking plan is about to begin. Resident permits go into effect March 1, and meters will start operating on Main Street in April. The plan will address three longstanding complaints:

(1) It will relieve the shortage of parking for residents near Main Street.

(2) It will reduce traffic congestion on weekends. Once street parking in the central village is regulated, many visitors will learn not to come by car and hikers will bypass the village in favor of the regional parking lots.

(3) It will generate funds to help the village cover the costs of managing tourism. Drivers who benefit from street parking will pay a fair price for the convenience.

Thanks to input from villagers, the plan contains tweaks to make life easier for residents and to support business owners. The meters will not start till 10 a.m., allowing residents their morning coffee shop visits and early errands. The maximum stay on Main Street will be reduced from an overly long four hours to three (enough time for shopping and a restaurant meal but not enough for typical hikes). And unmetered, quick-stop parking spaces have been restored on Main Street.

After a little experience with the parking plan, villagers will no doubt see ways of improving it. The trustees are committed to making it work well and look forward to your feedback. We hope everyone will give it the best shot at success by cooperating and parking considerately. We’ll see how it goes!

Eliza Starbuck, *Cold Spring Starbuck is a Cold Spring trustee.*

Four dollars per hour to park on Main

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Eviction *(from Page 1)*

with few options. He remained in the apartment while his eviction was challenged in court. At the same time, Warner, who is a member of the Beacon Planning Board, searched for a new place for Van Voorhees to live.

“None of us can just drop everything we’re doing, but this was dire,” Warner said this week. “I was afraid he was going to go into an abyss and be at the mercy of the shelter system.”

By mid-January, the search had become desperate. Van Voorhees had been paying \$850 per month for his apartment. Federal housing vouchers for those with lower incomes, known as Section 8, covered about \$500, and Van Voorhees used his Social Security payments and workers’ compensation he receives for an injury suffered on the job 40 years ago for the rest. Any new apartment would need to be on the ground floor and within walking distance of a bank and grocery store.

The Beacon Housing Authority, which manages Van Voorhees’ federal benefits, has no immediate openings. Highland Meadows and Meadow Ridge, two complexes on Matteawan Road for lower-income seniors, have waiting lists of up to two years. There’s an even longer wait for apartments available through PathStone, an organization that promotes social justice and self-sufficiency.

With a shelter in Poughkeepsie seemingly Van Voorhees’ only option, an email came on Jan. 29 from Nick Page, a Dutchess County legislator whose district includes three wards in Beacon and whose uncle, Joe Donovan, owns the Hudson Todd development company. An older tenant had died and a ground-floor apartment would be available on Main Street on Feb. 9, he said.

While Warner coordinated paperwork with Dutchess County and an apartment inspection with the Housing Authority, Van Voorhees stayed for eight days at the Rodeway Inn in Arlington, a hotel where the county Department of Community and Family Services (DCFS) rents rooms when its shelters are full.

There was another obstacle. The night before leaving his apartment, Van Voorhees — who uses an oxygen tank and takes more than a dozen prescription medications — called 911. He suffers from edema, and as fluid built up in his legs, they had swollen so much that he couldn’t walk.

The Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps

took him to Montefiore St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital in Newburgh while Warner frantically tried to keep the situation from spiraling out of control. “I woke up the next morning at 4:30 with my heart in my throat,” Warner said. “It was on me now to save his stuff.”

Unbeknownst to Warner, Van Voorhees had returned to his apartment just before midnight. His DCFS case manager was scheduled to pick him up in Beacon the next day (Jan. 31). He could only bring what would fit in the case manager’s car with him to the hotel, so he had stuffed clothing into garbage bags and was prepared to bring toiletries, medication and a few other essentials. In his haste, Van Voorhees forgot to pack a fork, but said later that, luckily, there was a spoon inside a cup that he brought.

Warner took Van Voorhees’ television, a folding table and chairs, a suitcase full of clothes and some collectibles to a storage facility. There was no room for his easy chair, dresser or bed, so they were left behind. “You realize that if someone has to leave their place, if they don’t have a way to take their stuff with them, they’re not only going to lose their home, they’re also going to lose 90 percent of their belongings,” Warner said.

After eight days at the Rodeway Inn, Van Voorhees returned to Beacon, where Warner helped him move into his new apartment. Neighbors donated a dresser and a truck to move it, while Warner’s wife was able to find a free bed on Facebook Marketplace. Warner also bought him several camping chairs at Brett’s True Value.

With his benefits, Van Voorhees’ share of the rent at the new place is \$394 per month. He credits a “community effort” with keeping him on his feet but is particularly grateful to Warner. “I’ve never had a friend like that,” he said on Monday (Feb. 12). “If I was living on the street, I’d probably be dead.”

But Warner, drawing on his Planning Board experience, observed that, despite this success story, there are others who aren’t as fortunate. “Every time a building gets demolished or renovated in Beacon, it means we have that many fewer affordable units,” he said. “You can’t get a place because there’s nothing available. Somebody had to die for him to get his apartment.”

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What Resources Are Available?

The Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services (DCFS) provides emergency shelter and other services for people who are homeless, including in a building known as PODs next to the Dutchess County Jail that was meant to house inmates, and at shelters monitored by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance and the county.

These include county-funded shelters designated for families and operated by agencies such as Hudson River Housing, Community Housing Innovation and Pathways.

DCFS contracts with hotels and motels to provide temporary shelter to those facing unusual circumstances or when no other shelters are available. There is also a shelter that accommodates victims of domestic violence and their children. In addition, the VA provides emergency housing for veterans.

In 2023, DCFS provided emergency housing to 759 adults and 579 children, increases of 17 percent and 41 percent, respectively, over 2022. The numbers do not include services provided at the PODs, which sheltered 149 people per night, on average, in 2023. Seventeen people, or 3 percent of the county’s current homeless population, are from Beacon.

If a person becomes homeless, DCFS will determine which services are needed and which shelter is best. If the shelters are full, the person will be housed at the PODs or at a hotel or motel. If a family becomes homeless and the family shelter is full, it will be placed in a hotel or motel; the location will be as close as possible to the children’s school.

If a person’s income is below the federal poverty line, he or she will qualify for temporary housing assistance. The county’s program is designed to provide room and board as well as services to move an individual or family into stable housing and increase self-sufficiency. An individual or family without a home can receive temporary assistance until they find stable housing.

The stays at emergency shelters are limited to 90 days, after which the goal is to move to transitional or permanent

housing. However, the lack of housing makes that challenging, and many people remain beyond 90 days.

People who have been served with eviction papers should call 211 for a referral. For those who are being evicted because of overdue rent, Dutchess County under some circumstances may be able to pay the debt to keep the tenant in the apartment.

Before the pandemic, DCFS Commissioner Sabrina Jaar Marzouka said she typically saw seasonal trends, with more people needing services in the winter. During the pandemic and since a state moratorium on pandemic-related evictions ended on Jan. 15, 2022, the need has remained at that “winter” level, she said.

Marzouka called the lack of affordable housing options “absolutely the biggest challenge” facing agencies like hers, nationwide and in Dutchess. “We would be looking at much lower numbers” if there were more housing options, she said.

The Beacon Housing Authority does not offer emergency housing, but it has opened three waiting lists for the first time since late 2022. The first list is for “tenant-based” vouchers — which allow a tenant to find an affordable apartment within the boundaries of the Beacon City School District. (It is illegal for landlords to refuse to rent to people based on their source of income, such as vouchers.)

The other two lists are “project-based” and offer vouchers that may be used either at the Forrestal Heights or Hamilton Fish Plaza complexes, which the Housing Authority manages, or for select apartments at the Tompkins Terrace development. Applications may be picked up at the BHA office at 1 Forrestal Heights in Beacon. The waiting lists will close on June 28.

In Putnam County, the nonprofit Putnam County Housing Corp. (putnamhousing.com) oversees 120 units of senior housing in Carmel and Mahopac and 12 units of transitional and permanent housing. The waiting list for its federal voucher program is closed and there are long lists for the senior apartments. PCHC advises anyone in risk of losing housing to call the county Department of Social Services & Mental Health at 845-808-1500.

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Street and residents charged \$50 for a permit to park in front of their houses. Pay close attention, Beacon residents, and be afraid!

Kim Ward, *Beacon*

Hamilton Fish

I am writing because of the discussion in Philipstown over whether to remove the name of Hamilton Fish III from the Desmond-Fish Public Library.

I am a former member of the honor guard

at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which was created after Fish introduced legislation in Congress in 1920. He intended this as a place where all of America could come together, and to ensure that families of our war dead would have a place to grieve and receive the gratitude of a nation.

In his private life, Fish spoke about the shared dangers with his men in the muddy trenches, the hand-to-hand fighting and the unspeakable horror of watching several of his men obliterated by an artillery burst. He spoke in reverential tones about the Black

troops that he trained, went to war with and brought home. Until his death, he was the form and face of America’s sacred duty to never forget.

While performing their duties “on the mat,” it may appear that members of the Tomb Guard are automatons. But we witness the profound grief, respect, love and pride of family members of the missing. They speak to us; we see it in their tear-streaked faces; we hear it in their prayers.

The Tomb Guard reveres Fish. In fact, we are creating a medal to recognize the service

of individuals who have served the mission of the Tomb, and it will include his name and image. Along with the Military Women’s Memorial, we also sponsored the creation of 26 paintings that depict the history of the Tomb, including one of Fish.

He never abandoned his country — let us not abandon him.

Richard Azzaro, *Ellicott City, Maryland*
Azzaro, a Yonkers native and Army veteran, is a co-founder and past president of the Society of Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

TALKING TRASH

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that rinsing my tomato paste cans and peanut butter jars does make a difference.

However, as Holt and Kahn riffed on the common items that can't be recycled but still end up on the conveyor, my smugness vanished.

Those blue-and-white mailers from Amazon with the big recycling logo on them? Not recyclable. (Oops.)

Shredded paper in a clear plastic bag? Not recyclable. Holt explained that if one of those bags makes it past the pickers, it will explode when it hits the machinery and rain shredded paper. (Oops.)

The paper coffee cups with the plastic lids from chain coffee shops? Because of the coating on the inside of the cups, they're not recyclable. They go in the trash, although the lids go into the recycling. (I thought the lids were too small to be recycled and had been throwing them away and putting the cups in the recycling. Double oops.)

But there were depths of depravity to which even my recycling habits did not sink.

There were the diapers. *Soiled* diapers.

"And not just baby ones," says Kahn as he points out an enormous pile of wet plastic next to one of the conveyor belts.

Holt says that she once spoke to someone who believed the diapers were recyclable because the box had the universal recycle triangle on it (indicating the box can be recycled, not its contents). She also casually mentioned that Republic knows when deer-hunting season has started because carcasses start showing up.

Thankfully, those stories are outliers. Kahn says that most of what comes into the plant is recycled. He can even find a buyer for the "higher-numbered" plastic containers, although the plastic in those has been recycled several times already and isn't worth as much. Plastic containers with a 1 or a 2 on them, such as milk jugs, are worth the most.

The efforts at Republic are a key part of New York State's recently updated solid-waste management plan, which aspires to create a "circular economy" within 25 years that produces little waste. But recycling rates across the state have stagnated. Dutchess' recycling rate is at 35 percent, in line with the state rate. Putnam's is 11 percent.

Who pays?

Recycling has become a harder equation in recent years for municipalities. It used to be that the cost of recycling was lower per ton than what they paid for trash pickup. But that began to shift around 2018, when China stopped buying and recycling the world's discarded plastic and other materials, such as cardboard, and prices dropped. Now it costs as much or more to separate and process recyclables than just to burn or bury everything.

In September, the Beacon City Council added \$61,000 to the recycling budget because of those rising costs. Is there a point at which, from a financial perspective, recycling no longer makes sense?

"The market fluctuates, but I haven't seen the prices go so high that we'd consider suspending recycling," says Chris White, the



The Republic Services plant in Beacon processes 5,000 tons of recyclable trash each month.

Photo by B. Cronin

city administrator. "People generally do a good job of sorting their recyclables, so we would be hesitant to upset the system. Once you stop or suspend, it would be tough to restart."

With plastics, there is also a question of whether separating them makes any difference. Less than 10 percent of plastic gets recycled. This week, the Center for Climate Integrity released a report, "The Fraud of Plastic Recycling," that accuses fossil-fuel companies of pushing plastics despite knowing that 90 percent will have one life. It called on states to take legal action over this "decades-long campaign to deceive the public about plastic recycling."

At least one attorney general has heeded the call: In November, Letitia James sued PepsiCo for clogging the waterways of Buffalo with single-use plastics.

Who's responsible?

We are fighting a losing battle with stuff. A chart in New York State's solid-waste management plan explains that the average American consumes twice as much as they did 50 years ago. That statistic becomes even more disheartening in the fine print, which indicates the "current" numbers are from 2000 and so don't reflect 24 years of "fast" (disposable) fashion, online commerce and single-use plastics.

There is an optimistic way of interpreting that data, however.

Our consumption patterns are learned behaviors that can be changed, notes Sintana Vergara, an engineering professor at Cal Poly Humboldt who studies waste management. "Our grandparents didn't produce a lot of waste; when something broke, they fixed it."

There are signs that younger generations are embracing that traditional approach, such as the resurgence of thrifting clothes as a trendy alternative and stores such as Cold Spring's Understory Market and Beacon's REfill REstore that sell goods in

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WHERE MOST PLASTICS GO

If plastics aren't recycled locally, and they don't end up in a body of water such as the Hudson River or the Atlantic Ocean, they make their way to a landfill or an incinerator in Poughkeepsie or Peekskill.

As we explained in Part I of this series, despite the pollution these incinerators create, Dutchess' recently updated solid-waste management plan says that the county is leaning toward replacing its aging structure with a new one. However, there have been signs the county is reconsidering. In December, just days before his term as county executive ended, William F.X. O'Neil told the *Mid Hudson News* he planned to stay on until March 31 to advise incoming County Executive Sue Serino on waste management, including, perhaps, "an exit strategy" for the incinerator. (The county declined to make O'Neil available for an interview.)

As for landfills, New York has not created a new one since 2006 and has no plans for more. Ulster County conducted studies for several years to determine if and where it could start one, although any suggestion has been met with fierce public opposition from the residents of any town that gets mentioned as a potential site. That prompted the Ulster County Legislature to attempt to pass a resolution to discourage the county from conducting any more studies, but the vote failed along party lines, with the Democrats voting no. Three months later, the county announced another study.

The closest landfill to the Highlands still in operation, and the largest in the state, is Seneca Meadows, 240 miles away in the Finger Lakes. It's scheduled to close next year, although its owners are fighting to keep it open, arguing that there's nowhere else for the trash.

Even if it were to remain open for a while longer, burying trash is not a long-term solution, says state Sen. Pete Harckham, who chairs the Committee on Environmental Conservation. "We need to figure out a better way to deal with our waste."

RECYCLING GUIDE

The NYS Recyclopeda allows you to search for items to find out if they can be recycled, although local guidelines may vary. See recyclerightny.org/statewide-recyclopedia. Here is a quick guide.

COMPOSTING

BEACON

The Conservation Advisory Committee sponsors a free residential compost drop-off program. Drop-off bins are located at the Recreation Department (23 W. Center St.), Memorial Park and the Churchill Street parking lot near Hudson Valley Brewery.

As of Jan. 1, the program no longer accepts “compostable plastics,” such as bin liners, bags, utensils or containers unless they are made of bamboo. Pizza boxes are accepted if shredded. Packing tape and labels are not compostable.

To purchase supplies, see beaconny.myrec.com/info/products. The city offers a 2-gallon kitchen bin for \$10, a 6-gallon transport bin for \$20 and an 80-gallon Earth Machine compost bin for \$45. Order online and pick up at the Rec Department. For more information, email compost@beaconny.gov.

Community Compost Co. offers residential pick-up in Beacon starting at \$26 per month or \$281 per year. The firm provides a 5-gallon bucket that is swapped out weekly or biweekly. Customers also receive free compost twice a year. See communitycompostco.com.

PHILIPSTOWN

To register for residential composting, visit Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., in Cold Spring, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to purchase a startup kit for \$20 (checks only). It includes a pail, a transportation bin and 25 bags. Drop-offs can be made each Saturday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Philipstown Recycling Center on Lane Gate Road. For information, email foodscraperecycle@philipstown.com.

Putnam County sells Earth Machine compost bins for \$70. See bit.ly/PC-recycle.

BULK ITEMS


The Philipstown Recycling Center on Lane Gate Road, which is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., accepts rechargeable batteries, cables, cameras, computers and peripherals, copiers, fluorescent lamps, gaming devices, cellphones, tablets, monitors, phone systems, printers, routers, scanners, stereos, external hard drives, televisions and wiring and cabling.


It also accepts bundled paper and cardboard, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, mini-split condenser units and central cooling units. Permits must be obtained at Town Hall to drop white goods such as washing machines and scrap metals. See philipstown.com/government/recycling-center.

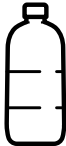
In Beacon, residents can drop up to 250 pounds of material at the Transfer Station at 90 Dennings Ave. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from late May to late September. It accepts appliances, car batteries, cardboard, construction debris, furniture, household goods, paper, scrap metal, tires, wood and yard waste. See bit.ly/beacon-recycling. Many items require a fee. It does not accept e-waste.


To sell or give away items, see facebook.com/marketplace or join Facebook groups such as Philipstown Free Stuff (bit.ly/philipstown-freecycle) and Free Stuff Beacon (bit.ly/beacon-free-stuff).

WHAT GOES IN THE BIN

**Glass**
Juice, wine, ketchup, food, canning, all colors

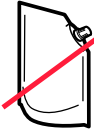
**Metal**
Cans, aluminum, trays


**Plastic**
Dairy, juice, water, shampoo, dishwashing and laundry detergent, bleach, soda, labeled No. 1 or No. 2


**Paper**
Newspapers, books, junk mail (including envelopes with plastic windows), glossy flyers, magazines, copy paper, shipping boxes, packaging boxes (e.g., cereal and shoe boxes)


TOP 5 RECYCLING REJECTS


According to Recycle Right NY, here are the top five mistakes consumers make when sorting their trash.

**Plastic Pouches** — Many food and beverage pouches, such as those used for yogurt, juice, applesauce and baby food, cannot be recycled because they are too soiled by food and difficult to sort because they are flexible. Instant soup and instant rice bags are also not recyclable because they are made from mixed layers of plastic and aluminum.

**Receipts** — Most receipts are made of thermal paper that cannot be recycled. Throw them out or ask for digital receipts.

**Batteries, Electronics, Cellphones** — Batteries, electronics and cellphones can be recycled but should not be put into bins because they can cause fires in trucks and at facilities.

**Ceramics and Drinking Glasses** — Items such as wine glasses, drinking cups, mirrors, light bulbs and ceramics (whether broken or whole) cannot be recycled.

**Plastic Bags** — Plastic bags can be recycled but do not belong in the bin because they are “tangles” that can wrap around equipment at the processing facility. Other tangles include clothing, ropes, yarn, light strands, zip ties, garden hoses, wires, chains, blinds, cords and metal hangers (which can go back to the dry cleaner).

More Rejects

Aerosol cans	Disinfecting wipes	Paint brushes/rollers	Rubber bands
Animal medical cones	Dryer sheets/lint	Paint cans	Rubber gloves
Artificial turf	Envelopes (padded paper)	Paper towels	Shopping bags (reusable)
Balloons	Envelopes (plastic)	Party favors	Silica packets
Bike helmets	Face masks	Pencils/pens/markers	Silicone products
Blister packs	Fiberboard	Phone cases	Snack bags
Brushes/combs	Flowers (artificial)	Photographs	Sponges
Bubble wrap	Food waste	Pillows/cushions	Sports equipment
Candles	Frozen food bags/boxes	Pizza boxes (greasy)	Stick deodorant
Candy wrappers	Gas cans	Plastic (foam, labeled No. 6)	Stickers
Caps (bottle)	Glass (acrylic/plexiglass)	Plastic (ABS, sometimes labeled “No. 7 Other”)	Straw
Caps (screw)	Glass (broken)	Plastic eggs	Straws
CDs/DVDs	Glow sticks	Plastic plates	Suitcases
Cigarette packs	Holiday lights	Plastic salad bags	Takeout containers
Coffee pods/filters/bags	Ice-cream cartons	Plastic toys	Tape dispensers
Confetti	Ice packs	Plastic wrap	Tissues or toilet paper
Corks	Kitty litter	Pool noodles	Toothbrushes/tubes
Cosmetics	Lids (glass containers)	Popcorn bags	Trophies/medals
Cotton swabs	Light bulbs	Pots and planters	VHS tapes
Crayons	Matches	Produce baskets	Water filters
Credit/gift cards	Meat packaging	Pyrex	Wax paper
Cups (paper)	Mirrors	Razor blades	Waxed cardboard
Dental floss	Nut cans	Rice bags (mesh)	Windshield wipers
Diapers	Packing peanuts		Yard waste



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Stacks of paper, shredded and bundled, wait at Republic Services to be shipped to mills.
Photo by B. Cronin

TALKING TRASH

(from Page 8)

bulk to customers who bring containers. But there needs to be systematic change.

“I could kill myself trying to not throw stuff away, but I would not accomplish as much as I accomplish with advocacy,” says Courtney Williams, a cancer researcher who is a member of the Westchester Alliance for Sustainable Solutions. “It is not a personal moral failing to make garbage. Dedicating your time to changing the system is a much better use of that time than fretting and bending over backward to stop making garbage.”

Last year, Williams was featured in an ABC News documentary, *Trashed*; the producers placed 46 tracking devices in plastic bags that were discarded in recycling bins around the country. Only a few bags ended up at recycling plants.

In Kingston, a bag dropped in a bin at Target ended up in a landfill. Another bag placed in a bin at Walmart there turned up weeks later in Indonesia, one of the few countries still taking U.S. plastic. A bag left in a recycling bin at Target in Newburgh was burned in the Peekskill incinerator that Williams can see from her porch. “There’s no reason that recyclables should be getting burned,” she says.

State Sen. Pete Harckham, whose district includes parts of Putnam and Westchester counties, notes that, by one estimate, only 14 percent of plastics in New York are being recycled. “It’s not because people aren’t separating it and putting it in the bins,” he says. “It’s because the plastics and the chemicals in them can’t be recycled. We all have our roles to play, but we don’t control the amount and types of packaging that our products come in.”

Harckham is among the sponsors of a bill that would require packaging to be reusable or recyclable and not contain 15 chemicals, including polyvinyl chloride (PVC), PFAS, formaldehyde and mercury. Companies that use packaging that can’t be recycled would be on the hook for the costs of disposal.

“Producers aren’t going to change on their own,” says Alexis Goldsmith of the advocacy group Beyond Plastics. “This is why we have emission standards for vehicles and energy-efficiency standards for appliances. We need environmental standards for packaging.”

California has a law that says whatever is

produced must include recycled material, without any chemical bans, which is not as tough as what’s being proposed for New York, Goldsmith says. Even when it contains recycled material, the packaging in California is “still going to the landfill or incinerator once it’s done with. The goal is to keep recycling, keep those materials in circulation.”

The New York proposal has been making the rounds for a few years, but Harckham says it’s in a stronger position during this legislative session because, for the first time, the Senate and Assembly versions are identical. Another piece of legislation, the Bigger Better Bottle Bill, would expand the types of bottles that have deposits and increase the deposit from 5 to 10 cents.

“When I was growing up, if you went to the grocery store and you bought Coca-Cola, you saved those bottles and you took them back to the grocery store the next time you went,” Harckham says. “Coca-Cola picked those bottles up and refilled them. So we’ve already had a circular economy. The goal is to start getting back to that, start using higher recycled content in packaging, and to use less packaging.”

If New York joins California in regulating the content of packaging, it’s likely to have a national impact. “It would certainly get the attention of packaging companies, so that they’d have one standard to comply with,” says Harckham. Goldsmith says several other states are contemplating similar legislation but are watching to see if it can pass in New York.

Such laws could make it easier for counties to come aboard. When I asked Dave Vitale, who directs the Division of Materials Management for the state Department of Environmental Conservation, about the inconsistencies between the state’s waste plan (build a circular economy through 175 concrete action steps) and the plans in Dutchess (keep using the incinerator) and Putnam (last updated in 2010), he noted the difficulties counties and municipalities face to enact sweeping changes, such as making producers change their manufacturing methods.

But if the state passes these laws, creating a “disposal disincentive surcharge,” it means less trash at local incinerators and landfills. “That changes how the counties manage, it changes their funding and what they use their funding for,” he says. “Our big moves will help them make big moves.”



Newburgh: Four School Board Members Resign

Four members of the Newburgh School Board, including its president, resigned earlier this month because of what they said were conflicts with the other five trustees and the superintendent, according to the *Mid Hudson News*.

Darren Stridiron, Ryan Lamar, Renee Green and Debra Bouley left the board, with Stridiron accusing the majority of ceding control to the superintendent.

In a letter to the community, Lamar said nothing had changed since the former superintendent took a paid leave of absence until his contract ran out. “We are in the same ship, with the largely same crew and the same course,” Lamar said.

The board can function as long as the five remaining members are present but said this week it planned to name four replacements.

Kingston: Man Charged with Assisting Suicide

The Ulster County district attorney charged a retired physician from Tucson, Arizona, with allegedly helping a woman commit suicide on Nov. 9 at a Super 8 hotel.

According to the *Daily Freeman*, evidence at the scene suggested to investigators that a second person was in the room at the time of death. Stephen P. Miller, 85, was arrested in Arizona on Feb. 2 and charged with manslaughter and assault.



Miller

Miller, who was released on bail, volunteers for a “death-with-dignity” organization, his attorney, Jeffrey Lichtman, told the paper. The Ulster County woman had contacted the group because she was in “chronic, debilitating pain,” he said.

“We believe that Dr. Miller’s actions were in an advisory and counseling role and did not rise to the level of a violation of the criminal statute,” Lichtman said.

Newburgh: School District Settles for \$11 Million

The Newburgh school district has quietly settled two lawsuits for \$11 million over alleged sexual abuse by a gym teacher and coach in the 1970s, according to *The Journal News*.

The lawsuits were filed in 2019 by two women who said that, decades earlier, when they were in elementary school, Sherman Memmelaar sexually abused them. Three days after the story of the lawsuit broke, he killed himself, leaving a note that proclaimed his innocence.

The Journal News learned this month from a public-records request that the district agreed in September to pay Sandra Burke \$8.25 million and Alicia Kirby \$2.75 million.

The payments are not covered by insurance.

The paper noted that the two cases are among nearly 11,000 lawsuits brought in New York by people alleging they had been sexually abused as children. A 2019 state law temporarily lifted the statute of limitations.

Scarsdale: Three Weekly Newspapers Close

After 105 years in print, the weekly *Scarsdale Inquirer* has suspended publication because of financial shortfalls.

The family that owns the paper also shuttered the *Record-Review*, which covered Bedford, Pound Ridge and Lewisboro, and the *Rivertowns Enterprise*, which covered Hastings-on-Hudson, Irvington, Ardsley and Dobbs Ferry.

According to the Local News Initiative at Northwestern University, as of July 2023 New York state had 211 weekly newspapers, a drop of 10 percent from the previous year.

Poughkeepsie: Police Arrest 10 on Gun, Drug Charges

The state attorney general on Wednesday (Feb. 14) announced the arrest of nine Dutchess County residents on charges they were part of a network that sold untraceable “ghost” guns, assault weapons and counterfeit oxycodone pills that were actually fentanyl.

Authorities seized 31 firearms, hundreds of rounds of ammunition, 5,000 counterfeit pills and \$55,000 in cash. Six suspects live in Poughkeepsie, two in Lagrangeville and the other two in Verbank, New York, and Florida. They range in age from 24 to 53.

The investigation began in April 2022 into activities of a suspect who allegedly sold firearms and drugs from a Valero gas station in Lagrangeville. The Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office assisted the New York State Police in the case.

Hopewell Junction: Man Arrested by FBI

The FBI arrested a 32-year-old man on Feb. 8 on felony charges related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

Christopher Douglas Finney was charged in federal court in Washington, D.C., with felony counts of obstruction of an official proceeding and civil disorder, along with five misdemeanors, according to an FBI news release.

According to the agency, Finney was recorded at the Capitol saying: “We’re storming the Capitol right now. We just broke over the fence.” He entered the building and later was among the rioters pushing against a police line in a tunnel on the grounds, the FBI said.

State Announces Grant Winners

Highland Falls will receive \$4.5 million

New York State on Feb. 8 announced the Mid-Hudson winners of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and NY Forward grants: White Plains, Highland Falls and Montgomery.

White Plains will receive \$10 million

Visitors to State Parks

	2009	2014	2019	2021	2022	2023	% increase
Clarence Fahnestock	212,171	285,464	312,606	296,870	329,925	329,978	56
Hudson Highlands	159,276	224,015	477,864	475,636	470,221	519,510	226
Bear Mountain	1,219,551	1,894,373	2,230,956	2,034,228	2,367,976	2,212,185	81
Harriman Hiker Trail	35,363	64,778	118,189	138,321	146,880	447,851	1,166
Walkway Over the Hudson	440,068	425,052	621,280	651,955	595,900	633,155	44

Source: data.ny.gov

to spend on energy-efficient affordable housing, community centers, pedestrian and bike infrastructure and connections between its downtown and an adjacent low-income neighborhood.

The Village of Highland Falls will get \$4.5 million to improve traffic flow and safety, renovate facades and expand access to the waterfront. Montgomery will also get \$4.5 million to improve connections between its parks and green spaces, improve safety and walkability, preserve historic structures, enhance entrances into the village and support signs and branding.

Middletown, Kingston, New Rochelle, Peekskill, Haverstraw, Ossining and Port Jervis won grants in the first six rounds of the Downtown Initiative, while Sleepy Hollow and Cornwall were first-round winners in NY Forward.

Record Year for State Parks

6 percent increase in visitors over 2022

The New York state park system, which this year celebrates its centennial, had a record number of visits in 2023, at 84.1 million.

That was a 6 percent increase over the previous year, or an additional 4.7 million visits. It was the 11th consecutive year of growth.

Seven ‘Pro-Housing’ Communities in Hudson Valley

Certification offers priority for grant funding

New York State on Feb. 7 named the first 20 “pro-housing communities” as part of a campaign to increase the number of affordable homes in the state. The certification gives communities priority consideration for up to \$650 million in funding.

The Hudson Valley municipalities that received the designation are Croton, Kingston, New Rochelle, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, Red Hook and White Plains. To qualify, downstate localities must submit documentation that their stock has increased by 1 percent in the previous year or 3 percent over the previous three years, or they can pass a pro-housing resolution.

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SNOOPY IN THE HOUSE — The Beacon Players Younger Company, directed by Sam Eisenbaum, performed *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* at Beacon High School on Feb. 9 and 10, complete with Snoopy, Woodstock, Sally, The Red Baron, Lucy, Linus and other *Peanuts* characters.

Photos by Ross Corsair (2)



PARK CLEANUP — Members of Protect the Highlands picked up trash on Feb. 11 at Dockside Park. The Village of Cold Spring supplied the bags. *Photo provided*



LETTERS OF SUPPORT — The Ascend Center in Cold Spring hosted a workshop on Feb. 7 for the nonprofit Be a Friend in which volunteers wrote encouraging notes to two children, Hope, 12, and Zachary, 10, who are being bullied. *Photo by Ross Corsair*



DANCE CIRCUS — Cirque Zuma Zuma, founded in 2005 by a Kenyan acrobat and circus performer, John Jacob, made a stop at the Paramount Hudson Valley in Peekskill on Feb. 10 for an evening of dancing, acrobatics, tumbling, limbo and song.

Photos by Ross Corsair (3)



SUPER BOWL MOMENT — Lisa Sabin of Cold Spring enjoyed three seconds of global fame on Feb. 11 when she appeared in a Super Bowl ad for CBS Sports. The actor played a (singing) office worker taking a 90-minute lunch break to watch professional soccer on her computer. She later appears with her co-workers gathered around her desk.



The Calendar

DARKNESS IN THE DETAILS

Artist tackles weighty topics with a hint of whimsy

By Alison Rooney

The cyclical nature of power struggles is at the root of *Sideways Glances*, an exhibition of paintings and prints by Tatana “Tana” Kellner that opens at the Garrison Art Center on Saturday (Feb. 17) with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m.

Those looking for overt depictions of a dark world will have to peer a little closer to unveil it. Kellner, who was born in what was then Czechoslovakia and raised there until her family’s 1969 move to Toledo, Ohio, says that while she embraces weighty topics such as politics, the economy, the environment and social justice issues, she often uses satire, whimsy and an element of surprise to bring viewers into the conversation.

She’s happy to be showing her latest work at the Garrison Art Center, where she has exhibited previously. “This show is about what’s going on in the larger world in terms of conflicts,” she says. “It’s about how to have some kind of meaningful life in the face of it. While this is a response to the news, it isn’t necessarily that. I’m interested in pieces that have an emotional weight. What becomes of the world once you step out from it?”

Kellner, who lives in Rosendale, has been an artist for four decades. The daughter of Holocaust survivors, she earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Toledo in 1972 and a master of fine arts from the Rochester Institute of Technology in 1982.

“Many times I don’t have a specific idea, just a lot of stuff floating in my head,” she says. “I was thinking about Black Lives Matter, for example, and found that my work then reflected isolation, angst and uncertainty. There are a couple of pieces in this show — one is ‘Fight’ — that address these issues.”

She has described her art as being rooted in printmaking. “I like the graphic nature, as well as its historical role as the medium for the masses,” she writes in her artist’s statement. “Covered in dust, rubble and layers upon layers of sediments, history and politics are only revealed after digging up a lot of dirt. I work with images in a similar way, digging through layers of information to arrive at the final images.

“I’ve been working since the pandemic on paintings and prints which are about being both a part of something and an individual,” she says. “The chasm interests me: How do you reconcile that people are being killed in other parts of the world? That dark cloud hanging over us — we don’t know all those threads are possibilities and uncertainties — that’s my kind of work.”



“Fight”



“Exit”



“In Support”



Tana Kellner



“Waiting”



“Repercussion”



“Memento Mori”



“Aftermath”



“Involuntary Exit”

The Garrison Art Center, at 23 Garrison’s Landing, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Monday. See garrisonartcenter.org or call 845-424-3960. *Sideways Glances* will be on view with *Painting Out Loud*, an exhibition of paintings by Stanford Kay. Both shows run through March 10.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 17

Great Backyard Bird Count

birdcount.org

With 15 minutes of observation, share what birds you see and how many as part of this citizen scientists assignment. Watch a webinar and sign up online. Counts can be submitted through MON 19.

SAT 17

Spaghetti Dinner

COLD SPRING

5 – 7 p.m. American Legion | 10 Cedar St.

Enjoy a meal to benefit the Auxiliary. *Cost: \$15 (\$10 for 6 to 12, free for 6 and younger)*

MON 19

How Do I Electrify?

BEACON

7 p.m. Beacon Rec Center
23 W. Center St.

Learn all about electric vehicles at this event hosted by the Mid-Hudson Regional Clean Energy Hub, Climate Reality and the Beacon City Council.

TUES 20

Narcan Training

BEACON

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

Learn how to identify signs of an opioid overdose and how to administer the antidote Naloxone.

SAT 24

Friends Kickoff Party

BEACON

5 – 7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org

Start or renew your HCC membership and enjoy this champagne-and-cupcake party.

SAT 24

Spring Celebration of Light

BEACON

5:30 p.m. Polhill Park
Main Street and South Avenue
beaconspring.org

Bring a lantern and join this community parade up Main Street to The Yard for a dance party to welcome the Year of the Dragon.

VISUAL ARTS

SAT 17

Stanford Kay | Tatana Keller

GARRISON

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

Kay's work in *Painting Out Loud* explores the balance between the artist's unconscious and critical-



Stanford Kay, Feb. 17

thinking mind. Keller's paintings and prints in *Sideways Glances* contemplate contemporary issues through the lens of a childhood spent in communist Czechoslovakia as the daughter of Holocaust survivors. See Page 13. Through March 10.

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 17

Play Sets

BEACON

10:30 a.m. Dia:Beacon | 3 Beekman St.
845-231-0811 | diaart.org

Families with children ages 5 and older are invited to explore the galleries; in this session, Dia educators will focus on the work of Senga Nengudi. On SAT 24, it will be Larry Bell. *Free*

SAT 17

Washington's Birthday

NEWBURGH

Noon – 3 p.m.
Washington's Headquarters
84 Liberty St. | facebook.com/washingtonshheadquarters

The historic site will have reenactments, cake, music and crafts. Also SUN 18, MON 19.



SAT 17

Art Supply Swap

BEACON

12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Pick up gently used supplies for arts and crafts projects. Drop off donations from noon to 5 p.m. on FRI 16.



SUN 18

Ollie Storytime

COLD SPRING

10:30 a.m. Split Rock Books
97 Main St. | 845-265-2080
splitrockbks.com

Nicole Vitale and illustrator Sarah Monck will read from their picture book, followed by a craft.

MON 19

Winter Break Workshop

GARRISON

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org

Students in kindergarten through the fifth grade will explore a variety of art methods and materials. Also TUES 20. *Cost: \$95*

WED 21

The Princess & the Frog

GARRISON

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

Children are invited to watch the 2009 animated Disney film about a woman who has to turn a frog into a prince to fulfill her dream of owning a restaurant.

WED 21

Candy Tasting & Board Games

BEACON

3:45 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Children and teens ages 11 and older can sample candies from around the world and play old-school games. Registration required.

SAT 24

Makerspace Open House

COLD SPRING

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

Children and teens are invited

to discover projects and crafts that can be made at the library.

SAT 24

SEL Storytime

COLD SPRING

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

This installment of the social and emotional storytime series for students in kindergarten through second grade will focus on how to handle challenges.

TALKS & TOURS

WED 21

Security and Privacy Online

GARRISON

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

The digital-literacy presentation will cover how to control your data and finances online and avoid scams and hacking. Registration required.

THURS 22

The Life of Frederick Douglass

GARRISON

7 p.m. Via Zoom | bit.ly/DFPL-douglass

Kevin Bryant, a park ranger at the national historic site where the Black civil rights leader lived at the end of his life, will discuss his work in the 19th century to abolish slavery and his vision for humanity. The event is co-sponsored by the Desmond-Fish Public Library and the Blodgett Memorial Library in Fishkill. Register online.

SAT 24

Circulating Jim Crow

BEACON

8 p.m. Stanza Books | 508 Main St.
845-440-3906 | stanzabooks.com

Beacon resident Adam McKible will discuss his newly published book, which examines how journalists, including those at *The Saturday Evening Post*, promoted white supremacy in the early 20th century. See Page 2.

SUN 25

Death Cafe

GARRISON

3 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020

This discussion group is open to anyone who wants to become more comfortable talking about death and dying.

NATURE & OUTDOORS

SAT 17

Maple Sugar Tours

CORNWALL

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Outdoor Discovery Center
120 Muser Drive | 845-534-5506
hnnaturecenter.org

Choose from a short walk at noon or 3 p.m. or a longer hike at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. or 2 p.m. to see the process of tapping trees and cooking sap to make syrup. Also SUN 18 and weekends through March 3. *Cost: \$15 (\$12 members, ages 4 and younger free)*

SAT 17

Winter Seed Sowing

COLD SPRING

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

The Philipstown Garden Club will have seeds and supplies to get a head start on the growing season. The snow date is SUN 18. Registration required.

SAT 24

Maple Sugaring Day

WAPPINGERS FALLS

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Stony Kill Farm
79 Farmstead Lane | stonykill.org

There will be a demonstration of how maple syrup is made, as well as games and activities. *Free*

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 17

Love Party

BEACON

8 p.m. Stanza Books | 508 Main St.
845-440-3906 | stanzabooks.com

Celebrate love in all its forms with readings and reflections from literature, astrology and history.

SUN 18

Fortune Feimster

POUGHKEEPSIE

4:30 & 7 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

The stand-up comedian and actor will perform as part of her Live Laugh Love tour. *Cost: \$29 to \$65*



FRI 23

Royal Hanneford Circus

POUGHKEEPSIE

6 p.m. MJN Center
14 Civic Center Plaza
midhudsonciviccenter.org

This family-run, three-ring circus has been operating for three centuries and includes motorcycle thrill riders, "the globe of death," aerialists, clowns and acrobats. Also SAT 24, SUN 25. *Cost: \$33 to \$59*

FRI 23

American Revolution Trivia Night

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St. | 845-265-4010
putnamhistorymuseum.org

Join this interactive game in person or online. *Cost: \$20 (\$18 online, \$18/\$15 members)*

FRI 23

I Like It Here

GARRISON

7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org

In this 2022 film, screened as part of the Depot Docs series, director Ralph Arlyck reflects on the end of life. *Cost: \$25*

SAT 24
Lines of Demarcation
BEACON
2 p.m. St. Andrew & St. Luke Church
15 South Ave.
foundationforbeaconschools.org/local-history-projects
This documentary, made by a team of Beacon High School students, includes interviews with older Black residents about their experiences growing up and living in the city.

SUN 25
Young & Strange Delusionists
PEEKSKILL
3 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
Richard Young and Sam Strange will perform comedic illusions.
Cost: \$35 to \$50

MUSIC

SAT 17
The Long, Gray Line
WEST POINT
2 p.m. Ike Hall | 655 Pitcher Road
845-938-4159 | ikehall.com
The West Point Band's performance will recount the history of the academy. *Free*

SAT 17
Concert of Concertos
NEWBURGH
4 p.m. Mount Saint Mary
845-913-7157 | newburghsymphony.org
The Greater Newburgh



Nir Naaman, Feb. 19

Symphony Orchestra's program at Aquinas Hall will celebrate Romantic period composers with selections by Rachmaninoff, Puccini, Mozart and Handel. *Cost: \$30 to \$75 (students free)*

SAT 17
Music Collaborative
COLD SPRING
6 – 10 p.m. Foundry Rose
55 Main St. | 845-809-5480
thefoundryrose.com

Brian Grahn and Mike Casale bring together local musicians to play favorite songs. Bring an acoustic instrument and join in or request to sing. Reservations recommended for dinner.



Mary Fahl, Feb. 23

SAT 17
Gratefully Yours
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The tribute band will recreate the experience and set lists of Grateful Dead shows. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SAT 17
Turn Up Time
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The concert celebrates urban music with songs in Spanish and English. *Cost: \$65 to \$85*

MON 19
Nir Naaman Quartet
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Quinn's
330 Main St. | quinnsinbeacon.com
The jazz saxophonist will be

joined by Jordan Piper (piano), Bryan Copeland (bass) and Nadav Snir (drums). *Cost: \$15 donation*

FRI 23
Mary Fahl
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The singer will play music from her latest release, *Can't Get It Out of My Head*. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

SAT 24
Winter Music Festival
MONTGOMERY
1 p.m. City Winery | 23 Factory St.
schoolofrock.com
The School of Rock will present this festival of bands formed at its Beacon location, with genres including arena rock, classic punk, women in rock, nu metal and rock.

SAT 24
The Weeklings
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The tribute band plays music by the Beatles and other hits from the 1960s. *Cost: \$35 (\$40 door)*

SUN 25
Omar Hakim & Sonic Boom Squad
BEACON
7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The group will play music from

its upcoming release, *Come Out to Play*. *Cost: \$35 (\$40 door)*

CIVIC

SAT 17
Town Hall
COLD SPRING
10 a.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave.
nyassembly.gov/mem/Dana-Levenberg
Dana Levenberg, whose district in the state Assembly includes Philipstown, will host this question-and-answer session.

TUES 20
City Council
BEACON
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza
845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov
A public hearing on revised parking standards will be adjourned until March 18.

TUES 20
Village Board
NELSONVILLE
7 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St.
845-265-2500 | nelsonvilleny.gov

WED 21
Village Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

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Small, Good Things

Seasonal Surrender

By Joe Dizney

I wasn't sure before this week that I was in the mood for comfort food, but I am now. With the residual New Year's resolve to avoid the carnivorous excesses of holiday cassoulets (mea maxima culpa!) and the like, I thought to revisit a favorite vegetarian cookbook, *The Savory Way*, by Deborah Madison.

As founder and chef at San Francisco's Greens Restaurant, Madison was at the vanguard and nexus of the vegetable-forward, farm-to-table and "slow food" movements that coalesced into a revolution in American eating and cooking. Her signature accomplishment was in making vegetarian food, as her book title suggests, savory, tasty and flavorful. This is perhaps best illustrated by the flageolet bean and artichoke gratin that was the inspiration for this recipe.

Flageolets are small, pale green, toothsome beans of French pedigree with a lovely, delicate flavor. (They are not easy to find but well worth seeking out; RanchoGordo.com is a reliable source, but small white limas or navy beans are an acceptable substitute.) Coupled with sauteed leeks and braised artichokes, herbed with rosemary, baked and topped by a layer of goat cheese and crunchy breadcrumb crust, this is comfort food sure to satisfy even the confirmed carnivore.

I've modified Madison's recipe to incorporate additional umami in the form of reconstituted dried porcini mushrooms, braised in their juices, and replaced the energy-intensive globe artichokes for frozen artichoke quarters to streamline prep time. Another change I might consider is, before mixing the beans and vegetables, mash or puree ¼ to ½ cup of the drained beans to thicken the body of the casserole.

In another adjustment, made for a vegan friend, I replaced the goat cheese topping with a tofu-basil-olive-oil pesto, which also works for a vegan pasta sauce or dip for crudites. (Covered and refrigerated, it



Flageolet, Leek & Artichoke Gratin



Serves 4 to 6

For the Tofu-Basil Pesto topping:

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| 1 cup fresh basil leaves | 2 garlic cloves, minced |
| 1 cup silken tofu | 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice |
| 3 tablespoons nutritional yeast | 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil |
| 2 tablespoons chopped walnuts | Salt and pepper to taste |

For the casserole:

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| 1 cup dried flageolets (substitute small white limas or navy beans) | 8 ounces frozen artichoke hearts, defrosted, steamed for 10 minutes, drained |
| 1 bay leaf | 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped |
| 1 ounce dried porcini mushrooms | 1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary leaves |
| 1 tablespoon soy sauce | Salt and freshly ground pepper |
| Extra-virgin olive oil | 1 cup tofu-basil pesto |
| 2 large leeks, white parts only, quartered lengthwise and cut into ¼- to ½-inch slices | ½ cup panko bread crumbs, moistened with 1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil, seasoned with a pinch of salt |
| 2 garlic cloves, minced | |

1. Prepare the pesto: Combine all ingredients in a food processor and process until smooth. Season with salt and pepper to taste and process to combine. (Extra pesto may be used as a sandwich spread, pasta or pizza sauce or vegetable dip.)
2. Soak the beans for 6 hours to overnight. Cook as per standard dried bean instructions until just shy of completely cooked, i.e., al dente. (You do know how to cook beans, right?) Drain, reserving the cooking liquid. While the beans cook, prepare the vegetables.
3. Soak porcini mushrooms in 1 cup boiling water for 20 minutes and drain, reserving soaking liquid. Chop mushrooms roughly and set aside. In a small saucepan reduce soaking liquid by half and set aside. Warm 2 tablespoons olive oil in a saute pan over medium-high heat. Add ¼ cup of the sliced leeks and 1 teaspoon of the minced garlic and cook, stirring, for about 2 minutes. Add chopped mushroom and saute for 5 minutes. Lower heat and add mushroom reduction and soy sauce, cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Reserve to a small bowl. Wipe saute pan clean and warm 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil over medium heat. Add remaining leeks, garlic and rosemary; cook for about 4 minutes. Add artichokes and cook for an additional 5 to 6 minutes. Remove from heat and adjust seasoning.
4. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, gently mix the cooked and drained beans, cooked artichokes and mushrooms. Add a bit of the reserved bean liquid to moisten. Correct seasoning and fill a gratin dish or casserole with the mixture. Spread the pesto evenly over the beans. Sprinkle the breadcrumbs evenly over all, and bake until beans are hot and the crust is browned (about 30 to 45 minutes). Serve warm.

will keep for up to a week.) If dairy isn't a problem, skip the pesto and crumble 4 to 5 ounces of goat cheese over the top of the beans and vegetables, top with the breadcrumbs and bake.

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LOOKING BACK IN BEACON

By Chip Rowe

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

150 Years Ago (February 1874)

Lewis Tompkins of Matteawan planned to start a hat factory at Fishkill Landing. He proposed to spend \$25,000 [about \$675,000 today] of his own money and raise \$30,000 from residents in investments of \$500 [\$13,500] and \$1,000. Tompkins had already built the carpenter shop and purchased 13 carding machines in Boston.

The ferryboat Union attempted to cut a channel through the ice between Fishkill Landing and Newburgh but after 3½ hours it had gotten only a third of the way across. A few passengers got off the boat to walk.

Charles Sales of Fishkill Landing was accused of stabbing a man named Graham in the cheek during a fight on Liberty Street

in Newburgh.

The Fishkill Standard reported that a farmer named Hoyt, driving from Matteawan to Glenham, pulled so hard on the bit that he broke his horse's jaw. A skeptical reporter followed up and learned that G.W. Haight of Glenham had only presumed he broke the animal's jaw because it did not eat for several days after his hard tug.

Three years after Nelson Luckey sold the 180-acre Mercellus farm to Chauncy Knapp for \$40,000 [\$1.1 million], he bought it back at a foreclosure sale for \$10,000 [\$270,000].

State officials stocked 3,000 salmon from the McCloud River in northern California, 15,000 salmon trout and a healthy number of black Oswego and rock bass in Sylvan Lake, Wappingers Creek, above the dam at Wappingers Falls and above the dam at Brinckerhoffville.

G.W. Valentine, who ran the stages from Matteawan to the Fishkill Landing ferry, applied to the state Legislature for a 20-year monopoly.

Patrick Balton was finishing a two-story brick dwelling at Fishkill Landing measuring 33 by 37 feet, and with a French roof.

The Fishkill Landing Machine Co. received an order for a 125-horsepower steam engine with a 22-inch cylinder.

The morning after Joseph Anderson's wife, Clara, asked him for a spoonful of medicine from a bottle borrowed from a Fishkill Land-



ing neighbor with a label that read "paragorie" [a patent medicine that was 4 percent opium] she was found dead in bed. The liquid was instead laudanum [a pain reliever that was 10 percent opium].

W.H. Lyon, a Newburgh jeweler, owned a model of a steam-powered fire engine that was less than a foot long. It could propel water 10 feet through 3 feet of hose and a pin-head nozzle.

Prof. Franklin, an "itinerate phrenologist," according to the *Fishkill Journal*, was hustled out of a boarding house on a Sunday because of his obscene language at the supper table. He left Fishkill Landing that evening on the milk train after being pelted with eggs that the newspaper said stuck in his "luxuriant, flowing hair."

Following speeches by Henry Ward Beecher and William Cullen Bryant at the annual banquet in New York City of the Rural Club, its president asked each guest to name a favorite tree. Beecher cited the tulip tree but suggested that someone should compile a guide to all the best trees in the country, including an elm he admired in Fishkill Landing.

In its "Horse Notes" column, *The New York Herald* reported that Willard Mase of Matteawan had purchased a 6-year-old trotting gelding named Mountaineer that had been raised by Charles Schofield in Putnam County. The horse was 15 hands and 3 inches high [63 inches] and could run a mile in 2:30.

125 Years Ago (February 1899)

Matteawan officials were courting Richard Croker to locate his new automobile factory in the village.

Two Chinese businessmen from Cold Spring opened a laundry in Matteawan and cut prices so low that they angered all their competitors.

The Rev. R.F. Bates of Fishkill Landing wrote to a New York City judge on behalf of his brother, Cary, who had been convicted of assault for shooting two men during the "race riots" in August at 39th Street. At sentencing, Cary's lawyer argued that his client had acted in self-defense and was convicted because he was Black. The judge interrupted: "Stop there! I never knew of a case in this court in which race, color or creed ever influenced a jury in rendering a verdict. In this very case there were only two Negroes on the [potential] jury panel, and you got both of them." The Rev. Bates asked the judge to suspend sentence, saying that he had brought Cary to the city for missionary work and that he was "an obedient Christian" and family man. The judge called it "a pretty strong appeal" but noted that one of the victims had lost a leg and sentenced Cary to five years.

The Rev. Benjamin Hall of Fishkill Landing, after accepting a temporary call at the Calvary Episcopal Church in Americus, Georgia, had a severe attack of vertigo at the pulpit and immediately resigned and

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Frank Caccetta

(1945-2024)

Frank Caccetta passed away peacefully on Feb. 9, 2024.

He was born in Suffern, New York, on Dec. 15, 1945, to Theodore and Caren Caccetta. While hanging out one night at The Mayflower in Newburgh, Frank met the love of his life, MaryLou. They were married on June 9, 1968, at Our Lady of Loretto Church and celebrated 56 years of marriage.

Frank retired from Metro-North Railroad in 2009, where he was fondly known as "Boxcar Frank." He was a proud lifelong member of the Nelsonville Fire Department and the Garrison Fish and Gun Club. He loved tinkering around in his basement workshop and tending to his garden.

Frank especially enjoyed being surrounded by dogs and loved to come outside with his big bag of biscuits for

all. He loved Halloween and insisted on handing out only full-size candy bars. It was Christmas, though, that made him the happiest. If you've driven by his house for the past 50 years, you know.

Frank was a wonderful husband and a great dad and we were beyond lucky to have him as ours.

He is survived by his wife, MaryLou; children, Amanda and Francis; brother Thom and sisters Terry, Eileen and Bernadette; sister-in-law Joan Clauss and many nieces and nephews.

A private ceremony will be held with family. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital (stjude.org) or the ASPCA (aspc.org).

Funeral Arrangements are under the direction of Clinton Funeral Home.

PAID NOTICE

Pierre Travis Jr. (1955-2024)

Pierre H. Travis Jr. of Nelsonville passed away on Feb. 11, 2024, at Taconic Rehabilitation and Nursing in Beacon. He was 68.

He was born on May 19, 1955, in Cold Spring to Pierre H. Travis Sr. and the late Loretta Agnes Moran Travis.

Pierre was a talented bricklayer for Local 44 and worked at FedEx before becoming ill. He was a member of the Beacon Drum Corp., a proud U.S. Army veteran and enjoyed building things at home.

He is survived by his father, Pierre H. Travis Sr. of Cold Spring; his children: Kimberly Travis, Joseph Travis and his wife Toni, Shane Travis and Pierre H. Travis III; his grandchildren, Hailey, Julian, Connor, Lilli, Aiden, Leo and Nora; and his brothers, Micah, Vincent, Timothy and William Travis. He was predeceased by one brother, Jeffrey Travis, and his mother, Loretta Travis.

Private burial will be in Cold Spring Cemetery with military honors under the direction of Clinton Funeral Home, Cold Spring.

PAID NOTICE

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returned to New York, according to the *Savannah Morning News*.

The state Senate committee on villages advanced a bill that would merge Matteawan, Fishkill Landing and Glenham.

William Budd, a longtime brick manufacturer from Matteawan, died at age 75. In 1848 and 1849 he had assisted in the construction of the Hudson River Railroad and was one of the first men to ride from Fishkill Landing to New Hamburg. He was formerly a Democrat, later a Whig and in 1860 voted for Abraham Lincoln.

Groveville Park was sold at the Matteawan Town Hall in a foreclosure sale for \$2,000 [\$75,000] to a Philadelphia man. It had an outstanding mortgage of \$4,000.

Hilda Peterson, a Swedish servant who three years earlier had been convicted of strangling her 3-year-old daughter and sent to the Matteawan Insane Asylum for Criminals, was released after regaining her sanity.

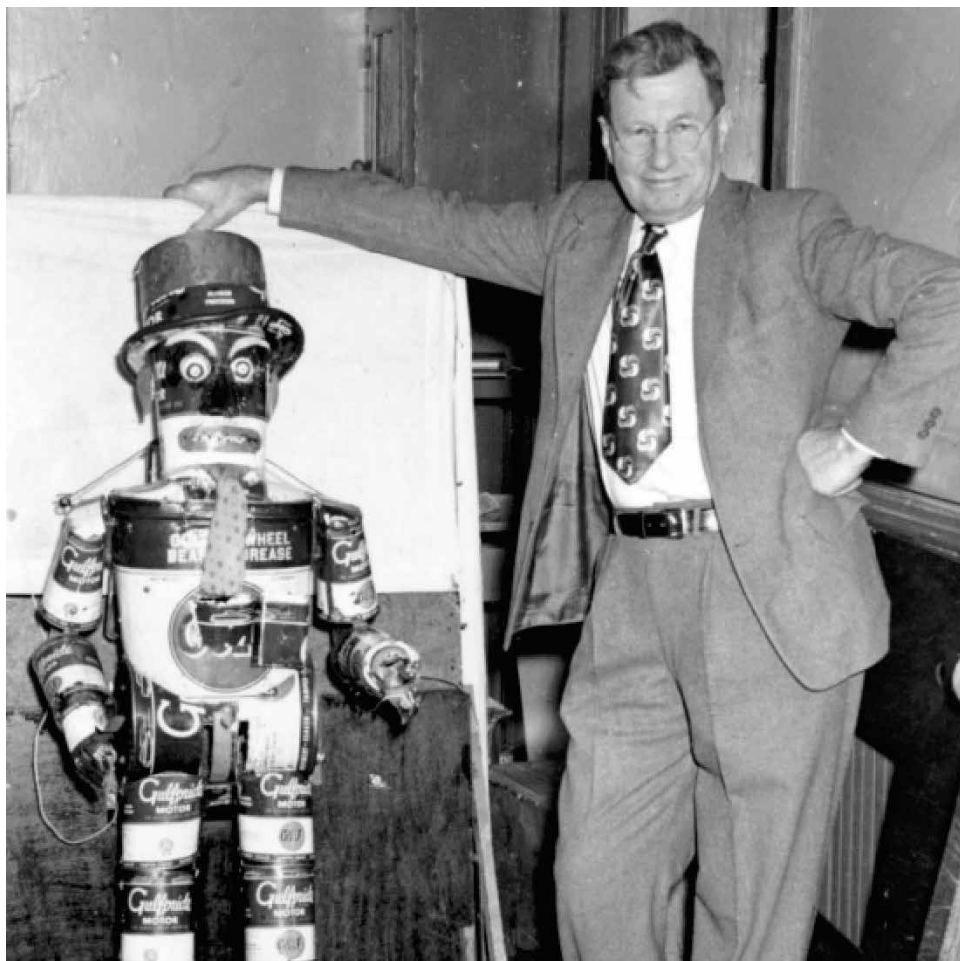
100 Years Ago (February 1924)

Frederick Goodfriend, who owned bakeries in Cold Spring and Beacon, purchased Beacon Bakeries Inc. He moved its operations to his Bank Square location and planned to distribute by automobile.

Following the arrest of Mrs. Theresa Flowers in New York City on narcotic charges, authorities began an investigation into the sale of dope in Beacon. Three years earlier, Flowers had been suspected of selling drugs to workers at the brickyards but was not prosecuted.

Ernest White, a plumber from Poughkeepsie working on the Memorial Building, was arrested in Beacon on charges of abandoning his children. He and his wife had divorced two months earlier but he allegedly had not been paying the \$25 per week [\$450] alimony.

The Dutchess County sheriff and a deputy searched the Fishkill Mountains for four weeks after receiving a tip that Edward Sands, 26, accused of killing motion picture director William Desmond Taylor in Los Angeles on Feb 1, 1922, was hiding there. Detectives in LA contacted the sheriff after receiving a letter from a Beacon woman who said a hermit on the mountain resembled Sands, who had been Taylor's valet. Despite



David Mohurter in the 1950s with one of his oil-can creations

Beacon Historical Society

the snow and ice, the officers located the hermit, who looked like Sands but was able to provide an alibi that satisfied them.

Police were searching for Michael Banek, 65, who had left home saying he was going to Poughkeepsie but had not been seen since. Banek had just completed a six-month jail sentence there for "failure to provide for his sick wife within the limits of his means," according to the *Beacon Daily Herald*. She died while he was incarcerated and officers brought him to Beacon for the funeral.

Several residents managed to walk or skate across the river to Newburgh on the 8- to 10-inch-thick ice. Although the steamer Poughkeepsie had cut channels, the floes quickly refroze.

Two Beacon players were "banished" by the referee during a high school basketball game that ended in a 38-11 victory for Poughkeepsie. The *Eagle-News* complained

that the visiting Beacon players used "rough tactics" and noted that, "with four minutes to go in the last quarter, and the game getting rougher and rougher, the tension broke and the crowd swarmed the floor. A few blows were struck but it was all over in a minute and the game was resumed."

75 Years Ago (February 1949)

A 36-year-old Beacon woman was killed at 2 a.m. on a Monday in a crash at the intersection of River Road and Route 9D in Cold Spring. The victim, a mother of three employed at the National Biscuit Co. plant, was a passenger in a 1937 Plymouth sedan that collided with a 1948 DeSoto.

The *Poughkeepsie Journal* profiled David Mohurter, a mechanic at MacAvery Garage on Main Street who had constructed three moveable mechanical puppets from discarded oil cans and automobile body

putty. One was an unnamed drum major and the others were known as Joe Goof and Luby.

The Beacon City Council approved a \$75 annual fee for trailers used as dwellings.

The Dutchess County sheriff sent deputies to Derby, Pennsylvania, to retrieve a 25-year-old veterinarian who had waived extradition on charges of abandoning his two children in Beacon.

50 Years Ago (February 1974)

The Hudson River Sloop Restoration, which operated the *Clearwater*, called for a moratorium on the construction and operation of nuclear power plants. It warned: "If present plans are implemented, by the year 2000, 1,000 nuclear power plants will be operating across the nation." The group also opposed the operation of existing plants such as Indian Point.

25 Years Ago (February 1999)

The Howland Public Library mounted an exhibit of Black memorabilia owned by Dutchess County Legislator Mario Johnson, a Democrat from Poughkeepsie. His grandmother, Wanda Marable of Beacon, had given him her collection of postcards, figurines, toys and advertisements four years earlier, and he expanded it.

Both the boys' and girls' Beacon High School basketball teams were having difficult seasons. After losing to Poughkeepsie, 63-43, the boys dropped to 1-18; following a 58-43 win over Pine Plains, the girls improved to 2-16.

The City of Beacon received a \$21,375 [\$40,000] state grant to investigate how best to clean up hazardous waste at the former Brunetto Cheese factory site on Oak Street. Five underground fuel tanks were discovered when the building was demolished.

Beacon firefighters expressed concerns about a new countywide 911 system, arguing that having calls broadcast in real time over loudspeakers in the city's three fire stations allowed for a quicker response.

Martinia Heath, a senior at Beacon High School, cleared 5 feet, 6 inches at the winter track and field championships at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse to win the high jump title. She was the school's first state champ since 1984, when Dorothy Vereen won the 100-meter dash.

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AUSTRALIAN STYLE

Cold Spring has a new lunch spot

By Marc Ferris

After Brad Gilley and Eve Barnes-Corby sealed the deal to open a lunch counter inside the ground floor at Ascend Center + Collective in Cold Spring, they decided to name it after their infant daughter, Lyla.

Then, they realized that Main Street is already home to many namesake spots, including Paulette Cafe, Cathryn's Tuscan Grill, Doug's Pretty Good Pub, Angie's Bake Shop & Cafe, Juanita's Kitchen and the Foundry Rose (a reference to co-owner MaryRose Donaghy). So the couple settled on Citrine Cafe, after Lyla's birthstone.

Gilley and Barnes-Corby bring authentic Australian cafe culture to the table. It turns out the Land Down Under is the birthplace of avocado toast.

"The style isn't overly healthy; there's still bread and cheese, but we seek a filling, satiating meal, not something where you feel like you've overdone it," says Barnes-Corby, who moved to the U.S. nearly nine years ago. "It's not vegetarian or low-carb; the focus is on fresh and light, somewhere



Eve Barnes-Corby, Brad Gilley and Lyla at the Citrine Cafe in Cold Spring Photo by M. Ferris

between coffee shop fare and a heavy, sit-down restaurant."

Beyond the toasts, salads, sandwiches and rice bowls, two low-carb options include the Clean Protein Bowl with Catsmo smoked salmon and an arugula salad with creamy pesto chicken. Whenever possible, the organic microgreens come from Glynwood farm in Philipstown. With a focus on fresh, the menu will change with the seasons and rotate around locally available ingredients.

The couple moved from Brooklyn soon after visiting in 2020. Gilley, who hails from Texas, worked as a jazz drummer and television producer. He's the behind-the-scenes, roll-up-the-sleeves guy.

Barnes-Corby stays on top of the food

and develops the drinks, tinkering with the ingredients like a chemist. For now, the Buttered Golden Masala Chai and Shatavari Rose Cardamom Latte are the most elaborate beverages on the menu. Aussies also cherish quality coffee and fresh fruit juice, she says.

"We're lucky to be part of the community, especially during the colder months when we all need to be able to get out of the house for a warm drink, good food and a smile," adds Gilley. "It's a beautiful space with a creative, collective energy."

Citrine Cafe, at 75 Main St., is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends. See citrinecoldspring.com or call 845-288-3088.



NATURAL BOOST

When Desiree Leigh Honigsberg experienced health issues and hormonal imbalances, she turned to ancient Chinese and Indian practices focusing on herbs, plants and mushrooms to help her heal. Crafting tasty, colorful and purposeful drinks became a daily ritual for the Beacon native.

Honigsberg found the results to be so profound that, on top of her gig as a hairdresser and makeup artist, she leased a stall at the Hudson Valley Food Hall in January 2023 to open Elixr, which serves elegant lattes made with exotic plant-based ingredients. Just before Thanksgiving, she moved to a Main Street storefront. (Her food-hall space was claimed by the Old Dhaka Coffee House, owned by Vic Alam, a native of Bangladesh.)

The signature drinks include many ingredients. There are 10 in the Cosmic Cacao and patrons can add more, including collagen, an espresso shot and "adaptogen support," which she describes as "plants and fungi that help the body manage stress and support balance in our overall well-being."

The mushrooms come in powders or tinctures, including maca (for energy), reishi (for relaxation and immune-boosting) and chaga (an anti-inflammatory and antioxidant). She also offers Ashwagandha (for stress and anxiety relief), Mucuna (for dopamine boost) and He Shou Wu (for hair growth and longevity).

"It's all about finding what works best for you," Honigsberg says. "Determine what resonates with you on your journey that helps you feel empowered and achieve your goal to feel your highest self."

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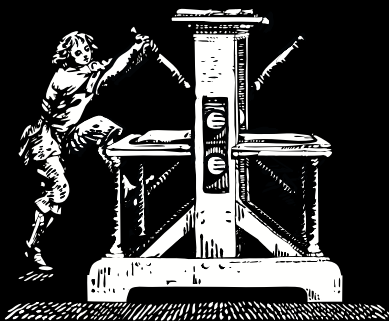
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Parking *(from Page 1)*

Street and revenue to cover the cost of an increasing number of visitors.

Residents within the parking plan area can apply through Village Hall for up to two permits per dwelling unit. The annual \$50 cost per permit has been pro-rated for 2024 to \$41.70. Application forms are available on the village website.

Metered parking on Main Street will cost \$4 per hour for a maximum of three hours, with payment by credit/debit card through the ParkMobile phone app or at kiosks in front of Village Hall and near the corner of Main and Church streets.

The Feb. 7 meeting included comments and questions from residents.

Doug Price, who owns Doug's Pretty Good Pub, questioned where employees will park, noting that in his section of Main Street about 20 workers require weekend spaces.

Mayor Kathleen Foley responded that all free parking areas, including The Boulevard, a block from Main St, will be available. State law requires 20 percent of parking spaces in the village to be free. The Metro-North lot also offers free weekend parking, she said.

When Price expressed concern that a female server would have to walk alone to The Boulevard at night, Foley said Cold Spring police could be called to provide an escort and that free spaces are also available at the end of each block at Main Street.

Ethan Timm and Rebeca Ramirez each suggested the \$4 per hour Main Street parking fee is too high. Foley said the fee was determined after public hearings and that rates charged in four or five other municipalities were considered.

"We had to start somewhere; this is what the board decided and what the public process guided us to," Starbuck said.

If paid parking is not heavily used in winter, seasonal pricing may make sense, she said. "But we need to see that happen first before making that decision."

Timm also cautioned that the Hudson

Highlands Fjord Trail will direct weekend visitors to the Metro-North lot and that, over time, it could limit residents' ability to park there when taking the train to the city.

Foley said the village has raised similar concerns and that she has "a lot of anxiety" about potentially heavy traffic to the Metro-North lot on streets not built to handle it. Fjord Trail officials have been asked to de-emphasize parking in Cold Spring for access to the trail, she said.

Teresa Lagerman questioned why residents have to contribute to parking revenue, describing the \$50 resident permit fee as a "new tax."

Starbuck said that fee helps recoup village expenses such as administration, purchasing stickers and installing signage. "There is a cost and it's a service, like water or sewer that residents pay for," she said. "And there are people who don't need the parking sticker."

Foley added that the village is going through a shift in its operation and governance. "For decades, infrastructure repairs and improvements were put off; water and sewer rates were really low," she said, adding that everyone wants services and good quality of life but they come with a cost. "We have to have realistic conversations about costs and about administering them," she said.

When a resident asked if metered parking would be resumed at Mayor's Park, Foley said the area was heavily damaged in the July floods. If the damaged drainage system is replaced, the cost would be about \$480,000, and more if improved, she said. The village would pay 20 percent of the cost with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) picking up the balance.

"We have some really important capital decisions to make," Foley said. "It's not a fast process; we're probably not going to have the Mayor's Park lot this summer."

She said the goal of the parking plan is to raise revenue from Main Street while creating "some space" for residents on weekends when the village can be overwhelmed. "It will be a conversational process," she said. "We're absolutely going to need feedback."

Fjord Trail survey

Cold Spring residents will soon have a chance to express their opinions on the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail (HHFT) as part of a survey being developed by the Village Board.

"We've had discussions about how we, as a body, are making sure we're representative of views around the village," Foley said at the Wednesday (Feb. 14) meeting.

The mayor advocated conducting the survey and hosting a feedback session for village residents following two public information meetings scheduled by HHFT, which she urged residents to attend.

On March 11, HHFT will share its analysis of alternate routes and present an overview of the concept design. On April 3, it will present its visitor projections and visitor management strategy. Both meetings will take place at 6 p.m. at Dutchess Manor at 262 Route 9D. Registration will be required because the room seats only 200 people.

Foley noted that HHFT is already surveying residents of the lower village and Fair Street. "We are not talking about a competition with the HHFT survey," she said. "I'm hoping we can establish feedback for our public record and create space for villagers to be heard."

"We have 2,000 villagers and I think we have 2,000 opinions," said Trustee Eliza Starbuck. She said a survey would enable residents who are not comfortable speaking in public to voice their opinions.

Trustee Aaron Freimark expressed concerns about survey overload, suggesting the village work with other organizations and municipalities or HHFT. Because Cold Spring has no direct influence on state parks or HHFT decisions, "if we partner with them, I'm hoping we'd have a little skin in the game," he said.

Trustee Laura Bozzi said she would prefer the village do its own survey and "really think about the questions; villagers would like us to ask for their input."

Foley noted that after a public meeting

on the Fjord Trail in May 2023, the village, Philipstown and Nelsonville agreed to move forward individually because their needs may differ. "There would be a trust deficit at the board level if we're not asking for feedback directly from our constituents," she said.

During the public comment period, several residents agreed the village should conduct its own survey. Susan Peehl, who lives on Fair Street, said she was "deeply offended" by the HHFT survey. She said it contained ambiguous wording and provided little opportunity for resident input.

Paul Thompson, who lives in the lower village, didn't share her concerns. "Overall it was quite a balanced survey, with plenty of opportunity to express your views," he said.

In other business ...

■ Beginning Tuesday (Feb. 20), Railroad Avenue will become one-way from Depot Square, with no parking permitted along the southern end of the street. Locust Ridge, which has been one-way during certain periods, will now be one-way at all times. The changes were recently approved by the New York Department of State as part of updates to the Village Code.

■ Foley reported Feb. 7 that the ground at Dockside Park remained too soft for the heavy equipment needed to remove debris left by recent flooding.

■ Jeff Phillips Jr., the volunteer chief of the Cold Spring Fire Co., was hired as a laborer with the village Highway Department.

■ The village plans to enter into an agreement with Putnam County for the use of the county computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system. The county will pay for the updated system in Cold Spring police vehicles; the village will cover the cost of maintenance.

■ In January, village crews dealt with two floods at both Cedar Street and the riverfront. They removed six loads of driftwood and four loads of debris from the riverfront, and the catch basins were cleared six times.

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Puzzles

CROSSCURRENT

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- ACROSS
1. "Kapow!"
4. React in horror
8. Pitcher Nolan
12. Flamenco cheer
13. Genesis shepherd
14. Spanish greeting
15. Squealer
16. Drive- — window
17. "— the picture!"
18. 2014 biopic about actress Kelly
21. Rowing tool
22. Expert
23. Japanese verse
26. Glutton
27. Ultramodernist
30. Rhine feeder
31. Golf prop
32. Basketball tactic
33. Tibetan beast
34. 4, on a phone
35. Dollar divisions
36. Observe

37. Texter's chuckle
38. Where something is created
45. QB Tony
46. Ocho —, Jamaica
47. Hollywood's Thurman
48. Country singer Jackson
49. Gaelic
50. Fuel stat
51. Partner
52. Bump into
53. Sound from a hot wok

- DOWN
1. McEnroe's rival
2. Winged
3. Transcending (Pref.)
4. Fancy cake
5. Loathe
6. Lowly worker
7. Fruit-filled dessert
8. Horned beast
9. Meditative practice
10. Mr. Guinness

11. Post-WWII alliance
19. Pepsi rival
20. URL ending
23. Stable diet?
24. Small battery
25. Annoy
26. JFK Library architect
27. Convent resident
28. Tolkien creature
29. Approves
31. Math statement
32. Sub shop
34. "My word!"
35. Waist-cinching garment
36. Tea biscuit
37. Unfettered
38. Baby carriage
39. *Damn Yankees* role
40. Latin 101 word
41. Blaze
42. Periodontist's concern
43. Rascallions
44. Kvetches

SUDOCURRENT

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WORDLADDER

Can you go from PEAKY to PARIS in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

PEAKY

PARIS

MICRO
CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1. Sip cider noisily
6. Bone of the lower leg
7. "___ and Ivory"
(McCartney/Wonder single)
8. Clean, as a flash drive
9. "Bye for now!"

- DOWN
1. Durable building material
2. Virgo follower
3. Lusitania's sinker

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4. Rid of suds
5. Single-___ healthcare

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VARSITY ROUNDUP

HALDANE

By Jacob Aframian

BOYS' BASKETBALL — On Feb. 9, in a packed gym at Haldane, the Blue Devils defeated Putnam Valley, 56-38, to win the league title for the sixth year in a row.

The game was closer throughout than the final score. Haldane led by a point, 10-9, at the end of the first quarter but outscored the Tigers, 16-8, in the second to take a 26-17 lead into halftime. Putnam Valley cut that lead to six midway through the third, and early in the fourth cut the lead to five on a three-pointer.

Haldane ended the threat with a 12-0 run, including six from Fallou Faye. Matt Nachamkin and Nate Stickle each finished with 12 points.

With the league title in view, “we were on a mission tonight,” said Coach Joe Virgadamo. The Blue Devils (16-3) hosted Franklin Roosevelt of Hyde Park on Thursday (Feb. 15) for their final game of the season and then will wait nearly two weeks to play in the Section I, Class C title game on March 3 at the Westchester County Center in White Plains against the winner of a game between No. 2 seed Tuckahoe (12-7) and No. 3 Leffell (12-8).

If it wins on March 3, Haldane would advance to a regional final against the Section IX champion on March 6 at Yorktown.

The boys were ranked the second-best Class C team in the state as of Feb. 11 by the New York State Sportswriters Association.

“The best part about it is I still don’t think we’ve peaked yet,” said Virgadamo, who last season took the Blue Devils to the state title game. “We have room for improvement.”

GIRLS' BASKETBALL — Haldane lost at Putnam Valley on Feb. 8, 58-27, to finish the season at 8-12, an improvement over last season’s three wins. The Blue Devils kept it close until halftime, trailing by two, but Putnam Valley had a big third quarter to pull away.

Haldane, the No. 4 seed in the Section I, Class C tournament, will host No. 5 Leffell (7-12) at 5 p.m. on Tuesday (Feb. 20). The winner will advance to the Westchester County Center to face No. 1 Tuckahoe (13-7) on Feb. 25.

WINTER TRACK — On Monday (Feb. 12), Haldane competed in the Section I, Class C championship at The Armory in New York City.

For the boys, Jake Thomas was eighth in the 55-meter dash in 6.96; Rhys Williams



Ross Esposito drives to the basket against Putnam Valley on Feb. 9.

Photo by Skip Pearlman



Fallou Faye scored six crucial points in the fourth quarter against the Tigers.

Photo by Skip Pearlman

was 12th in the 300-meter dash in 39.44; James Frommer was sixth in the 600-meter run in 1:32.33; Owen Powers was ninth in the 1,600-meter run in 4:54.07; Jack Ilian was sixth in the 3,200-meter run in 10:26.61; and Merrick Williams was 13th in the long jump in 17-11. The 4x200 relay team



Reilly Landisi, a junior on the Beacon girls' basketball team, scored her 1,000th career point on Feb. 14.

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also finished fourth in 1:40.99.

For the girls, the top finisher was Samantha Thomas, who was sixth in the 55-meter dash in 8.08. The Blue Devils return to The Armory on Sunday (Feb. 18) for the Section I state qualifier.

BEACON

By Nick Robbins

BOYS' BASKETBALL — Beacon claimed two victories this week to improve to 10-8 as the playoffs approach, defeating Burke Catholic at home, 58-50, on Feb. 9, and winning at Liberty on Monday (Feb. 12), 69-40.

Beacon was scheduled to honor its seniors — Derek Fortes, Jack Antalek and Jayden Quintana — on Thursday (Feb. 15) before its game against Chester. The team will host Cornwall on Monday (Feb. 19) in the last game of the regular season before the Section IX, Class B tournament. The seeds and matchups will be determined on Thursday (Feb. 22) with the first games on Feb. 24.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL — Beacon wrapped up its second straight league title with two easy wins, defeating Port Jervis, 63-11, on the road on Feb. 8 (Rayana Taylor led the scoring with 15 points) and beating Liberty on Wednesday (Feb. 14), at home, 65-15.

The Bulldogs honored their seniors — Shy'anne Kush, Shadaya Fryar, Kiarra Rodri-

gues and Devyn Kelly — before the Liberty game, and junior Reilly Landisi had 13 points to become the 10th female player at Beacon High School to score 1,000 in her career.

The Bulldogs finished 16-3. The seedings and matchups for the Section IX, Class B tournament will be determined on Thursday (Feb. 22), with the first games on Feb. 24.

WINTER TRACK — At the Section IX, Class A championships on Feb. 10 at West Point, Damani DeLoatch won the triple jump with a total of 46-6.75, the second-highest recorded this season in the state.

DeLoatch also placed fourth in the long jump at 21-0. The other top finisher for the Bulldogs, Henry Reinke, was second in the 600-meter run in 1:25.78. Both will compete on Saturday (Feb. 17) in the state qualifier at The Armory. For the girls, Stella Reinke was 15th in the 600-meter run at 1:52.88.

WRESTLING — Beacon saw two of its four wrestlers advance past the first round at the Section IX championships over the Feb. 10-11 weekend. Avery Davis, seeded No. 7 at 170 pounds, won his first match on points, 5-4, but was pinned in his second. Jude Betancourt, seeded No. 6 at 152 pounds, won his first match, 15-5, and his second on a pin, but was defeated, 18-2, in the semifinals.

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