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Lanza Major Player in Helping to Transform Peekskill

By Rick Pezzullo

To say Louie Lanza is a mover and a shaker would be an understatement.

Over the last four years, Lanza, 54, has purchased a handful of buildings and opened four restaurants in Peekskill. His fifth eatery, Eagle Saloon, is opening Friday to the public on Division Street, next to his popular Hudson Room. In the summer, he is planning to open an Italian restaurant next to the Peekskill Train Station.

"I can make a difference here," Lanza said during a recent afternoon at Fin & Brew, located on the second floor of the Factoria at 5 John Walsh Blvd, which he and his partners, John Sharp and Scott

Vaccaro, opened without much fanfare earlier this month.

"I love it. I'm here for my kids," the father of three young sons said. "I can't keep sitting still. We own this city. You can't let politicians dictate what's happening in the city. There's plenty of room for everything. I can only lead by example."

Lanza grew up in northern California in Silicon Valley before moving to Greenburgh when he was in the fifth grade. He returned to California after high school and went to culinary school. He also went to engineering school for one year, following in the footsteps of his

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RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Louie Lanza behind the bar at Fin & Brew restaurant in Peekskill.

Turkey Trotters

Somers High School sophomore Ariel Markowski, pictured with Senator Terrence Murphy, finished first in her age group (15-18) at the senator's inaugural Hudson Valley Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning in Yorktown. Markowski, a Rookie of the Year award recipient for her performance this fall with the Somers cross country team, finished the race in 22 minutes and 45 seconds. Last week's run was the first time the trot was held but it is planned as an annual event. All proceeds from the event are to benefit St. Mary's Food Pantry in Mohegan Lake and St. John's Food Pantry in Mahopac. Awards (cookies) were provided to the top three male and female finishers and top three in the following age groups: 0-14, 15-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 as well as 70 and over. The fastest overall runner was Montrose's Darren Schiminski, 38, who finished the race in 18 minutes and 31 seconds. The 5K started at the end of Front Street, went to Route 118 and then returned to the finish.



Yorktown Settles Claims with Exiting Garbage Hauler

By Rick Pezzullo

The majority of the Yorktown Town Board voted last week to settle claims filed by the town's exiting garbage hauler.

By a 4-1 vote, the board agreed to pay Competition Carting \$250,000 for labor and services performed from 2013 to 2017. \$150,000 will be paid this year and \$100,000 in 2018.

Councilman Vishnu Patel voted against the settlement, commenting that the payout would cut in half the estimated \$500,000 annual savings Yorktown was slated to receive when the board awarded a two-year contract in October to AAA Carting and Rubbish Removal for \$2 million a year. Supervisor-elect Ilan Gilbert also questioned the resolution during the courtesy of the floor por-

tion of the meeting.

AAA Carting was the lowest of three bidders for garbage hauling services. C.R.P. Sanitation, which served the town for many years before Competition Carting came along in 2012, submitted a bid of \$2.5 million, while Competition Carting bid \$2.8 million.

At the time, Councilman Tom Diana said it was "fiscally responsible" to choose AAA since its bid was much lower than Competition Carting.

"We are hoping for a smooth transition, but that remains to be seen," he said.

AAA Carting, located in the Village of Buchanan, already services Putnam Valley, Carmel, Southeast and the Village of Rye Brook.

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father, but quickly learned it wasn't his cup of tea. "I was miserable," he said.

While working in restaurants seven days a week, Lanza had an opportunity as a 21-year-old to get involved with a restaurant venture with nine other partners that never opened. However, in 1985, when he was 23, an investment in a Cajun restaurant on the upper east side paid off handsomely, and Lanza was on his way to "making big money" in the 1980s and 1990s with a slew of well regarded dining destinations in Manhattan.

"We worked hard, and we played hard," Lanza said.

However, when Wall Street crashed about 10 years ago, Lanza said, "I knew it was time to get out of Manhattan. I was tired of being in Manhattan."

Lanza was already familiar with the Hudson Valley having purchased a 40-acre property in Garrison in 2005 that he and his wife, Joni, turned into Lanza Farms, which sells goat cheese that he uses at his restaurants and has 1,000 maple trees for syrup.

He also obtained an 11-acre site in the Village of Buchanan that he turned into the Hot Rod Hotel, a storage and maintenance facility for collectable and performance cars, boats and motorcy-



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Building on Hudson Avenue that Louie Lanza bought, renovated and now houses Taco Dive Bar.

cles. Lanza owns about 40 classic cars, which he often puts on display at area car shows.

Lanza then set his sights on commercial properties in Peekskill. After selling a penthouse in New York City for several million dollars, Lanza bought the building where Hudson Room has developed

a loyal following. He also purchased buildings on North Division Street, North Water Street and Hudson Avenue, the latter which renovated to house Taco Dive Bar and Buns and Bourbon.

"They were in bad shape. I almost had a heart attack," Lanza said of the buildings on Hudson Avenue. "It was a tough

couple of years."

Lanza also became a key player in the renovation of the waterfront structure where The Factoria and Spins Hudson now exists and is on the verge of finalizing a 15-year lease with Metro-North for his future Stazione pizzeria and saloon in a location that has been vacant for many years.

But the wheels in Lanza's head are still turning. He said he would like to turn the workmen compensation building in Peekskill's downtown into a 40-room upscale hotel, with an art museum on the first floor.

In addition, Lanza said he is planning to start a Peekskill Business Council to use as an entity to address the Common Council with concerns about parking, signage, garbage and other issues.

"I want people who believe in the city that its future depends on common sense," Lanza said. "What motivates me is people in Peekskill approach me for what I'm doing. We have shown much good faith in Peekskill. There's a lot of power in the business community. I'm in Peekskill. I want to be here."

Lanza said the secret to his success comes from simple advice he received from his parents. "Don't think you're a big shot. Treat people like you want to be treated."



Do You Have Severe Arthritis in your Knee?

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Q: What is a mobile-bearing partial knee?

A: Key to the durable nature and natural feel of the mobile-bearing knee is a plastic bearing that glides freely throughout the knee's range of motion, hence the name "mobile-bearing." Similar to the ball bearings that "bear the weight" and allow a wheel to turn freely, a mobile bearing allows your knee to move more naturally. In other partial knees, known as "fixed-bearing," the bearing does not move.

Q: What advantages does it have over a total knee replacement or fixed-bearing partial knee?

A: The main advantages are faster recovery time and less pain. Total knee replacement is major surgery involving the removal of a substantial portion of bone in the knee and half the supporting ligaments. The less invasive partial knee replacement preserves all the ligaments and two-thirds of the healthy knee. Patients can often go home the same day and recovery time is cut in half.

Q: Why do some doctors recommend a total knee replacement even if the problem can be fixed with a partial knee?

A: Historically, physicians have favored total knee

replacements over partial for almost all patients with severe osteoarthritis because they last longer than fixed-bearing partial knees.

But statistics show that the mobile-bearing knee is comparable to a total knee replacement in terms of durability. Twenty years post-implant, the mobile-bearing knee is still viable in 91 percent of patients. The comparable figure for total knee replacements is 93 percent.

Q: How do I know if a mobile-bearing is right for me?

A: Knee replacements are done only for people whose osteoarthritis is severe or "end-stage." Your doctor will determine which type of replacement you need based on a physical exam and x-rays. In about 30 to 40 percent of patients, the osteoarthritis is contained only on the medial or inner part of the joint. If the rest of the knee is healthy, you might be a candidate for a partial knee replacement with the mobile-bearing device, whereas someone with arthritis throughout the knee or a torn ligament is not.

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Fin & Brew Restaurant Opens Doors on Waterfront

By Rick Pezzullo

Peekskill's newest eatery, Fin & Brew, located at 5 John Walsh Blvd. on the Hudson River waterfront, is unlike anything the city has seen in years.

"The restaurant will be a crowd pleaser," said Louie Lanza of the Hudson Hospitality Group, who has partnered with John Sharp, owner of Gleason's and Bird-sall House in Peekskill, and Scott Vacca-ro, founder/owner of Captain Lawrence Brewing Company in Elmsford. "It has quality food and service and the view is spectacular."

The New American eatery, with a high-end focus on comfort food and small plates, opened quietly on Novem-ber 3. Among the items on the menu: wild striped bass, Ora king salmon, charred octopus, beer-steamed mussels, marinated skirt steak and a selection of East and West Coast oysters. The food is prepared by executive chefs Mike Anas-tacio and Ryan Swank.

"I've been impressed with what they're doing," Lanza said. "Come for great food and a great experience."

Fin & Brew is located on the second floor of The Factoria, Westchester's new entertainment/events property, which also houses River Outpost Brewing and Spins Hudson. The restaurant seats 60, plus 18 bar stools, and has an extensive wine and cocktails list.

Fin & Brew is open Thursday to Sun-day starting at 5 p.m. Reservations can be made through Open Table, and can be reached at (914) 788-4555.

Fin & Brew is located on second floor of The Factoria at Charles Point Marina.



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Meanwhile, the board unanimously approved a change order of \$33,887.33 to Montesano Brothers for the Granite Knolls Sports and Recreation project, which was required for pond dewatering, spreading of wood chips for stabilization and capping of abandoned pipe that was mandated by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

Supervisor Michael Grace noted a groundbreaking ceremony would be held soon for the complex, which he said was currently at a price tag of approxi-mately \$4.9 million, including the cost of a turf field.

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Mahopac Dancer from Epic Performs in Macy's Parade

Mahopac Middle School student and Epic Dance Center Competitive dancer, Sofia Gristina, could not believe that a single audition in August would lead her to the 2017 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, but there she was on nationwide TV Thursday.

Gristina, 12, learned about the audition through an email sent this past summer from Epic Dance Center owner, Sue Solazzo. She and her mom headed out to Long Island and figured she would be home by lunchtime. After a two-hour hip hop audition, Gristina was chosen by world famous choreographers Willda-beast Adams and Janelle Ginestra to

join the performance group "34th and Phunk." Only 60 dancers in total made the cut out of over 400 hopefuls. The experience got "real" right away.

After being chosen, there was a meet and greet and autograph session, and soon she was being measured for the parade costume, split into groups and had to stay into the evening for the first rehearsal. What followed over the next few months were rehearsals in both Manhattan and New Jersey at the Icon Dance Complex with assistant choreographer, Geo Hubela.

"Even though these rehearsals were long and tiring, they prepared us for the

performance and we all had a great time doing it," Gristina said.

It all culminated when Gristina performed in front of Macys on 34th Street and made her television debut in the Parade on Thanksgiving Day.

After the parade, Gristina said she felt lucky to be a part of the first ever hip hop performance in the parade, adding, "everyone had gotten to be such good friends." Some dancers would fly in for the practices from Dallas, Florida and LA. "It was definitely an experience I will never forget," she said.

Solazzo said being on the Epic Hip Hop Team and Dance Company and dancing competitively have prepared Gristina for these experiences. Her teammates and teachers were cheering her on and were so proud of her.



Sofia Gristina



Hip Hop group "34th and Phunk."

Letters to the Editor

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To the Cortlandt Community,

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Keon's Litter Pick-Up Team Sweeps Through Downtown

A street team sweeps through downtown Peekskill three times a week, picking up discarded candy wrappers, coffee cups and other pedestrian litter.

Thanks to a \$20,000 grant from local energy-from-waste business Wheelabrator Westchester and contributions from the City of Peekskill and the Peekskill Business Improvement District, the program is funded through next summer.

The program was initiated by the Peekskill BID and the Keon Center, and consists of three to four adult workers and a staff supervisor. Keon is a Peekskill-based non-profit agency that serves the developmentally disabled with programs designed to promote self-sufficiency, skill enhancement and inclusion.

"We wanted to improve the overall experience for shoppers, visitors, tourists. Street litter was identified as an issue that needed to be addressed in our downtown. Working with the Keon Center is a win-win for everyone—we get cleaner streets, the Keon team gets a valuable work opportunity," said Bill Powers, Executive Director of the Peekskill BID.

"Wheelabrator Westchester is committed to serving as an actively engaged community partner in Westchester County and the Peekskill community," said Robert McNamara, Wheelabrator's New York area



Wheelabrator Plant Manager Brett Baker, street sweeper Howard Bloom, Keon Job Coach Carole Granese, street sweepers Brian Mitchell and Brian London, Robert McNamara, Wheelabrator Market Area Manager CT/NY, Keon Employment Developer Joseph Conti, and Peekskill Business Improvement Executive Director Bill Powers.

market manager. "We believe our social responsibility begins with the communities in which our customers and employees live and work. We are proud to partner with the City of Peekskill, the Peekskill BID and the Keon Center on an initiative that supports more sustainable waste management in Peekskill, promotes environmental stewardship and provides meaningful employment to an enthusiastic team from Keon."

"We get a great community response from the business owners and residents when they see our street team coming down the block. It is a rewarding experi-

ence because our clients are integrated into the community in a meaningful and highly visible way. We want to thank all of our partners, Wheelabrator Westchester, the BID and the City of Peekskill for bringing the program to life. We are hopeful other municipalities will give us similar opportunities," said Joseph Conti, Employment Developer for the Keon Center.

Plans call for the street sweepers to work through the winter, weather permitting.

About Wheelabrator Technologies

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About the Keon Center

Keon Center is a non-profit agency that has served the developmentally disabled since its incorporation in 1954. Keon has developed many programs over the years to meet the changing needs of its consumers and is committed to developing services that are driven towards future growth. The dedicated staff strives to bring clients to the highest level of independence that can be achieved. Visit: www.keoncenter.org.

About the Peekskill Business Improvement District: The BID covers most of the downtown area and is funded through a small property tax. A volunteer board of directors made up of property owners, commercial tenants and City of Peekskill appointees manages the policies of the BID with a part time executive director. The BID focuses its efforts on marketing and promotions, beautification projects, holiday promotions, image enhancement initiatives, and business advocacy. For more information, email peekskillbid1@gmail.com.



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Obituaries

Frank Thomas

Frank W. Thomas, a resident of the Village of Buchanan, died November 25. He was 94.

Born in Niagara Falls, New York, he was the son of Mathilda (Miller) and Laceson Thomas. He was predeceased by brothers Robert and Earl Thomas. Mr. Thomas married Dorothy Travis of Peekskill, on July 21, 1946, and were married for more than 68 years, until her passing in February 2015.

He is survived by daughter Ellen (Joe) Chindano of Buchanan, and son Charles (Barbara) Thomas of Newburgh. He is also survived by grandson Kevin (Amina) Thomas of Cornwall, NY and granddaughter Carissa Thomas of Modena, NY.

Mr. Thomas was a proud veteran of World War II, leaving college to enlist in the U.S. Army. He would see service in both North Africa and Italy, in the Signal Corps. He would earn the rank of Technician Grade 4 (Sergeant), and served in cryptography. He was assigned with his Signal Company to the British Tenth Corps while in Italy, and would see action in the amphibious assaults at Salerno and Anzio, as well as the Cassino Campaign, and the liberation of Rome. Among his military awards was the Good Conduct

Medal.

After the war, Mr. Thomas would complete his education, and would eventually earn degrees and certificates from SUNY New Paltz, Columbia University, and Hunter College.

He would spend much of his life in the service of education and the community. He would serve 44 years in the Hendrick Hudson School District, as both teacher and administrator. This would include 20 years as Principal of the Blue Mountain Middle School. During his tenure at Blue Mountain, the school became the first middle school in New York State to be selected as a "School of Excellence" by the U.S. Dept. of Education. He would also serve on the board of the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges.

Mr. Thomas' greatest loves were his wife and family. Among his fondest memories were spending time with his grandchildren, and walking the beaches of the Atlantic from Maine to Florida, with his beloved Dorothy.

His strong belief in service to his community continued until the end of his life. In addition to his commitment to the Church of Divine Love in Montrose, he would serve over 48 years as a volunteer at the Hudson Valley Hospital, and was active in the Hendrick Hudson Free

Library, Peekskill Lincoln Society, and the Buchanan Seniors.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Altar Guild of the Church of Divine Love, 80 Sunset Road, Montrose, NY 10548. Visiting Hours and Memorial Service, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. December 2 at the Joseph F Nardone Funeral Home, 414 Washington St., Peekskill.

Maria Kolack

Maria Kolack, a resident of Shenorock, died peacefully at home on November 24. She was 97.

She was born June 9, 1920 in Nurtigen, Germany. She was the daughter of the late Friedrich Altdorfer and Elisabeth Mutschler.

She was a resident of Shenorock since 1950 and was the wife of the late Frank Kolack, with whom she shared 66 years of marriage. She will be remembered for her outstanding German culinary skills and her "Green Thumb" for both outdoor landscaping and houseplants. She was a very special lady, beautiful inside and out, with a long list of friends and family who loved and admired her.

She is survived by one son, Frederick Kolack and his wife Roseanne, of Wakefield, MA; a granddaughter, Lillian

Hasselmann and her husband Kevin, of Grosse Point, MI; five great-grandchildren: Taryn, Kylie, Zoey, Mason and Parker Hasselmann as well as three nieces and a nephew in Germany. She was predeceased by her son, Peter in 1993.

Lucille Costable

Lucille T. Costable, a resident of Cortlandt for most of her life, died November 23. She was 76.

She was born in Brooklyn, on April 20, 1941 to Ernesto and Maria Destefano Viola. She attended Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School and was a Medical Office Assistant for the Mt. Kisco Medical Group. She was a communicant of The Church of the Holy Spirit and was a foster parent for many years to many children.

She is survived by her sons: Patrick J. Costable (Jane Lynch), John M. (Monique) Costable, Jr., Vincent C. (Courtney) Costable, and former husband, John M. Costable. sisters: Sr Bernadette Viola and Eleanor (Robert) Rose, brothers: Ernest R. (Patricia) Viola, Jr. and Anthony (Barbara) Viola, and six grandchildren: Sarah, Patrick, Jr. Nicholas, John III, Avery and Vincent, Jr. Her son, Christopher Todd Costable, predeceased her.



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Guest Commentary

Honored to be Named Yorktown's First Poet Laureate

By John F. McMullen

I am honored to have recently been appointed to be the first Poet Laureate of the Town of Yorktown. Since my appointment, I have laid out the following overview for my activities:

Role of the Yorktown Poet Laureate (a non-paid-position):

- To make poetry accessible to the residents of Yorktown and surrounding communities.
- To support any poets or prospective poets in the Yorktown community by providing resources, workshops, and encouragement.
- To promote and publicize the work of any Yorktown poets and poetry endeavors.
- To attempt to bring poetry to enrich the lives of both the young and the elderly.
- Other poetry-related activities as they become apparent.

I am a graduate of Iona College with a degree in English Literature and hold Masters' degrees from Marist College in Computer Science / Information Systems and Public Administration

/ Criminal Justice. Shortly after my graduation from Iona, I, through a quirk of fate, moved into a career in computer technology with the federal government, Wall Street firms, and my own consulting business. My career in technology also led me into college teaching and writing for publication (magazines, newspapers, news services, and a book – all relating to the impact of technology on our lives).

For thirty-five years after my graduation from Iona, I not only hadn't written any poetry, I hadn't read any. Another quirk of fate, however, changed that – I was walking through an aisle at Barnes & Noble, Mohegan Lake when I spied a book with a very strange title by one Charles Bukowski. I picked it up, read a few poems and immediately decided two things – this fellow was crazy and “I could do this.”

I wrote a poem, “Cashing A Check”, and, on a whim, submitted it to a national poetry contest. I forgot about the contest until I found out a few months later that I came in fourth out of some large number of entrants. While the prize was

not substantial (\$25 and a subscription to “Poets and Writers” magazine), it got me started and now, eighteen years later, I have five poetry books published (four small “chapbooks” and one 110-poem “New & Collected Poems by johnmac the bard”).

Once I started reading my poetry at various venues, I found that many municipalities and counties had “Poet Laureates”, poets committed to making poetry accessible to their local citizenry and it seemed to me that my home of 39 years should have a similar person. It soon became obvious that, for this to happen, I would have to do it.

Since my appointment, the following have been my activities:

- I have arranged with the John C. Hart Library to begin a monthly poetry workshop after the first of the year. The coordinator of the Mahopac Poetry Workshop, a much-published poet, Anne Graue, has agreed to serve as my Resource Person.
- I have had conversations with Alik Barnstone (Poet Laureate of the State of

Missouri) and Tony Pena (Poet Laureate of Beacon, NY) on their activities as poet laureates. I will meet with Tony in early December.

- I have had conversations with George Hopkins, who has set up poetry contests for a senior group on Staten Island (Community Agency for Senior Citizens (CASC)), to get ideas on ways to involve seniors with poetry.

- I have appeared on a cable TV show, “One-on-One with Vinnie Dacquino” to publicize the new endeavor -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WH_Cx5phlrA -- article about the show -- goo.gl/oCseqj

- I have agreed to read poetry as part of a three-weekend Putnam County “Veteran's Gala”.

- I have publicized the establishment of the Poet Laureate position through notification of the Iona College & Marist College Alumni Associations, the Northern Westchester Examiner and County Executive-elect George Latimer.

I welcome any recommendations and/or volunteer help. I can be contacted at johnmac13@gmail.com.

Letters to the Editor

Yorktown Small Business Association 2017 Holiday Celebration

To the Editor,

Another year almost gone, the elections are over, and the holidays are upon us. For some of us it is a time to be thankful, huddle with our families and friends, reflect on our accomplishments, acknowledge our failures and set goals (DESTINATION YORKTOWN) for the coming new year. We will be celebrating the successes of our community, its businesses, residents and

community service organizations as well as hoping those in attendance will make good connections to others.

Please join us at the historic Hilltop Hanover Farm on December 13 between the hours of 6PM and 9PM for a Meet and Greet and holiday gathering. Local businesses will be providing food and refreshments. Local, County and State elected officials will be on hand to Meet

and Greet you as well as members of the Friends of Hilltop Hanover Farm Board and staff. Supervisor Elect Lanny Gilbert, Councilman Ed Lachterman, Highway Superintendent Dave Paganelli, Councilman Vishnu Patel, Town Clerk Diana Quast and Councilwomen Elect Alice Roker have confirmed their attendance.

Space is limited, and you must RSVP

to Bob Giordano rgiord19@otponline.net (914-874-4347) to attend. All are welcome. A \$10.00 donation at the door is suggested to support the Friends of Hilltop Hanover Farm's agricultural and environmental education programs for school age children.

BOB GIORDANO
President/Founder, Yorktown Small Business Association

Visit an Animal Shelter This Holiday

To the Editor:

Now that the holiday season is upon us, many people think a puppy would make a good gift. What most forget is that puppies require a lot of time, energy, money, and many pet store puppies come from sick and neglected puppy mills.

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been spayed/neutered, are up-to-date on vaccinations, and microchipped.

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So instead of buying a puppy this holiday season, please share your love and home with a dog who desperately needs it. Visit your local shelter, volunteer to walk a dog, and always choose to adopt.

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Sculpture that Celebrates Sailing Will Be Dedicated

Anchored by public art, a special ceremony honoring Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, the vessel that launched an environmental movement led by the late Pete Seeger, is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, December 2 at Charles Point on the Hudson. The event is free and open to the public.

The ceremony's backstory is reminiscent of one of Mr. Seeger's famed odes to Americana. Just at the moment Peekskill Yacht Club was ready to jettison a sailboat that a past member of the club had disowned, another club member, Peekskill entrepreneur Charles J. "Chuck" Newman, swooped in to salvage the vessel's mast, which he saw as valuable raw material for his sculptor father-in-law.

Newman's instincts were pointed true north. His wife Carol's father, noted artist Al Landzberg, of Yorktown, soon transformed the mast into a 24-foot-high metal sculpture, dubbed "North Star."

Originally installed on the waterfront in Yonkers, Landzberg and Newman had the sculpture moved to its current Peekskill perch in May of this year. Now, in recognition of Seeger's towering efforts to clean up the Hudson River – which the artist says "represent an incredible story of human resilience" – Landzberg is dedicating his creation to the Clearwater organization.

"Clearwater aims to inspire love for the Hudson River and service to the environmental cause," said Clearwater development director Wren Longno. "That is what makes this dedication a special honor and we are so grateful to Mr. Landzberg for recognizing our work with this magnificent sculpture."

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater was launched in 1969 by Seeger with a mission to "clean up the Hudson River." Since then, the 501(c)(3) non-profit "has been at the forefront of the environmental movement as champion of the Hudson River," explains Clearwater.org, where you can find lots more information about its varied activities and many accomplishments.

"North Star" is installed at Charles Point, 5 John Walsh Blvd. Peekskill, where it now stands sentry-like in front of the new Factoria multi-purpose event, entertainment and dining destination, site of the December 2 ceremony. Shaped like a tree reaching skyward, the majestic sculpture symbolizes the history and craftsmanship of wooden sailboat construction.

As part of the dedication, the sculpture will be donated to the City of Peekskill as public art, with municipal officials on hand to formally accept the unique gift.

The gift and dedication ceremony also are made possible by Factoria principals Louis Lanza of Hudson Hospitality, John Sharp of Birdsall House and Gleason's, and Scott Vaccaro of Captain Lawrence

Brewing Co., who enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to have the sculpture grace their grounds.

The property on which the sculpture and Factoria sit is owned by the Peekskill Industrial Development Agency (IDA). On November 29 at City Hall, the IDA is expected to formally accept on behalf of the City of Peekskill Landzberg's donation of the sculpture.

Sculpture that will be dedicated on December 2.



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Further Thoughts on Friday Night at the Movies

In the last few years, a glass of wine being sipped in movie scenes has become as common as a cigarette dangling from an actor's lips in movies over a good part of the last century. Just as this is art imitating life, so too have movie themes been taking center stage.

Last week I presented a number of movies that are wine-based. My wife and I enjoy pizza and wine on most Friday nights. I suggested pairing this combination with a wine-themed movie. I received several comments on my suggestions. Mention was made of a few movies I had omitted from the column. I also received a criticism that ten of the thirteen movies presented were documentaries, not movies.

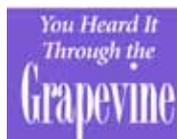
Reflecting on that comment, I decided to reprise last week's column with a movie-centric theme. I went back to my working list of movies and documentaries, seeking movies to feature this week. That's when I realized that my previous omission was inadvertently deliberate. Why? There are a number of mediocre wine-themed movies that I feel are not worthy of mention. An isolated scene featuring wine does not make for a wine-themed movie. Regardless of how infa-

mous each may have been.

Nevertheless, in the spirit of recognizing each person's right to their opinion on good or bad movies, I provide below a few movies that didn't make the cut last week.



By Nick Antonaccio



- *The Secret of Santa Vittoria* (1969). An emotional villager (Anthony Quinn) and his fellow citizens hide their secret from the Germans at the end of World War II: one million bottles of locally produced wine, upon which the town is financially dependent. This is a feel-good movie that portrays the plight of many Italian and French wine-producing towns during the war.

- *French Kiss* (1995). A rom-com pairing Kevin Kline and Meg Ryan on a collision course to falling in love. And quite a soliloquy by Meg on the concept of terroir – in the vineyards and in life.

- *A Walk in the Clouds* (1995). What a way to return from World War II. Keanu Reeves meets an unwed pregnant girl and agrees to play a hoax on her family, posing as her husband. They then spend the rest of the movie immersed in subterfuge and lies while tending the beautiful-

ly filmed vineyard life of her parents. Not one of Keanu's best works, but the nostalgic grape-stomping scene and (spoiler alert) the burning vineyards warrant a Friday night viewing (with your finger strategically positioned on the fast-forward button of the remote).

- *Under the Tuscan Sun* (2003). Not every mention of the word Tuscany conjures visions of sun-drenched vineyards – and certainly not this forced, farcical love story.

- *The Silence of the Lambs* (1991). Never before, or since, has the name of Chianti been taken in vain. Do not mention the movie's infamous pairing in mixed company.

- *The Kids Are All Right* (2010). Bold product placements of California wines are embedded in this 21st century family celebration. The frequent shots of wine bottle labels deserve a supporting actor nomination.

- Most James Bond movies. By someone's anonymous count, the double agent has consumed more than just his legendary martinis. Champagne comes in a close second at twelve bottles of Bollinger and eight of Dom Pérignon. Now

that's impressive product placement.

- *A Good Year* (2006). A tale of the confluence of the high finance business world (London) and the allure of making wine (Provence). The allure of Russell Crowe and Ridley Scott are quite evident.

- *Days of Wine and Roses* (1962). What? No wine theme? Deceptive advertising, I say. Also, a gripping tale of the dire consequences of having one drink too many over too many days.

With this additional compendium in hand, a binge-watching weekend may be in order. But be careful to avoid binge-drinking that favorite bottle of wine.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted numerous wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.



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Business of the Week

Let's Have Thai Mahopac

By David Propper

For years, Pete Loimar has enjoyed home cooking from his parents. Now, he's bringing that home cooking to Mahopac.

Loimar opened the restaurant Let's Have Thai about a month ago along Route 6 in Mahopac in hopes of bringing a different cuisine to the area.

"It's very natural to me, I eat this everyday in my house like growing up I always liked my mom's cooking," he said. "It feels like it comes from home."

His entire staff is his family, which offers his customers an array of Asian food without traveling to Thailand.

"So I thought if I had my entire family behind me everybody can taste what I'm having at home and that's the best way to have food," Loimar who lives in Yonkers, said.

Loimar said when he came up to Mahopac, he noticed there weren't many places for authentic Asian food and didn't see any Thai cuisine being offered at all. In addition to Mahopac being a welcoming place, Loimar sensed it was the right place to open his eatery.

Before opening up Let's Have Thai, Loimar was a dialysis nurse in the Bronx. The long hours and depressing cases took

an emotional and physical toll on him. To see patients he got to know die as a result of whatever disease they were battling was tough for Loimar to face daily.

"Before I was dreading waking up going to work," Loimar said. "Now I get to see people smile because of the things that I'm cooking."

Now he gets to be his own boss and work with his family. His father and uncle do a lot of cooking, his mother prepares the food and different recipes, and his aunt handles a lot of the monetary issues. Loimar handles everything else, including being the face of the business.

Loimar said the Thai food at his restaurant isn't "fusion" or "American inspired" but authentic Thai dining. He said Thai food has a sweet flavor in the beginning and then has a little kick near the end. Thai food is extremely savory and hearty, Loimar said, with lots of vegetables and protein.

His favorite meal is cashew nut sautéed with mixed vegetables and chicken.

"Everybody that comes in here feels like family, that's how I treat them," he said.

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Burns Unveils Impressive New Romanian Films Series

By Neal Rentz

Movie lovers who are seeking an alternative to typical multiplex fare have a chance to see films they may not be able to view elsewhere starting this week at the Jacob Burns Film Center.

Making Waves: New Romanian Cinema 2017, scheduled for Nov. 30 through Dec. 7, has been organized by series curator Mihai Chirilov, the artistic director of the Transylvania International Film Festival. The series is presented in partnership with the Romanian Film Initiative and BAMcinématek.

Chirilov is a self-described "passionate promoter of the new Romanian cinema."

"In 2010, given the already high visibility of the Romanian cinema in America, the Jacob Burns Film Center invited me to curate an extended program of Romanian films that was very popular here," said Chirilov, who created the Romanian Festival in New York City in 2006 and continues with his involvement in that event. "That success triggered the annual presence of Making Waves."

This year's series includes one short and eight full-length films. Opening night features "6.9 on the Richter Scale," directed by Nae Caranfil. Chirilov said he chose the movie to open the series "because it is the most atypical film coming from Romania in a long time," an exotic musical with dark



"6.9 on the Richter Scale," starring Laurentiu Bănescu and Maria Obretin and directed by Nae Caranfil, is the opening night feature in Making Waves: New Romanian Cinema 2017. The series is scheduled to run Nov. 30 through Dec. 7 at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville.

comedic overtones in the tradition of films directed by the celebrated Billy Wilder.

Chirilov said Caranfil successfully opened Making Waves at the Burns several years ago with his sparkling costume drama "Closer to the Moon."

"I am actually curious how the American audience who usually love musicals will click to this unusual proposal," Chirilov said.

He said another favorite film in this year's series is the lone short, "Written//Unwritten," from director Adrian Silisteanu, which will be paired on Dec. 6 with the feature, "The Last Kalderash," directed

by Cosmin Bumbut and Elena Stancu. Silisteanu will participate in a question-and-answer session hosted by Chirilov following that evening's screening.

Chirilov said he admires the 20-minute "Written/Unwritten" because it deals "with the excruciating ordeal of a family facing state authority and its crushing bureaucracy. It's simply gripping."

He also has a soft spot for one of the documentaries, "Cabbage, Potatoes and Other Demons." The non-fiction film, directed by Serban Georgescu and scheduled for a Dec. 5 screening, contains comic absurdity that might remind moviegoers of "Super

Size Me."

Though contemporary Romanian films do not have the box office appeal of Hollywood blockbusters among American audiences, Romanian cinema has a prominent place in today's film world, Chirilov said. After a long absence on the international circuit, the new generation of filmmakers have forged a successful path over the past decade, Chirilov said.

"The radical aesthetics proved very appealing as most films were true to life, almost documentary-like, refusing any form of artificiality and conventions," he said.

The fall of communism in the late 1980s has also influenced much of contemporary Romanian cinema, Chirilov said. Many of today's directors experienced communism in their youth and now have the experience and perspective to explore its consequences, which still impacts Romania today.

"For viewers who never experienced a Communist regime but curious to find out what that really meant, these films provided the most accurate insight," Chirilov said.

Call 914-747-5555 or visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org for more information, including ticket prices and the full schedule for Making Waves: New Romanian Cinema 2017. The Jacob Burns Film Center is located at 364 Manville Rd. in Pleasantville.



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The Collyer Brothers and Cluttering vs. Hoarding

Just recently when I referred to the Collyer Brothers with a young couple, I was surprised to find that they were unaware of the reference. For anyone else who hasn't heard of that famous name associated with hoarding in the home, it was an historic case dating back to 1947 involving the deaths of two eccentric brothers who lost their lives as the result of hoarding in their mansion at the corner of Fifth Avenue and 128th Street in Manhattan where they had been squirreled away in seclusion for decades.

The obsessive duo had collected and hoarded books, furniture, musical instruments, and myriad other items, with booby traps set up in corridors and doorways to ensnare intruders. Ultimately, those booby traps contributed to their own demise. When their home was emptied out after their deaths, more than 140 tons of collected items were removed.

It has been many years since I encountered a genuine case of hoarding, but early in my real estate career, I encountered what has to be one of the most severe cases of the condition most likely on record in Westchester. It was truly bizarre, where the collected junk extended beyond the house into the front and back yards which

had been encircled with chain-link fencing. There was just a very narrow path through the front yard leading to the front door and, once the door was pushed open, a visitor could only stand and look beyond the accumulated piles of junk into the rooms. There was also a collection of both cats and dogs in the house which were not properly tended to, so the smell was almost unbearable.



By Bill Primavera

To my amazement, the house which was priced well below market value, sold quickly and some brave soul, a contractor, tackled the job and turned the disaster into a winning starter home that was clean as a whistle. It was put on the market for rental, and I knew the family that lived there quite happily as its first residents when it had signed a new lease on life.

It may seem an extreme statement to say that lives can be still be lost through hoarding, but indeed it happened not long ago in my own hometown where a fire broke out in a home where firemen could not access a bedroom because the hallway was blocked with hoarded belongings, and the homeowner perished.

I was brought to this topic because of an ad I saw by Bill Pope of Spotless Cleaning whom I had once engaged for carpet

cleaning. In the ad, he noted that he had added de-cluttering and tackling hoarding issues to his mix of services, and I was fascinated by that. I called to follow up.

"In the past few years, I've seen maybe 10 cases of extreme hoarding in this area," Pope said, "but more and more, we have customers coming to us, asking for help in de-cluttering and organizing. One of our people, my wife actually, visits clients on a regular basis to help them cope with organizing things and letting go."

And therein lies the difference, according to psychologists, between hoarders and those who clutter. Hoarders can't let go of things, but those who clutter can let go if they set up a routine.

The Popes seem to be the experts on organization. On their website (spotlesscleaningsystems.com), detailed information is offered on organizing the home. The first advisory is to start with a small success, adjusting the big (cluttered) picture downward to focus in on one small solvable problem like clearing a single drawer or de-cluttering a shelf that has been nagging at you.

One small success can bring motivation for the long haul.

Interestingly, Pope relates clutter tolerance to a fever cycle, much like the flu. Sometimes the cluttered household will become intolerable, prompting a short-lived but fiery anti-clutter effort, only to be

met with a returning tide, flowing back in because of the flushed and furious attempts to get a grip on the problem in a hurry.

Pope said that, "just as clutter arises gradually, over time, it must be fought gradually and over time. It requires building new habits, applying new organizational methods and creating new household routines. The clutter cure takes time and can't be shortened.

"It's like the fable of the tortoise and the hare," Pope said. "Slow and steady wins the declutter race."

I am so happy that I can pass on this information about support for those who have a problem. I remember many years ago when I first started writing this column, I received an anonymous call from a woman who sounded desperate, saying she was aware that she needed help in this area and at the time, there was scant information I could give her for consultation in this region.

For those who may be having issues with clutter or hoarding, give Spotless Cleaning Systems a call for a consultation at 814-225-6449.

While Bill Primavera, *The Home Guru*, enjoys a career as a writer and publicist, he is a Realtor® with William Raveis Real Estate, specializing in upper Westchester and Putnam Counties. To engage the services of *The Home Guru* to market your home for sale, call (914) 522-2076.



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Tuesday, Nov. 28

Senior Benefits Information: Trained volunteer counselors help older adults and their caregivers find information about government benefits to help them stretch their budgets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the John C. Hart Memorial Library, 1130 E. Main St., Shrub Oak. Get information on Medicare health and prescription plans, nutrition assistance, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), tax relief programs, and much more. Info: 914-245-5262 Ext.227 or <http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/sbic>.

Healthy Happy Hour: Healthy Happy Hours are held on Tuesday nights in Mahopac and another location may be added. Take a 10-day vacation from processed foods. Are sugary, fatty, easy-to-prepare, addictive junk foods making you feel sick and tired? Then reset your metabolism and break your addictions to unhealthy foods. For more information contact Diane at 914-843-8745.

Hygeia Programs: Two ongoing programs are being held on Tuesdays at Hygeia Integrated Health LLC, 3505 Hill Blvd., Suite K, Yorktown. Community Acupuncture is being held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$30. Come experience the beneficial effects of acupuncture in a group setting. Register: hyinhealth@gmail.com. On the last Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Eating Disorder Support Group, led by a LCSW and clinical nutritionist will be held. Discuss and resolve issues around relationships with food. Info/register: hyinhealth@gmail.com or www.hyinhealth.com.

Conversational Hebrew: Learn to ask and respond to questions. For the conversational class for adults you must be able to decode Hebrew letters, but no experience with conversational Hebrew is required. The class meets every Tuesday through December 26 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., and is taught by Israeli teacher Urit Kuperman. The cost is \$5 per class. Stay for the free class that follows, taught by Alice Krochmal, which will help you to read Hebrew faster. For more information contact rabbi@firsthebrew.org. Classes are at First Hebrew, 1821 Main St., Peekskill, just west of Beach Center. Call 914-739-0500 or visit www.firsthebrew.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

Seniors' Fitness Classes: Free fitness classes are being offered to seniors who reside in Peekskill. The schedule is: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – The Workout – 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday – Fall Prevention Class – 10 to 11 a.m. Friday – Zumba Gold – 11 a.m. to noon. Call Terri Dean at 914-734-4250 Ext. 1 for more informa-

tion. Classes are conducted at Nelson Ave., downstairs from the library.

Senior Exercise: We offer the Workout M-W from 10-11 a.m. and Zumba Gold on Friday 11 a.m. to noon. The programs are free to all seniors in Peekskill. Call Terri Dean to register at 914-734-4250 Ext. 5.

POUND Program: POUNDTM Fitness Program, a 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics isometric movements and poses, is offered at Theatre and Dance Arts 131 Bedford Rd. Katonah. Drop in or weekly discount rates are available. The program is being provided on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 11:45 a.m. Call Peggy for more information at 914 960-4097.

Christmas Display: The Christmas around the World Crèche Display is at Graymoor through Jan. 14. On display are handmade and mass-produced crèches from almost every continent and country. The crèches are constructed of materials as diverse as straw, wood, ceramic, stone, paper and even elk horn. For more information, including information about additional retreats, contact Debbie Sinon at 845-424-2111 or e-mail her at GSLC@AtonementFriars.org.

Bingo Wednesdays: Come to First Hebrew for \$2,000 in total guaranteed bingo prizes, plus an average of \$1,000 awarded in specialty games. Doors open 5 p.m. and games begin 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday (except holidays – check First Hebrew's website calendar). First Hebrew is just west of the Beach Shopping Center at 1821 Main St., Peekskill. Info: 914 -739-0500 or www.firsthebrew.org.

Living With Neuropathy: Support Connection announces a free program for people living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers, "Living with Neuropathy: An Open Discussion." It will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Support Connection office in Yorktown Heights. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required for attendees, call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Jewish History Debates: Chabad of Yorktown, 2629 Old Yorktown Rd., is currently offering a new six-week course - Great Debates in Jewish History through Dec. 6, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Each class is independent. Debate is not only encouraged within Judaism but resides at the very heart of our history and theology. Great Debates in Jewish History explores six fundamental conflicts that pitted the greatest Jewish minds against each other—six instances of divergent perspectives, including the dead sea scrolls, suicide at Matzada, the maimonidean controversy, Renewal of the Sanhedrin,

Chasidism, and the separation of Church and State. For more information and to register, visit: www.ChabadYorktown.com/JLI or call 914-962-111.

Thursday, Nov. 30

IBM Retirees Club: The Tri-State IBM Retirees Club meets at the United Methodist Church meeting hall, 1176 E Main St, Shrub Oak. Agenda: open discussion on medical plan choices, collection of \$20 for 2018 dues, and a count will be taken for those interested in attending a holiday luncheon on Dec 7 at Frankie 'n AugieZ in Jefferson Valley. Coffee at 1 p.m.; meeting at 1:30 p.m. Info: Peg Ryan at 914-528-5916

Artisan Faire: An Artisan Faire will be held from Nov. 30 through Dec. 3 at Muscoot Farm, Route 100, Somers. The event will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday and from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Shop for handmade gifts by local craftsmen, such as baskets, linens, ornaments, wall hangings, soap, pottery and more. Info: 914-864-7282.

Writer's Workshop: A Writer's Workshop with Linda Spear will be held every Thursday through Dec. 14 at the Somers Library. Session I: 1—2:30 p.m. Session II: 2:30—4 p.m. If there is a book in you, a memoir, a fictional recounting of a time in your life or an historical tome, there is no greater time to preserve your written words in a class with other students who are exploring an idea, a work in progress, or a chapter in their life. Bring your ideas, pen and paper (or laptop) so that within a few short weeks you will have developed the strategies to become a lifelong writer. People of all skill levels are welcome. Space is limited, so register early! Register for one session only please. Info: 914 232 5717 or www.somerslibrary.org.

Art Exhibits: A series of exhibits are being held at the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, 1701 Main A St., Peekskill. "Between I & Thou," is on display through Dec. 17. Peter Bynum's "Illumination of the Sacred Forms: Divine Light Mission and Sanctuary" is running through Dec. 17. Info: 914-788-0100, www.hvcca.org or Facebook.

Friday, Dec. 1

Coloring For Adults: It's not just for kids, and it's the latest craze. Join our adult coloring book club at the Somers Library Meetings will be held in the conference room every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Relax, color, and socialize for free. Materials are provided or you may bring your own color pencils and coloring books. Registration is not required. Info: 914 232 5717.

Job Hunting Help: Free drop-in, hands-on assistance with online applications, resume writing, e-mail accounts and more is held on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second-floor conference room at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is not a computer class. Info: Cheryl at 941-2416 Ext. 315.

Temple Beth Am Shabbat: Temple Beth Am will "opens its doors to all who enter" for Shabbat on Fridays at 8 p.m. Our modern Sabbath service has a spiritually engaging and warm feeling while following traditional modes. All are welcome to our friendly sacred space A Tot Shabbat will be held at 5:50 p.m. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For more information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at rabbiiw@optonline.net A Tot Shabbat will precede the regular service at 5:30 p.m. The service is for families with children in the first grade or older. There is no cost for the Tot Shabbat dinner. To RSVP or for more information, please e-mail Rebbetzin Ellen at RebbetzinEllen@gmail.com.

Jewish Center Services: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd., Friday night Sabbath services are held at 6:15 p.m. And Sabbath services on Saturdays will be held at 9:15 a.m. on most Saturdays. After the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning session based on the Torah portion of the week. Light refreshments are served and everyone is invited to join us as we share in the warmth, knowledge and friendship within our congregation. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Saturday, Dec. 2

Putnam Valley Shabbat Service: Looking for a modern Shabbat service steeped in Jewish tradition? Come to Temple Israel of Putnam Valley, a Conservative Egalitarian Synagogue situated on beautiful Lake Peekskill. Our inclusive, community-lead services start at 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays and are held in Hebrew and English. Enjoy a comfortable atmosphere where participation is appreciated and afterwards stay for our delicious Kiddush lunch. Services are free; Family Memberships are \$250 per year and include High Holiday Services. The synagogue is located at 140 Lake Drive in Lake Peekskill. For more information call 845-528-2305.

Yorktown Shabbat Morning Services: Chabad of Yorktown, 2926 Old Yorktown Rd., holds services on Saturday mornings. They are easy-to-follow services with Hebrew/English prayer books, a friendly environment and no affiliation is necessary. Kiddush luncheon follows the services. Services begin at 10 a.m. For more infor-

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mation visit www.ChabadYorktown.com

Ossining Farmers Market: The Ossining Down to Earth Farmers Market is now being held outdoors on Spring and Market Streets. Customers old and new will find delicious produce, pasture-raised meat, poultry, and eggs, breads, baked goods, and much more. For a full list of our markets and vendors, visit DowntoEarthMarkets.com.

Early Dutch New York: The National Maritime Historical Society Presents early Dutch New York with marine artist Len Tantillo today at the Cortlandt Yacht Club 238 Kings Ferry Rd., Montrose. Coffee and registration will be held at 10:30 a.m. and the lecture is slated for 11 a.m., with a holiday potluck luncheon to follow. Info: 914-737-7878, nmhs@seahistory.org or www.seahistory.org.

Writer's Group Open Mic: Linda Spear's Writer's Group Open Mic will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Somers Library. The Writer's Workshop has been meeting for four months, working together and getting feedback for their work. Now that the workshop is ending, the members would like to share the results of their hard work. Come and enjoy hearing them reading their stories, essays and more. Register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717.

Call Of The Wild: The Anderson Chase Gallery is pleased to present "Call of the Wild!" a juried art exhibition with over 30 participating artists. "It is running through Dec. 29. The Anderson Chase Gallery is located at the Katonah Art Center in Goldens Bridge. Hours: weekdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sundays by appointment. For more information, contact Loren Anderson at katonahartcenter-media@gmail.com or at 914-232-4843.

Sunday, Dec. 3

New Pastor: Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Yorktown Heights is excited to welcome our new Pastor, The Rev. Christopher Chantelau at our 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. You are invited to attend worship and fellowship on the 10th, or to call the church office at 914-245-5737 to welcome Pastor Chantelau or inquire about the ministry of Grace. We are conveniently located just off Route 6 on the corner of Gomer and Curry Streets.

Holiday Boutique: A holiday boutique will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with vendors, raffles, and food sponsored by the Reformed Church of Cortlandtown/Montrose Ladies Auxiliary. The event will be held at the Montrose Firehouse, 2143 Albany Post Rd.

Healing Yoga: Yoga classes for women with breast cancer are held at 5 p.m. on Sundays at Hudson Yoga, 5 Old Post Rd. South, Croton-on-Hudson. Weekly

classes are being conducted by rotating instructors. The suggestion is \$15. Info: Elisha Simpson at 914-319-4010.

Bingo: Bingo will be played tonight and on Dec. 17 at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. The doors will open at 5 p.m. and play begins at 6:30 p.m. There will be \$3,000 in prizes awarded during each Sunday session. Food will be available. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Monday, Dec. 4

Musical Munchkins: The Yorktown Musical Munchkins meet on Mondays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. at the Yorktown Stage Theater in room 12. The program is for older babies up to the 1's. Free trial classes are offered. Info: 914-771-7000 or www.musicalmunchkins.com.

Free Jazz Sessions: Free Jazz Jam Sessions are being held every Monday at The Winery at St. George, 1715 E. Main St., Mohegan Lake. Info: 914-455-4272.

Tuesday, Dec. 5

Women's Painting and Pinot: Chabad of Yorktown, 2629 Old Yorktown Rd, invites you to join our Ladies Chanukah Par-

ty at 7:30 p.m. Sip a sparkling pino while painting your choice of pottery. Choose from a Menorah, Latke platter, applesauce bowl, and more and have it professionally fired and glazed. For more information and to RSVP visit www.ChabadYorktown.com or call 914-962-1111.

Craft Program: Support Connection announces that a free program, "Coffee, Cookies and Crafts: A Winter Creation," will be offered from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Support Connection office in Yorktown Heights. It is open to people living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

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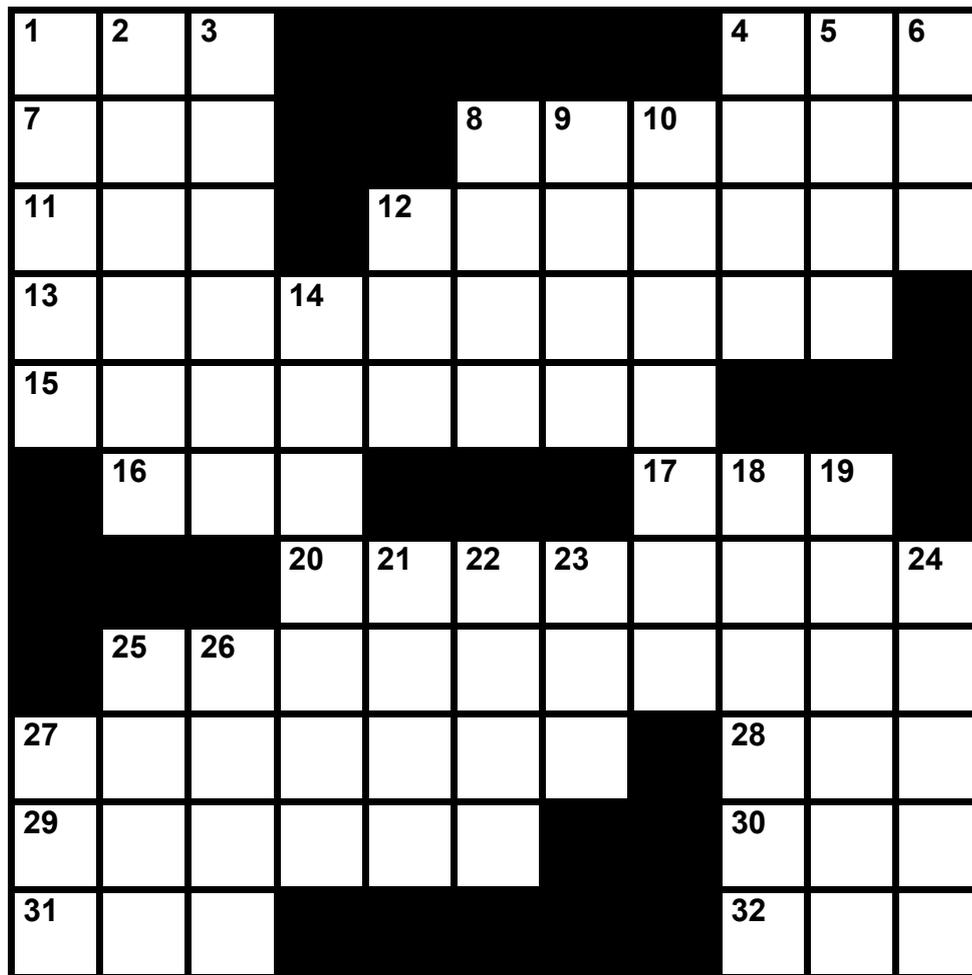
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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE-SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER -The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWMBS, Inc. Mortgage Pass-Through Trust 2004-HYB2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-HYB2, Plaintiff, against Westchester County Public Administrator as Administrator for the Estate of Public Administrator of Westchester County, as Administrator to the Estate of Helen C. Escoffier, Helen C. Escoffier's respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in the real property described in the complaint herein, Brienna Weil as heir to the estate of Helen C. Escoffier, Wachovia Bank, National Association, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, United States of America, Defendants-Index no. 60199/2016. Date filed MORTGAGED PREMISES: 7 Orchard Ridge Road, Chappaqua, NY 10514 VENUE: Westchester County (based on the situs of the Mortgaged Premises) TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your

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Dated: November 13, 2017. Greenspoon Marder, P.C., Attorneys for Plaintiff, Thomas J. Frank, Esq. 590 Madison Avenue Suite 1800 New York, NY 10022 P: (212) 524-5000 F: (212) 524-5050 (No Service by Fax) Please respond to Cypress Creek office: Trade Centre South 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 700 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 P: (954) 343-6255 F: (954) 333-4281 (No Service by fax)

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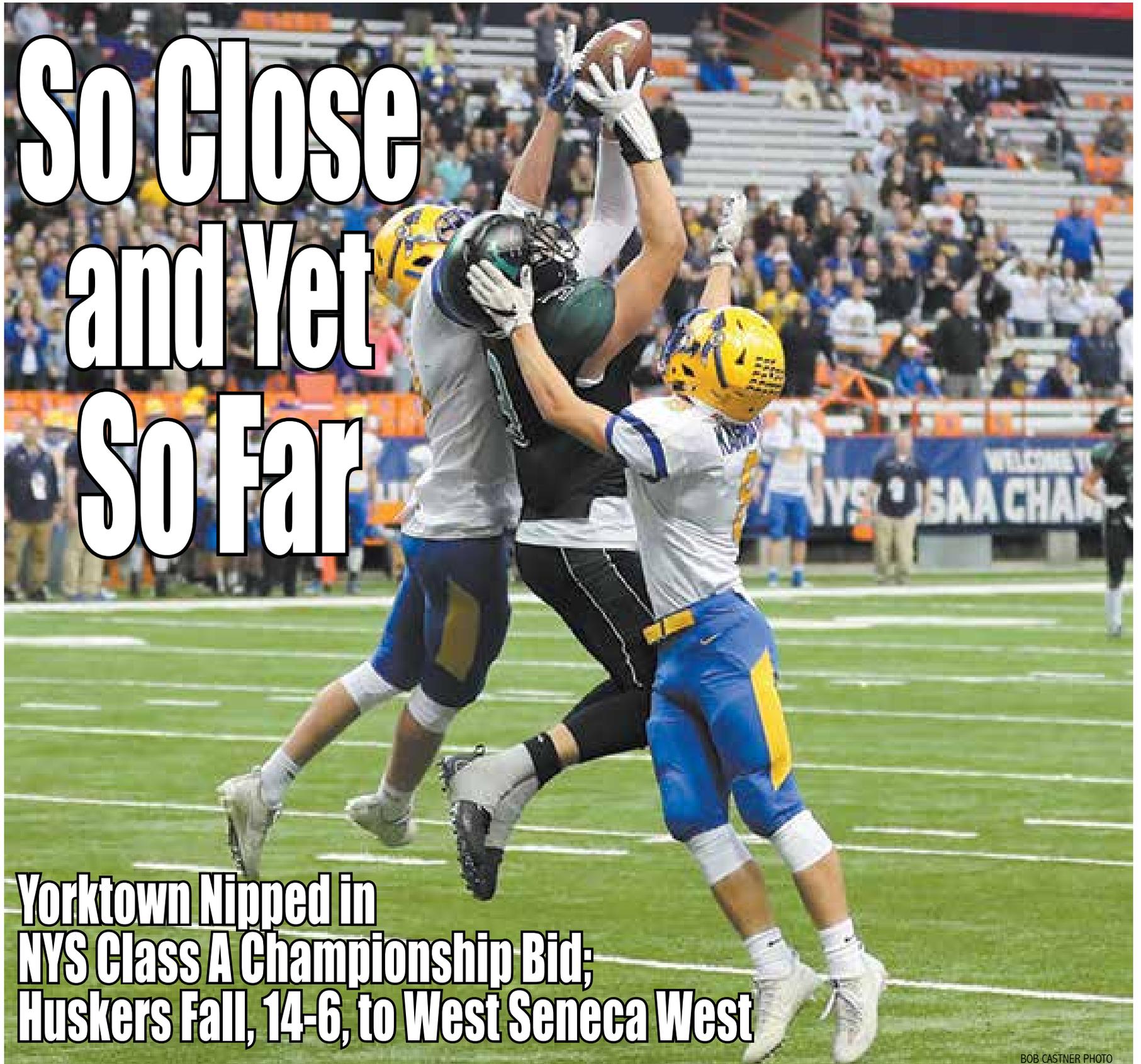
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**So Close
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**Yorktown Nipped in
NYS Class A Championship Bid;
Huskers Fall, 14-6, to West Seneca West**

BOB CASTNER PHOTO

Yorktown junior TE Niam Sinanaj is denied this pivotal, fourth-down pass attempt by a pair of West Seneca West defenders in the game's waning moments during the Huskers' 14-6 NYSPHSAA Class A championship setback to the Section 6 champion Indians last Friday at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse where Yorktown left it all on the field but failed to secure its third NYS title since the inception of the state tournament back in 1993... see Grid Notebook

Yorktown Offense Derailed in NYS Class A Title Loss

Huskers Score on 1st Drive, Never Again in 14-6 loss to West Seneca West

By Ray Gallagher
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Defense was the order of the day in last Friday's 2017 NYSPHSAA Class A championship game at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse where state-ranked No.2 Yorktown suffered a 14-6 loss to No.3

West Seneca West, the Buffalo Region Section 6 champion, who averaged nearly 43 points a game going in.

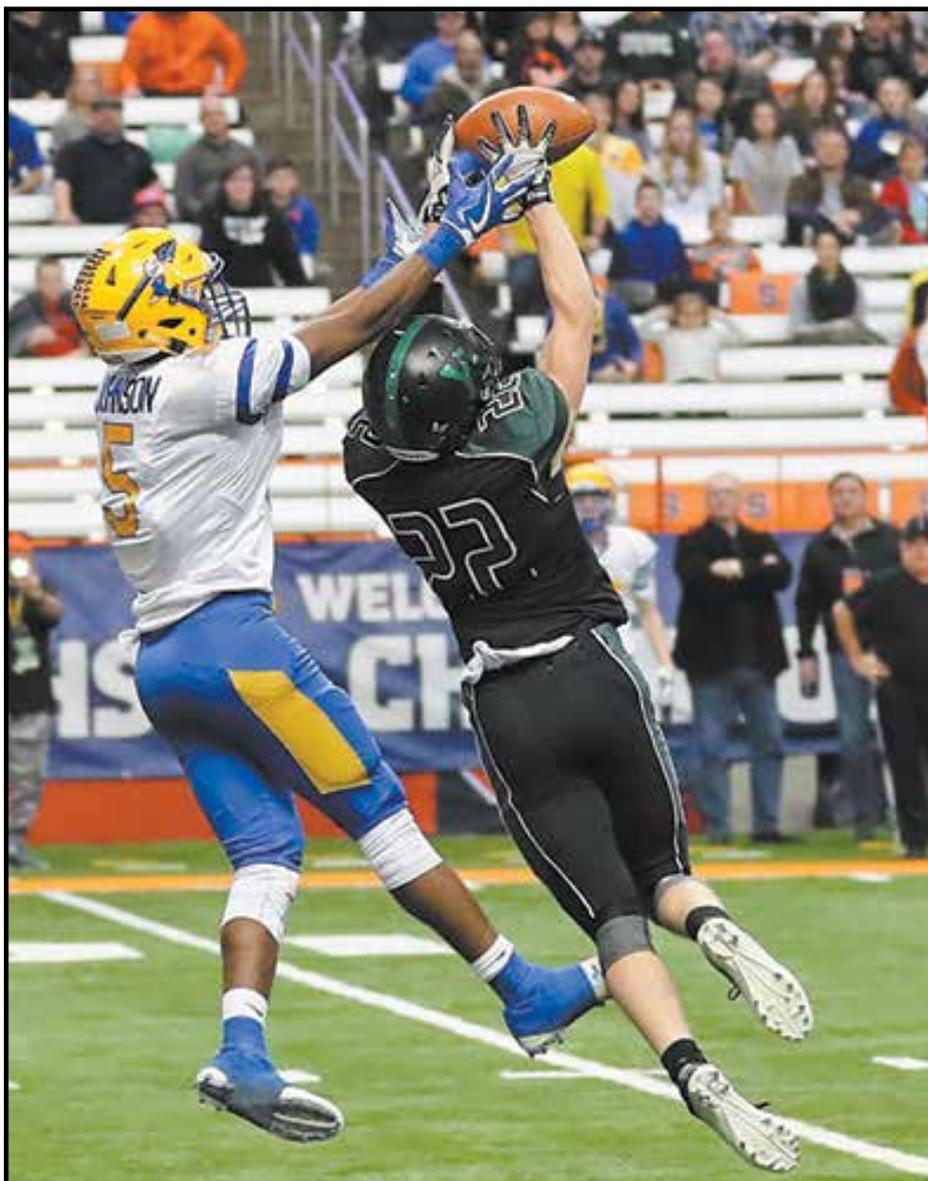
Section 1 champion Yorktown (12-1), which averaged 36 PPG in two state tournament victories and scored at will against most of its 2017 foes, and No.3 West Seneca West (13-0) looked like



Huskers Sean O'Connor (50), Eddie Cohen (50) and Nick Campanaro (10) combine on tackle in Huskers' 14-6 NYS Class A championship loss to West Seneca West.



Yorktown RB Bret Makar breaks off big gain in Huskers' 14-6 NYS Class A championship loss to West Seneca West.



BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Yorktown DB Justin Comerford breaks up pass in Huskers' 14-6 NYS Class A championship loss to West Seneca West.

they were in for a track meet after the game's initial possessions, with each team scoring a TD on its opening drive and WSW clinging to a 7-6 lead. But it quickly became a defensive battle from that point forward; until Seneca's Buffalo-bound QB Matt Myers scored the game-sealing TD with 1:37 remaining.

On Yorktown's last possession, Husker junior QB Tommy Weaver's fourth-down pass to the Indians' 22-yard line was nearly hauled in by junior TE Niam Sinanaj, but, instead, was batted down by WSW cornerback Jesse Broad with under a minute left. WSW went into victory formation on the ensuing possession, thus ending Yorktown's dream season.

Yorktown RB Brett Makar, an All-NYS selection-in-waiting, set the tone early on, rushing in from three yards out for a 6-0 lead, capping a methodical 12-minute drive, featuring 12 carries by Makar.

WSW answered in kind, plunging in from a yard out to take a 7-6 lead at 10:12 of the second quarter. The game stayed that way through halftime, nip and tuck.

The Huskers, who were playing in their first NYS championship game since repeating as state champions in 1994, were just a block or two away from springing Makar, who ran for 120 yards and a touchdown on 22 rushes. Yorktown was held to a nominal (by its standards) 208 yards from scrimmage; including 172 yards rushing on 29 carries and just 36 yards through the air.

"We were never really able to get in a rhythm after that opening drive with penalties and other mental errors hurting us," Makar said. "There were several plays where we were a shoe-string tackle away from breaking them. Hats off to them for preventing that."

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Put Valley's Garbowski Loving His Commute to Stepinac

Junior DL Plays Big Role in Crusaders' NYS Title Drive

By Ray Gallagher
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Anyone who knows anything about the Roaring Brook section of Putnam Valley knows that the weather patterns are strange, and it takes about 15 minutes just to get to a pizza parlor for a slice. So, adding an extra hour to his daily two-way commute back and forth to Archbishop Stepinac High School in White Plains was no big deal for Joe Garbowski, considering he would follow in his father's footsteps and play football for the parochial powerhouse.

"It was one of the hardest decisions of my life," Garbowski said back in August when the lure of playing for the Catholic High School Athletic Association was too strong to ignore.

"But I wanted to follow my father's lead," he said of the transfer from Put Valley to Stepinac. "I showed to myself and others that I can play at a high level and it has given me confidence on and off the field, as well as making me be a better player. I've become more of a hard-working person because I wake up at five a.m. every day going to school, and then practicing and coming home at eight at

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Husker DL Matt Steigmeier (2 sacks) and DB Brandon Meyreles led the Huskers with nine tackles apiece. Sophomore Ben Robinson added two sacks and seven tackles.

Yorktown, which gave its all for 13th-year Coach Mike Rescigno, won the program's fifth sectional championship



Yorktown RB Brandon Meyreles fights for some tough yards in Huskers' NYS title loss.



Putnam Valley's Joe Garbowski basks in glow of Stepinac's second NYSCHSAA title with his mom, Stephanie, and his brother, Alex, last Saturday in West Seneca, NY.

night has made me a stronger person."

And it paid off in spades last Saturday in Buffalo, and the weekend before on

since 1992, and there wasn't a dry eye in the house when the Huskers failed to hoist their third state title.

"This team is second to none, make no mistake. This team is so special, I'll never forget them," Rescigno said. "They wanted this (state title) more for their community than they did for themselves.

They are a selfless bunch, a group that left it on the field each and every day."

That has been typical of most Yorktown teams since the early 90s, the point in time when Cornhusker football nudged up alongside its nationally acclaimed lacrosse programs as the bread and butter of one of the most prideful sports communities in New York...

And that's a wrap on the 2017 season for the locals of the Northern Westchester/Putnam County region, which nearly equaled the success of the 2016 season when neighboring Somers

Long Island, when Garbowski hoisted a pair of state championship plaques on consecutive weekends, including the

NYSCHSAA State Championship when Stepinac (10-2) scored 26 of its 40 second-half points in the third quarter to erase a 14-9 Canisius (8-4) lead to post a 49-28 title triumph on a rainy afternoon at the Stransky Complex in West Seneca.

That makes two state titles for the Crusaders in three years (2015 and 2017). The weekend prior, Stepinac crushed Long Island power St. Anthony's, 47-22, for the NYCHSFL State Tournament title, the Crusaders' third CHSAA championship in the last four years.

"This is why I'm here," said the 6'2" 235-pound Garbowski, a starting defensive lineman for the Crusaders, who had six tackles and two sacks in the state championship game. "I couldn't get this anywhere else, and I'm so glad I'm at Stepinac. It was amazing being the second team in Stepinac history to win states for football, especially after losing a couple games and everyone doubting us. I'm not kidding when I tell you this: These guys are my brothers. We had each other's back and would do anything for each other and that goes for every man in our locker room. Coaches, too!"

Same goes for the kid in his father's footsteps.



Yorktown QB Tommy Weaver rushes in Huskers' 14-6 NYS Class A championship loss to West Seneca West.

was crowned state champs for the first time ever. With 2017 runner-up Somers (7-3) having won three sectional titles between 2012 and 2016 and Yorktown snagging another in 2017, the state of Class A football is alive and well in this

neck of the woods. Throw in a couple of solid seasons by Walter Panas (7-3) and Hen Hud (5-4) and two more from Class AA's Mahopac (6-3) and Carmel (7-2) as well as Class D Haldane (6-3), and the 2017 season was more than respectable.



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