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## Female Leaders Lament Hillary's Close Historic-Making Moment

By Rick Pezzullo

Like many observers, several local female elected officials were hopeful of ushering in the first woman-led administration in the 240-year history of the United States.

However, with the victory of Republican Donald Trump over Chappaqua's Hillary Clinton on Election Day, the glass ceiling remains intact, leaving some leaders shattered by the former First Lady's stunning defeat, while others took some solace in her anticipated two million advantage in the popular vote.

"It was certainly a disappointing day and I, along with many others, were hop-

ing to see a woman becoming president this election year," said State Assemblywoman Sandra Galef (D/Ossining), who was elected to her 13th term in Albany. "Breaking the glass ceiling is not only important for me but for my daughter and granddaughter, and those women and girls who follow in our footsteps. Women can aspire to any position in government and business and should be able to reach that goal."

"I was absolutely shocked by the results especially given the polling numbers, which we later learned were not accurate, as well as reports from the early voting patterns," Galef continued. "Another

problem was the fall off in Democratic voters who were counted on to vote for President. We must also remember that Hillary won the popular vote so it is clear that the public will support a woman for President and Commander in Chief of the United States."

Peekskill Councilwoman Kathy Talbot traveled to Westchester County Airport in the wee hours of Election Day morning to greet Clinton as she arrived from last-minute campaigning.

"Speaking for myself and many other women I know regarding the outcome of this election, we all were shocked and sad-

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Peekskill Councilwoman Kathy Talbot and former Councilman Darren Rigger greeted Hillary Clinton at Westchester County Airport in the early hours of Election Day.



PHOTO BY RICK PEZZULLO

### Worldly Advice

A veteran explains the importance of the American flag to a youngster during a Veteran's Day event in Peekskill Friday. For photos of area ceremonies, see pages 18-19.

## Trump's Victory Leaves Hillary's Supporters, Chappaqua Stunned

By Anna Young and Martin Wilbur

What was anticipated to be a festive celebration of the nation's first woman president last Tuesday night turned into a night of despair for Hillary Clinton supporters.

Adults and children congregated at Crabtree's Kittle House in Chappaqua for an Election Night viewing party and to witness history, but went home despondent as they saw Donald Trump close in on the presidency.

As results began trickling in, the room that had more than 300 people brimming with confidence at the start of the evening grew increasingly quiet.

"This is the scariest thing I've ever seen," Chappaqua lawyer Michele Bermele said as the television showed Trump holding leads in most of the key states.

As polls around the country began to close, supporters anxiously surrounded the television screen waiting for results. They cheered for Clinton and booed at the sound of Trump's name being uttered.

But many who planned to watch Clinton dominate, or at least win enough states and electoral votes to become the next president, couldn't stomach the outcome.

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#### Q: What causes cervical cancer?

**A:** Human Papillomavirus (HPV) causes about 90 percent of all cases. HPV is a sexually transmitted virus that is so common, most people will have it at some point in their lives. Certain strains of HPV can cause changes on a woman's cervix that may result in cervical cancer. Additional risk factors include smoking, extended use of birth control, and having many sexual partners.

#### Q: What are the symptoms of cervical cancer?

**A:** It's important to realize that in most cases, there are no symptoms. Uncommon symptoms include unexplained vaginal bleeding, bleeding after intercourse and abnormal vaginal discharge. Given that the HPV strains that can lead to cervical cancer *are themselves asymptomatic*, it becomes clear why you must be regularly screened for cervical cancer.

#### Q: How often should I have a Pap smear?

**A:** New guidelines recommend women have a Pap smear and HPV test every three years starting at age 21 until age 65, provided you have no risk factors or abnormal Pap smears. This regimen makes it extremely likely the disease will be caught while still in the highly

curable pre-cancerous stage. Some women require more frequent screenings. At each visit, your gynecologist will evaluate all risk factors and determine if you need a Pap smear. Although the recommendations call for getting a Pap smear every three years, annual gynecologist visits are extremely important to your health. Pelvic exams, Pap tests and breast cancer screenings help detect problems at an early and potentially highly treatable stage.

#### Q: What about the HPV vaccine to prevent cervical cancer?

**A:** Two other forms of prevention include the condom and the HPV vaccination, which protects against several strains of HPV known to cause cervical cancer. It does not, however, protect against all strains. I often recommend to my patients that they get the vaccine when they are considering becoming sexually active. Note that the vaccine does *not* replace the need to practice safe sex or to get regular Pap smears.

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# Public Hearing on Lowe's in Yorktown Slated for Nov. 21

By Rick Pezzullo

A public hearing will be held by the Yorktown Planning Board November 21 on an amended site plan application by Lowe's to occupy an 18.75-acre site off Route 202 that formerly housed a motel and had been approved last year for Costco Wholesale Club and an accompanying members-only gas station.

The plans from Breslin Realty Devel-

opment Corporation includes a Lowe's home improvement store, along with two restaurant buildings and a bank building. The new site plan would utilize less space on the property (a total of approximately 137,000 square feet) than the 151,092-square-foot Costco store and gas station that planners gave their blessing to last November. The Lowe's building will be about 120,000 square feet.

Last month, after weighing any potential adverse environmental impacts not previously reviewed in the Costco plan, and based on a memo prepared by the Planning Department, the Planning Board adopted a resolution stating there were no significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the Lowes plan and that the board could proceed to review the site plan.

However, Lowe's will still be required to get approvals from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection for its storm water plan, plus a critical use and occupancy permit from the state Department of Transportation, among completing other conditions in relation to the site.

The public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. at Yorktown Town Hall on Underhill Avenue.

# Somers Town Board to Turn Down Best Plumbing Requests

By Neal Rentz

After several residents and officials from John F. Kennedy Catholic High School unanimously and sharply criticized the proposals last week, the Somers Town Board is set to vote to disapprove requests from Best Plumbing for amendments to its special exception use permit when it meets on December 8.

Best Plumbing owner Jonas Weiner was seeking approval from the town board to allow it to have its showroom open on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; conduct supply sales and pickups on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and to remove the truck activity restriction which bans truck traffic at the site from 7:40 to 8:15 a.m.

Best Plumbing is located on the northerly side of Goldens Bridge Road (Route 138), directly opposite the high school.

During a November 10 public hearing, none of the several residents who participated spoke in favor of the Best Plumbing's requests.

Father Mark Vaillancourt, president of John F. Kennedy Catholic High School, said allowing trucks to travel in the area in the morning hours being sought by Best Plumbing would provide traffic dangers to students being transported to his school, which would coincide with the early truck travel hours.

Resident Lena Kehoe said Best Plumbing was permitted to come to Somers several years ago with some restrictions on the busi-

ness and there was no need to change them.

Weiner replied by saying his trucks would not add to the morning traffic because only two or three would typically be leaving the site.

John F. Kennedy Director of Security Tom Fulton said the traffic was already a problem in the morning near the school and additional trucks should not be allowed to leave Best Plumbing in the morning when students are arriving. A traffic light the state Department of Transportation had promised to install in the area in 2014 has still not arrived, he said.

Chris Wheeler, a John F. Kennedy parent, said, "I have really grave safety concerns" with the Best Plumbing proposals.

After listening to the several minutes of

public comments, the town board voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

Councilman Richard Clinchy said he had thought about the requests from Best Plumbing and he did not see a need to provide them. Clinchy added that there was the potential for the business to come back to the town board with the requests in the future, but maintained there were safety issues precluding his support for changes at the current time.

The town board instructed staff to create a resolution to oppose the proposed Best Plumbing changes. Following his appearance before the town board, Weiner declined to comment on the town board's move to deny his proposals when it meets next month.

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# Murphy, Galef, Carlucci Reelected to State Seats: Byrne Elected

By Rick Pezzullo

Incumbent State Senators Terrence Murphy and David Carlucci and long-time State Assemblywoman Sandra Galef were comfortably reelected on Election Day, while Republican Kevin Byrne was elected to the Assembly to replace Steve Katz.

With 100% of the votes tabulated in Putnam County, Murphy (Yorktown) collected 70% of the votes (18,395) to defeat Democrat Alison Boak, who earned 7,623 votes. In Westchester, Murphy had 54% (50,414) to Boak's 46% (43,073). Murphy will be serving his second two-year term in the 40th District.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be able to represent the 40th Senate District for another two years," Murphy said. "We have more work to do to eradicate the heroin epidemic, protect our seniors and veterans and help the developmentally disabled. Together, we can give everyone the opportunity to succeed. I applaud my opponent for running a good race and wish her and her family well."

Carlucci, a Democrat, earned a fourth term representing the 38th Senate District by besting Republican challenger Thomas Deprisco. Carlucci captured 72% of the votes in Westchester and 68% in Rockland.

In the 95th Assembly District, Galef,



State Senator Terrence Murphy celebrated his victory on Election Night with his family at Murphy's restaurant in Yorktown.

a Democrat, earned a 13th term in office over challenger Gregory Purdy. In Putnam, with 100% of the votes counted, Galef received 56% (5,795) to 42% (4,205) for Purdy, a first-time candidate from Kent. In Westchester, Galef picked up 71% (26,771) to 29% (11,126) for Purdy.

Meanwhile, in the 94th Assembly, in the battle of first-time candidates, Byrne outlasted Yorktown resident Brian Higbie. In Putnam, Byrne had 66% (19,506) to 34% (10,039) for Higbie. In Westch-

ester, with all votes counted, Byrne had 57% (14,740) to Higbie's 43% (11,006).

### Croton Board of Trustees Race

Two incumbents on the Croton Village Board of Trustees retained their seats with decisive victories over two members of the independent Croton United team.

Democrats Ann Gallelli and Brian Pugh who also appeared on the Working Families, Independence and Women's

Equality Party lines in their quest to earn another two-year term, earned tallies of 2,303 and 2,388, with all votes tabulated.

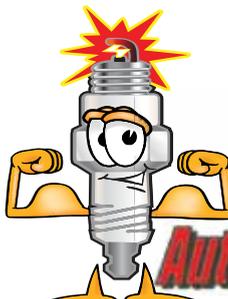
Mark Aarons and Dan McNatty, who have never held elected office, received 1,293 and 1,284 votes respectively.

Gallelli has been active in the village since the 1980's, serving on the Board of Trustees several times over three decades. She also served twice as chairwoman of the village Planning Board. She was a founding member of the Water Control Commission and Chair of the Comprehensive Plan Committee which developed the village's 2003 "Master Plan" which currently serves as the guideline for the village's land use.

Prior to his election to the Village Board in 2014, Pugh helped lead a successful 2011 campaign to move village's elections from March to November to increase turnout and save taxpayer dollars. He graduated from the evening division of the Fordham University School of Law and was awarded the Addison M. Metcalf Labor Law Prize in 2015.

### Westchester District Attorney

In the race for Westchester District Attorney, Democrat Anthony Scarpino trounced Republican Bruce Bendish by a count of 242,757 (70%) to 106,137 (30%).



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## Obituaries

### Henry Whitaker

Henry B. Whitaker died November 9 in his Yorktown Heights home surrounded by his immediate family. He was 94.

Mr. Whitaker was a self-made man, cut from the fabric of the greatest generation. Growing up in Newsoms, Virginia, he answered the WWII call to service by joining the Merchant Marine. He served on the fuel tanker "Blackwater," carrying vital fuel from the terminals at Bayonne, NJ across the Atlantic to Cherbourg, France after D-Day. He was in the Army training as a combat engineer for the invasion of Japan when the war ended.

After the war, he farmed for a period in Newsoms. In the late 1950s, he moved to Westchester County, where he founded Whitaker Overhead Garage Doors with his wife Faye. Quality and hard work became the values he passed to his children; never losing the disciplined lifestyle and rugged love of the outdoors that he developed during his youth in Virginia farm country. When he needed to expand his home for a growing family, he called four friends, and they roughed-in a complete second story in a week.

Mr. Whitaker was a force of nature, and the active patriarch of an extended family spread across the country. Several children and grandchildren followed his example of service by joining the military, serving in Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan. Others continue to run the thriving family custom garage door business.

He was active in several hunting clubs, the Fraternal Order of Elks, American Legion Post 1009, and was a life-member of the National Rifle Association. Henry was preceded in death by his wife Faye, and his son Donny. He is survived by children Henry B. "Barry" Whitaker Jr., Teresa Whitaker Creech, Francesca Whitaker Bloom, Faye Whitaker Gatto, Debora Whitaker Shank, Dawn Whitaker Wilson, and their spouses, 23 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren. He will be mourned by all who knew him. When he made a friend, he kept them for life. After a 94-year run, he left the way he lived: on his own terms in God's hands.

### Mary Alterio

Mary F. Alterio, a resident of Peekskill, died November 4. She was 102.

A homemaker, she was born on May 16, 1914 in Peekskill to Dominick and Christina Canoca Annacone. She married Frank Alterio at the Assumption Church in Peekskill. Mrs. Alterio was a past member of the Centennial Hose and Christopher Columbus Ladies Auxiliaries and also loved to play bingo.

She is survived by six grandchildren; Dina (Jeff) Sackal, David (Denise) Alterio,

Frank (Elizabeth) Galeazzo, Jodi Galeazzo, Daniel (Joanna) Alterio and Robert Galeazzo; six great grandchildren; Jeffrey and Elizabeth Sackal, Griffin and Gabby Alterio, Bradley and Ashlyn Galeazzo; son-in-law Louis Galeazzo; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Frank Alterio, a daughter Mary Ann Galeazzo and her son Anthony Alterio and daughter-in-law Jaqueline Alterio. Also predeceased by three brothers, Thomas, Anthony (Pete) and Sam Annacone, and three sisters, May Mirra, Carrie Marino and Rose LaBoda.

### George Delaney

George Delaney died November 8 at Victoria Home in Ossining after a long illness. He was 80.

He was born in New York City on February 18, 1936, to Margaret and John Delaney. He had eight children, six grandchildren, two nephews and a niece. He also had a health care aide who helped him greatly during his illness. He was a scholarship graduate of Manhattan College and earned a Masters of Business Administration degree from New York University. He also received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Mercy College.

Mr. Delaney was Vice President of Con Edison for 28 years, the last 19 years in charge of Westchester Operations. In 1979, he led the defeat of an attempt by county government to takeover Con Edison's operations in Westchester County with a decisive popular vote. Delaney's 19-year tenure in Westchester was noted by a period of stable rates and an emphasis on outstanding customer service.

He served on the boards of many not for profits and also served as chairman of the Westchester County Association. He was honored by President Ronald Reagan and Governor Mario Cuomo, as well as the Vietnam Veterans Association, the 52 Association, the Conferences of Christians and Jews, and the Diabetes Association. In 1993, the Gannett Newspaper selected him as the outstanding business leader in Westchester. Active in political affairs as a young man, he was elected the Republican district leader in the Northwest Bronx. He was active in the campaigns of Richard Nixon, Nelson Rockefeller, Malcolm Wilson, John Lindsey, and John McCain. He was also a U.S. Army veteran. Mr. Delaney was a friend to all and will be missed by his friends and family.

### George Lawrence, Sr.

George J. Lawrence, Sr. a longtime resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died November 5. He was 85.

He was born on December 23, 1930 in

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## Editorial

# System of Electing President Should Be Revisited

Election Day 2016 certainly triggered a wide range of emotions that continues to permeate. For some, it was a night to remember, like a dream come true. For others, it was a moment to forget, like a bad nightmare.

What the results of the contentious contest between Chappaqua's Hillary Clinton and celebrity real estate mogul/President-elect Donald Trump also renewed was the debate over changing the system in the United States for electing the commander in chief to a popular vote instead of the current Electoral College setup.

For only the fifth time in 45 elections in this country, the candidate who prevailed with the majority of electoral votes, Trump, lost the popular vote. In the case, by nearly two million votes to Clinton. Which begs the question: Was the will of the people really satisfied?

The last time this scenario played out was in 2000 when Democrat Al Gore re-

ceived more votes than George W. Bush, but fell short in the electoral tally.

The Electoral College was established in the Constitution by the founding fathers as a compromise between election of the President by a vote in Congress and election of the President by a popular vote of qualified citizens. The Electoral College process consists of the selection of the electors, the meeting of the electors where they vote for President and Vice President, and the counting of the electoral votes by Congress.

The Electoral College consists of 538 electors. A majority of 270 electoral votes is required to elect the President. Each state's entitled allotment of electors equals the number of members in its Congressional delegation: one for each member in the House of Representatives plus two for each senator.

One of the primary reasons the Electoral College was put into place is most of the nation's founders were afraid of democ-

racy. James Madison worried about what he called "factions," which he defined as groups of citizens who have a common interest in some proposal that would either violate the rights of other citizens or would harm the nation as a whole.

Alexander Hamilton penned in "The Federalist Papers," the Constitution was designed to ensure "that the office of President will never fall to the lot of any man who is not in an eminent degree endowed with the requisite qualifications," adding the point of the Electoral College is to preserve "the sense of the people," and ensuring a president is chosen "by men most capable of analyzing the qualities adapted to the station, and acting under circumstances favorable to deliberation, and to a judicious combination of all the reasons and inducements which were proper to govern their choice."

President Obama, Clinton and others maintained during the campaign Trump was not qualified to lead the country.

Trump has no government experience, which his supporters will stress was a good quality as they sought change.

Meanwhile, only about 55% of eligible voters went to the polls last week, the lowest turnout in 20 years. If citizens knew their vote actually made a difference in all states and would directly determine the outcome of their next top leader, it is likely more people would take the time to exercise their rights; precious rights not shared around the world.

Political pundits, whose prognostication in this election left a lot to be desired, to put it kindly, opined in their Monday morning quarterback capacity that many citizens just wanted a change and felt Trump, despite his bombastic nature, offensive beliefs, and fear mongering, was the best option.

Perhaps, in that same spirit of change, the way in which the president is selected needs to be revisited so the voices of the people are truly heard.

## November 16 Peekskill Telethon to Benefit Homeless

MJM Television and Video Productions will be producing a telethon from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16 for Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill (CHOP) at Peekskill High School. The event will raise funds for homeless veterans and other in the community who have fallen on hard times.

The organizations set to benefit from the telethon are: The Jan Peek House: Experience with some 30 years serving the homeless. Special dorm for homeless vets and a complete continuum of care; Turning Point: A supportive housing program that places chronically homeless individuals in permanent housing and provides them with the critical services they need; and Fred's Pantry: A "choice" food pantry,

in partnership with St. Peter's Episcopal Church, that serves children, families, seniors and adults in need of food.

The telethon will include musical entertainment, interviews and the opportunity for businesses to make donations live on the air. The community can also call and make pledges. Some auction items from famed musicians are: BB King original signed guitar (\$48,000 value); Olivia Newton John signed (\$2,500); Jackson Five; Brian Wilson signed; and Charlie Daniels (vet fiddle) signed (\$4,500 value).

The telethon will be broadcast on local community stations throughout Northern Westchester and will be aired on Cablevision Channel 78 and Verizon Fios Channel 28 as well as YouTube and Facebook Live.

## Cortlandt Business Hosting Toy Drive for Children's Hospital

Cortlandt-based Wacky Inflatables is hosting a Holiday Toy Drive for the Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley to benefit families and patients being treated at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center.

New toys for boys and girls ages 3-13 are needed. The toys will be delivered

on Friday, December 2. To make a donation, call (914) 843-8612 and ask for Eddie.

The Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide a home-away-from-home for families of critically ill or traumatically injured children.



The 30th annual Cartwheel-A-Thon was recently held at Gymnastics City in Cortlandt where gymnasts performed 20,000 cartwheels and raised \$4,135 for the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital.

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# Female Leaders Lament Hillary's Close Historic-Making Moment

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dened," Talbot said. "But Hillary Clinton won the popular vote, which is a small, though not insignificant, consolation. I am deeply indebted to Hillary for her commitment to service, leadership and being a great role model for young and old alike."

"Of course it was a lost opportunity for women to smash the ultimate glass ceiling. Power is not easily wrested, especially to a woman," maintained Talbot, one of three female Democrats on the Common Council. "Many will say she wasn't the right woman but that is flat out wrong. But we have made significant progress in electing women to high office as Hillary herself has demonstrated. The 'final glass ceiling' of president of the United States will be broken---it's just a matter of time. And I believe sooner rather than later."

Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi, who is only the second female to hold the town's highest seat in its 228-year existence, said Clinton's loss should diminish her historic appearance on the ballot.

"For Hillary Clinton to have been the

first woman nominated by a major political party and that she received the most popular votes on Election Day is a tremendous achievement," said Puglisi, who has been supervisor for the last 26 years. "She has served our country with distinction for 30 years. I look forward to the day when a woman of either party is our President, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, etc. But now as per our Constitution and for our beloved Democracy we need to support the next administration and President. There are so many challenges that we face, but united we will prevail."

Buchanan Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker, a Republican, said the results of the election showed Americans were seeking change in the direction of the country but also noted the door was open for a future woman to stand tall in the White House.

"I think when the time is right it will happen," Knickerbocker said. "They people have spoken and we need to come together as a country. We are Americans first, regardless of party."

Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D), who has been in office since 1989 and was elected to another two-year term running unopposed last week, is a longtime friend of Clinton and was championing her candidacy. She said she spoke with Clinton following the election and insisted the former Secretary of State was doing okay.

"I have been a strong supporter of Hillary Clinton for many years because of her commitment to our great country, to families, to children," Lowey said after speaking at a Veteran's Day ceremony in Cortlandt. "I just wish President Trump good luck. I'm so proud to be an American and to see a smooth transition. There isn't a person in the world that wouldn't give their right arm to be a citizen of the United States of America."

On Monday, Lowey, the Ranking Member on the House Appropriations Committee, strongly denounced Trump's appointment of Stephen K. Bannon as Chief White House Strategist and Senior Counselor.

"This is a tenuous time in our country following a historic election that split the popular vote from the electoral college. If President-elect Trump wants to fulfill his promise of being a leader for all Americans, he must refrain from dividing us any further. That is why I am profoundly concerned that one of the President-elect's first appointments is Steve Bannon, a well-known supporter of alt-right, extremist ideology including white nationalism and anti-Semitism," she said.

"In the last week, we've already seen reports of rising vandalism and intimidation across the country including swastikas graffitied on schools and sidewalks - even in my own district on the Bronx River bike path," Lowey continued. "Not only is such behavior unacceptable, it must be universally denounced and stopped. It is my sincere hope that the President-elect will recognize that words matter and do everything in his power to combat anti-Semitism, intolerance, and bigotry, including by replacing Bannon with a qualified candidate."

# Trump's Victory Leaves Hillary's Supporters, Chappaqua Stunned

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"This cannot be happening," one viewer said.

For some in the crowd, the chance to vote for a woman for president moved them emotionally.

"I burst into tears after voting today," Francesca Hagadus, a Chappaqua Friends of Hill member said. "I plan to stay here until a winner is announced."

But as the night wore on and the electoral votes began piling up for Trump, many partygoers left the event, including members of the group.

Dawn Greenberg, founder of the 1,100-member Chappaqua Friends of Hill, had spent the last year supporting the Clinton campaign, including organizing trips to battleground states and Tuesday night's party.

Greenberg said she helped put together the Election Night event to celebrate Clinton, and it grew to be larger than anticipated because so many in Chappaqua wanted to participate.

However, late last week Greenberg was still having trouble processing the results, wondering what the future will hold.

"She's a strong woman, she'll be fine,"



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

A nearly empty room at Crabtree's Kittle House in Chappaqua late last Tuesday night as local supporters and neighbors of Hillary Clinton were bitterly disappointed at the outcome of the presidential election.

Greenberg said of Clinton while fighting back tears. "It's just the rest of us that I'm worried about."

Pace political science professor David Caputo said Trump's call for a shakeup of Washington resonated with more voters.

"I think the emphasis for change was greater than the other issues and I think Trump was able to convince enough of the electorate in enough of the states

that, in fact, change should be the key issue," Caputo said. "That had been the emphasis rather than Clinton stressing the ability to lead, the experience and so forth, and temperament, but enough people chose the change."

Also, more Republicans "came home" in the latter stages of the campaign to vote for Trump than had been expected despite many high-profile party members saying they couldn't support him, he said. Clinton also failed to attract the necessary turnout among various voting blocks that she needed, including women, African-Americans and Latinos.

"She gave people reasons to vote against her, not enough reasons to vote for her, in terms of her plans," Caputo said.

Last Thursday, County Executive Rob Astorino congratulated Trump, who owns a home in Bedford, on his victory and pledged to work with his administration. But he also had kind words for Clinton who carried the dreams of many women who hoped to see the nation's first female president.

"My congratulations to her," Astorino said. "We are proud of her for being a Chappaqua and county resident since

1999 and we certainly wish her and former President Bill Clinton all the best in their post-political life."

Following a long, divisive campaign and protests in several major cities late last week and through the weekend, Rabbi Jonathan Jaffe of Temple Beth El in Chappaqua said the nation has become so divided that some people fear the results while others are celebrating. He called for unity among people regardless of which candidate they supported.

During last Friday night's service at the synagogue, congregants sang "God Bless America," as well as Matisyahu's "One Day." Afterward, an American Flag cake and cocktails, for those who needed one, were served. Participants were encouraged to share their feelings about the election with each other.

"Tonight is not a Shiva," Jaffe said. "The sun rose on [Wednesday] morning and life goes on. Half of America awoke in sadness and half in exultation. What this moment demands from us more than anything else is reconciliation and healing."

But in the immediate aftermath of the election, that was still a difficult message for some. As wait staff cleaned up at the Kittle House late last Tuesday night, one woman remained, holding a glass of champagne.

"I can't go home now and sleep," she said. "If Trump wins, I'll never sleep again."

*Andrew Vitelli contributed to this article.*

## Obituaries

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Ossining. He worked and retired from NY Central, Penn Central and Metro North Railroad as an electrician after 42 years of service. Mr. Lawrence was a proud Navy Veteran who served from 1948-1950. He was also a 50-year member of the Croton Fire Patrol.

He is survived by his beloved children, Maryann (Douglas) Grodin, Pamela (William) Diffley, Barbara Lawrence and George J. (Kathy) Lawrence, Jr.; adoring grandchildren; Benn Grodin, Caitlin (Chris) Crump, Trevor (Sarah) Diffley, Joseph Newman, Rachel, Ryan

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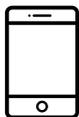
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# Water Meter Replacement Project Underway in Peekskill

By Rick Pezzullo

A \$1.9 million water meter replacement project in the City of Peekskill is underway.

Most of the one inch or less size meters being changed by Saks Metering, the firm hired by the city, in residential homes will not carry a fee for homeowners. However, the approximately 250 larger meters located in commercial buildings

or multi-unit complexes will bring a one-time cost of between \$30-\$40, according to Peekskill Water and Sewer Superintendent David Rambo.

"I think it's a good project. I think it's a good program," Rambo said. "We're not the first municipality to do this."

Rambo, who joined Peekskill a few months ago after being employed by the Town of Yorktown, explained besides the

installation of new meters, city officials will be able to track water use through a computer program, eliminating the need for water meter readers. Residents will also be able to monitor their water usage by logging on.

Rambo said approximately 20% of the current 5,200 meters in the city were broken, leaving some residents unable to identify if any leaks or water loss is oc-

curing.

"It's definitely an improvement to where we are," Rambo said of the new system. "Everyone will be paying their fair share."

The Common Council floated a bond to pay for the project, which Rambo estimated should be completed within six months.



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# Mahopac Hero Saves Two Teens After Car Drives into Lake

By David Propper

The heroics of a Mahopac teenager probably saved the lives of two teenage girls whose vehicle plunged into Lake Mahopac when their car lost control last Thursday.

Like a scene out of an action movie, two girls, both 17 and Mahopac residents, driving at a high rate of speed on North Lake Blvd. in the Mahopac Woods Beach area, lost control of their car, crossing over the roadway, crashing through a telephone pole and driving over a dock before being overturned in Lake Mahopac, according to the Carmel Police Department.

That's when Mahopac resident Cullen Malzo, who heard the accident from his house, sprung into action at a moment's notice. The Lakeland High graduate, who moved to Mahopac with his family about a year ago, leaped into the lake to help the two girls after he dialed 911, according to Carmel police.

The vehicle was in about three to four feet of water and mud, but Malzo was able to reach in through a window that had been broken during the crash the pull the driver and another passenger out, according to authorities.

There were no signs of drug or alcohol involvement in the accident, police said.

Malzo's bravery has garnered major network media attention across the board, with several news channels doing a report on his quick-thinking action.

"I'm yelling at the car to see if I can get a response but I don't hear anything so I take my jacket and my shoes off and I jump in," he told ABC 7 News.

"I gave him like 400 hugs when I was out there," Julie Brower, one of the girls in the overturned car, told ABC 7 News. "The cops would be asking questions and I would just go over and hug him. Because he deserved so much more than my wet, soggy hugs."



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# Vape Escape Yorktown

By Neal Rentz

Northern Westchester residents who want to vape now have a new place to shop.

Vape Escape was opened in Yorktown by town residents Steven Galper and his wife, Lara, in October. It is the first store to specialize in e-cigarettes in town.

Both Steven and Lara are e-cigarette users. "We stopped smoking because of that," Mr. Galper said last week. "We have not smoked since March."

After they quit the habit, the couple decided to open their e-cigarette store, Mr. Galper said. The store offers a variety of products related to e-cigarettes, including e-liquid, which is what a person would vape. "It is a liquid that goes into a tank," Mr. Galper explained.

The liquid comes in a wide variety of flavors, including caramel, cinnamon, watermelon, and cranberry, as well as tobacco and menthol flavors, Mr. Galper said. E-cigarettes are powered by a battery.

"A lot of people are doing it as an alternative to smoking," Mr. Galper said.

Lara Galper said there are various levels of nicotine in each flavor, including from no nicotine to all the way up to the



Yorktown residents Lara and Steven Galper opened Vape Escape in town in October.

level that would be found in a regular cigarette. "I'm on zero now," she said. The goal for she and her husband was to gradually reduce the nicotine levels in their e-cigarettes, she said.

"You don't smell like cigarettes," she

said. Many bar and restaurant owners allow the use of e-cigarettes inside their establishments, she said.

Aside from gradually reducing the nicotine levels, e-cigarettes have another feature that helps people quit smoking

regular cigarettes, Mr. Galper said. "The habits of smoking are the oral fixation of holding it, taking a hit on it, That's the habit. The addicting is the nicotine," he said. "With a vape you don't get tar. You don't get all the chemicals. This has four oils mixed into one."

Vaping has been around for nine years. "In the past five years it took off," Mr. Galper said.

Mrs. Galper said she and her husband are strict about following the law by not selling e-cigarette products to youths under 18.

The couple, who also own Genesis Jewelers in Yorktown, has an initiative to help the community. Through December 2 they are accepting donations of diapers to benefit the Westchester County Diaper Bank. Any type or brand of disposable diapers and baby wipes are being accepted. Those who make a donation will be entered into a raffle for a G-Shock watch.

Vape Escape is located at 2039 Saw Mill River Rd. in Yorktown. For more information, call 914-245-3000 or visit [vapeescape.com](http://vapeescape.com). The business is also on Facebook and Twitter.

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# All the World's a Stage, But Our Stage Is at Home

When I opened my own PR firm 10 those many years ago, my very first assignment was to write a speech for an icon in the hospitality industry. It was to be delivered at a university where a major area of concentration is hotel management and the focus of the talk was to be a sort of cavalcade of major events that have taken place at hotels, as a stage of sorts for world history.

As I wrote the speech, I reflected on the events of my own life and remembered that, when I was young, I thought that staying home was being "no place" and that the high points of my life were to be played out away from where I slept at night. But as I look back on the "footprints" of my life, I find that my homes have been principal players in the script of my life story.

And if art imitates life, one might ponder where great literature and the other arts would be without the background exposition provided by the home.

In literature, the home helps develop the plot under varied roofs, from "This is the House Jack Built," the clever nursery rhyme that is a cumulative tale of how one event affects another, to The House of the Seven Gables by Nathaniel Hawthorne with its suggestions of the supernatural and witchcraft, to Uncle Tom's Cabin that President Lincoln

said started the Civil War.

And in that war, the power of the background score was demonstrated by the tale that "Home, Sweet Home" was banned from being played in Union camps for fear that it was so redolent of hearth and home that it might incite desertion.



By Bill Primavera

In movies, how could Scarlett O'Hara's character be defined without her unwavering devotion to Tara? In Miracle on 34th Street, isn't a Cape Cod home the object of a little girl's vision of a perfect life? The home also has supported the plots for great drama, even horror. Consider The Fall of the House of Usher, The Amityville Horror and Home Alone.

On television, for those of us old enough to remember, popular series had their Ingalls sharing billing with the Little House on the Prairie, the Cartwright family inhabiting Ponderosa, and J.R. Ewing of Dallas getting shot at Southfork.

While some homes set the stage with visions of great power and influence - Versailles, Buckingham Palace, The White House - even humble abodes can tell their stories. Bill Wilson, co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous and its 12-Step program called his Westchester residence Stepping Stones; the actress Helen Hayes called her Nyack home Pretty Penny to convey its

price (later paid by Rosie O'Donnell).

Homes and even their rooms remain indelibly attached to the major scenes of our lives. I remember exactly where I was at home when I learned that JFK was assassinated, and the nursery I was wallpapering when my wife announced that she had her first labor pain, as well as where I stood transfixed in my bedroom as the first plane hit Tower One at the World Trade Center, realizing that I was to have been in that building at that very moment, had it not been for a last postponement of a meeting.

At the moment I am transitioning from an 18th century farmhouse bearing the name of an early American patriot who served first as the supervisor of my hometown, then as a state senator to a new residence bearing the name of our new President-elect. Every day while living in my former home, there was always something to remind me of our country's founding. In my new home, my thoughts are quite in the moment, rather than in the past. Interestingly, after the election results, one of my neighbors in my new residence asked my professional opinion as a realtor if the name attached to our property would enhance the value of our homes.

My dear Aunt Helen who served our family chronicler told me something about an ancestral home that I hadn't known existed until recently. It seems that during World

War II the Nazis occupied the Primavera villa in Chieti, Italy because it was the grandest residence in town. When I learned that, I decided to learn more about my family tree.

Today, most of us live in modern housing which serves more as a bare stage in which we dress the set with our fixtures, colors, fabrics and furnishings, and the wealthier among us can do that grandly.

But whether our homes are manorial or ever so humble, they occupy center stage in our life stories, confirmed by Dorothy Gale's testimonial, after her excursion over the rainbow and back, that "there's no place like home."

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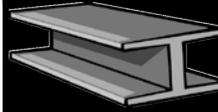
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## Tuesday, Nov. 15

**It's Your Health:** Free health workshops for older adults and adults with disabilities are being held this fall at the Peekskill Senior Center, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. Let's Move will be held from through Nov. 1 from 11 a.m. to noon. Eating for Optimal Aging will be held on Nov. 15 from 11 a.m. to noon. Registration is required. Call 914-734-4250 Ext. 5.

**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](mailto:hyinhealth@gmail.com) On the last Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Eating Disorder Support Group, led by LCSW and clinical nutritionist will be held. Discuss and resolve issues around relationships with food. Info/register: [hyinhealth@gmail.com](mailto:hyinhealth@gmail.com) or [www.hyinhealth.com](http://www.hyinhealth.com).

## Wednesday, Nov. 16

**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 information. Classes are conducted at 4 Nelson Ave., downstairs from the library.

**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 of [www.firsthebrew.org](http://www.firsthebrew.org).

**Torah Studies:** Chabad of Yorktown, 2629 Old Yorktown Rd., is proud to announce Season one (11 classes) of the Torah studies course. The program brings you a series of stimulating text and discussion based classes that take place on a weekly basis. Our lessons will engage you in a multidimensional way by challenging you intellectually, spiritually and emotionally. They explore contemporary issues through a Torah perspective as well as tackling timeless questions in the Jewish tradition. The classes are open to all, whatever your level of learning may be. The fee for the full season is \$36, which includes textbook. Each class is independent. For more information, to view the topics of the classes, or to register, call 914-962-1111

## Thursday, Nov. 17

**Cancer Support Program:** Support Connection announces a free program: Canasta, Coffee and Camaraderie. It will be offered, from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Support Connection Yorktown office, 40 Triangle Center, Suite 100. 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.

**Annual Holiday Sale:** The "Thrifty Me" thrift shop will be holding their annual Holiday Sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Friday, at the Yorktown Community and Cultural Center, 1974 Commerce St, Room 104. Free refreshments will be provided. Holiday and new items will be sold.

**Religion Classes:** A class on Talmud and the Ethics of our Sages ae being held at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Feel free to come - and to

bring a friend - even if you cannot commit to coming to class weekly. We always welcome new participants. We meet (almost) every Thursday in the social hall on Thursday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to noon. No knowledge of Hebrew is expected, and no particular depth of Jewish knowledge is assumed. Info: 914-245-2324 or [yorktownjewishcenter.org](http://yorktownjewishcenter.org).

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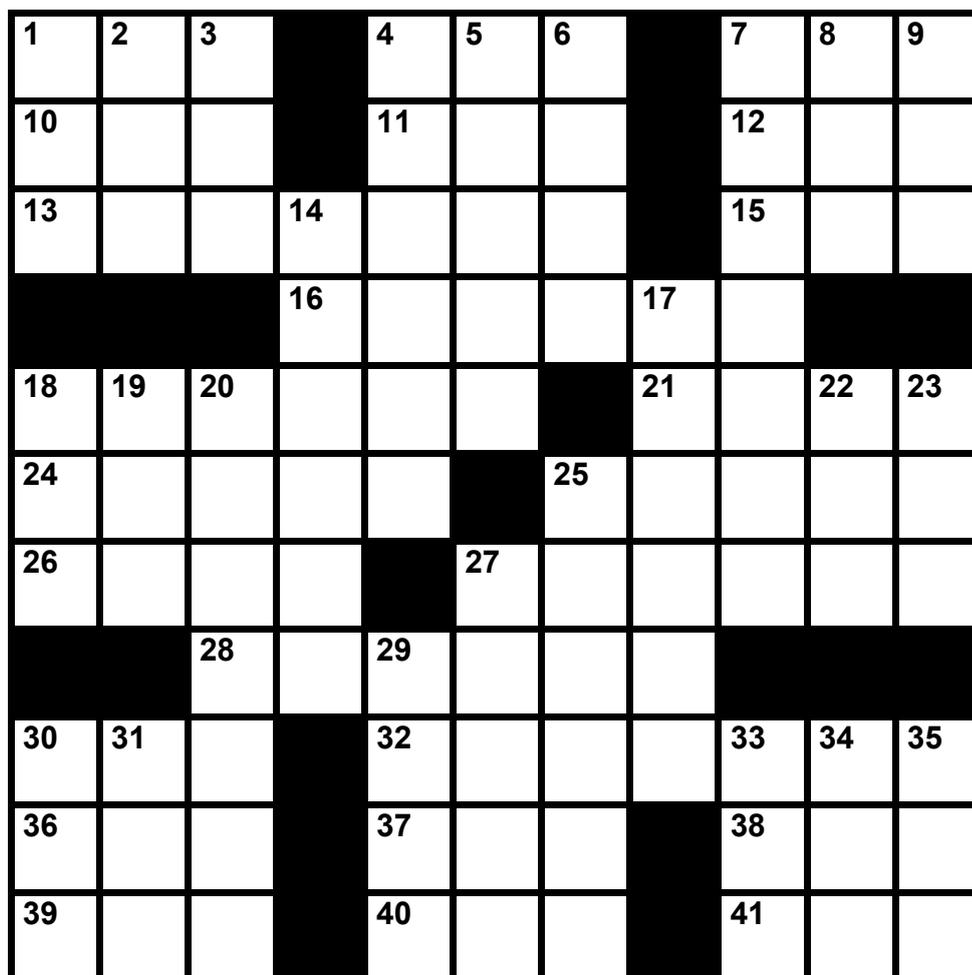
# Crossword

## ACROSS

1. New Yorktown auto parts store
4. Liturgical vestment
7. Bridle part
10. Brewpub offering
11. Military rank, abbr.
12. Geologic time period
13. An artist of consummate skill
15. Fix
16. Shoe part
18. In due order
21. WWF announcer or Mahopac orthodontist, goes with 28 across
24. DEA agents
25. Treatment
26. On \_\_\_ (without a buyer)
27. Crept along the grass
28. See 21 across
30. In the opposite direction
32. Big chicken
36. Languish
37. Trigonometry abbreviation
38. Compass reading
39. Halloween cry
40. Mirror
41. Recipe word

## DOWN

1. Hoover \_\_\_\_
2. In the style of
3. Interview
4. They respond to role calls
5. Actress, Sophia
6. United group
7. Indicate or call for
8. Burning feeling
9. Part of an exchange
14. Exterior house finish
17. Subjects to chemical analysis
18. Convenient connections
19. Quick doze
20. Vocal vibration
22. Get on in years
23. Edward, for short
25. Distress
27. Be a busybody
29. SeaWorld creature
30. Just great
31. Where the statue of Cristo Redentor stands
33. Drink with jam and bread?
34. Termination
35. Primary color



Solution on page 24

## Local Children Part of Children's Hospital Radiothon

Rianne from Yorktown and Yashwini from Ossining are among 30 children who on November 16-18, will be part of 100.7 WHUD's 12th Annual Radiothon For the Kids, cared for at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, a member of the Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth). The annual event is a fundraiser for the hospital, which provides children from the Hudson Valley with life-changing and lifesaving care including open-heart surgery, brain surgery, cancer treatments, trauma and burn care, organ transplants, advanced neonatal services and other advanced pediatric care.

(To hear Rianne's interview tune in Friday, November 18 at 7:15 a.m. To hear Yashwini's story tune in Thursday, November 17 at 10:45 a.m.)

"The Radiothon is the highest profile and most significant fundraising event for the hospital each year," explained Andy LaGuardia, Director of Communications, Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, a member of the Westchester Medical Center Health Network. "One-hundred percent of all donations made through the Radiothon effort stay right here in the Hudson Valley and aid us in our mission to care for local children battling complex medical challenges."

### RIANNE, AGE 6, YORKTOWN: MYOCARDITIS (INFLAMMATION OF THE HEART)

When Rianne was five years old, she woke up in the middle of the night with a high fever and stomach pains. Although her pediatricians initially thought Rianne had a simple virus or appendicitis, her mother Rosa sensed that something was seriously wrong. Rosa rushed Rianne to Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, where it was found that her daughter's heart rate was up to a dangerous 225 beats per minute. (A normal heart rate range for a five year old child is 75 to 115 beats per minute.) After pediatric cardiologists completed thorough testing and monitoring, Rianne was diagnosed with myocarditis, a life-threatening inflammation of the heart, which was caused by an enterovirus. Rianne's health continued to deteriorate over the course of the week, leading physicians to believe she would need a heart transplant. When her oxygen levels dropped, Rianne was placed on a ventilator and she still struggled to breathe. But thanks to the expertise and vigilance of the pediatric cardiology team at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, the medications prescribed began to work and, amazingly, she turned a corner. A

year after her harrowing journey, Rianne is now off of blood pressure medication, requires cardiology check-ups only twice a year, and keeps busy with soccer, ballet, and gymnastics.

### YASHWINI, OSSINING AGE 1: BORN AT 26 WEEKS WEIGHING 1 POUND

Yashwini's mother, Patsy, whose dreams of becoming pregnant took seven years to fulfill, went into preterm labor in the midst of planning her baby shower. She was only six months pregnant at the time. A pediatrician herself, Patsy feared the worst, and unfortunately, her fears became reality. When she began bleeding unexpectedly, Patsy drove herself to a local community hospital, where physicians made the critical decision to transfer her to Westchester Medical Center. After careful monitoring of her labor at the Medical Center, Patsy gave birth to Yashwini—a micro-preemie who weighed a mere 1 pound, 11 ounces. Yashwini went on to receive advanced care at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital's Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (RNICU), the only one of its kind in the Hudson Valley and Fairfield County. She spent four months in the

RNICU battling complications with her heart and lungs. "There were three episodes where she literally stopped breathing," says Patsy. "But the nurses came to the rescue." Thanks to the expertise and timely medical care of RNICU physicians and nurses, Yashwini overcame her extreme prematurity. Yashwini's father, Rajnish, also a doctor, says that since she was in the womb, Yashwini has been creating her own destiny. Her name in Hindi means to be successful in life. Now at age one, she loves to laugh, run, and say her first words!

To make a donation during the live Radiothon, the community can call (888) 499-5437 or make a secure, online donation at [www.whud.com](http://www.whud.com). Online donations are also being accepted prior to and during the event at [events.westchestermedicalcenter.com/mfchradiathon](http://events.westchestermedicalcenter.com/mfchradiathon). Also, community members interested in supporting Maria Fareri Children's Hospital are welcome to visit the hospital's lobby during the Radiothon. Maria Fareri Children's Hospital is located on the Valhalla, New York campus of WMCHHealth at 100 Woods Road.

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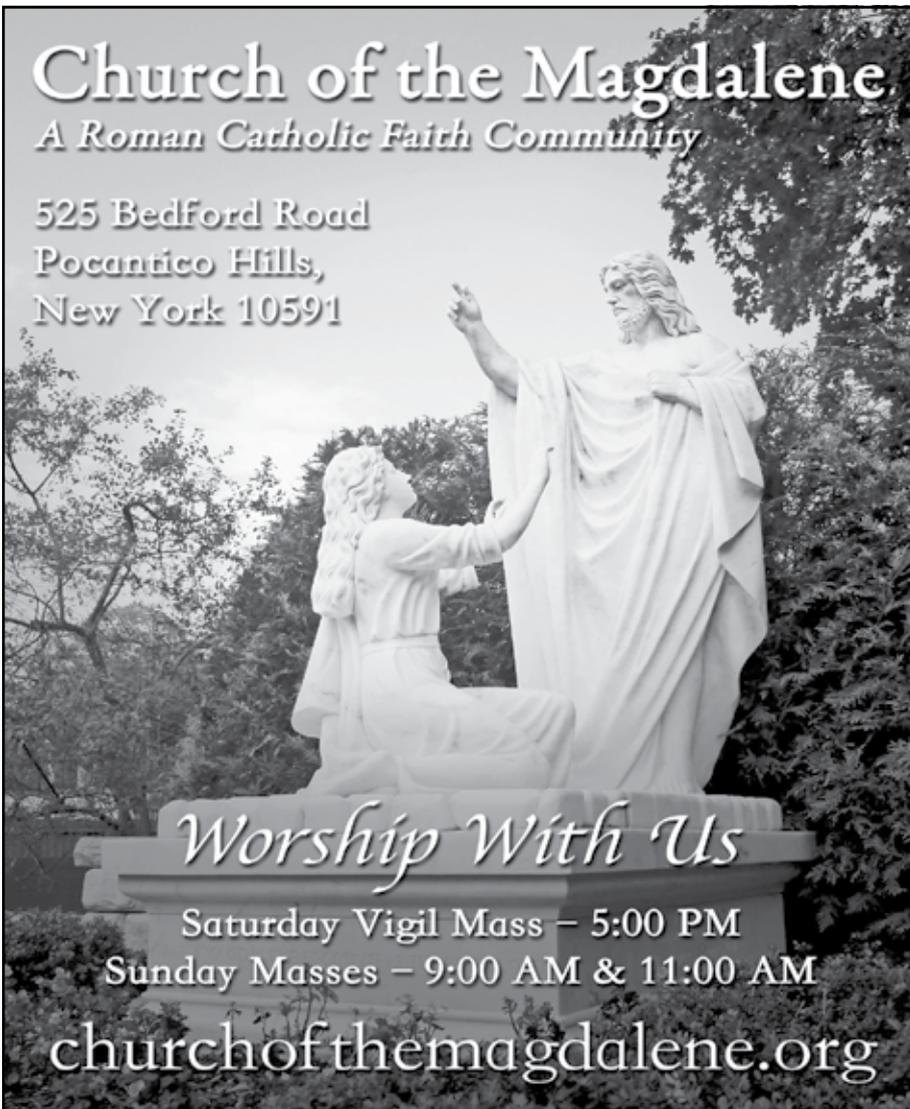
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**IBM Retirees Club:** The Tri-State IBM Retirees Club meets at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting hall of the United Methodist Church, 1176 E Main St, Shrub Oak. Attendees will discuss current and 2017 medical options, a count will be taken for those interested in attending a holiday luncheon on Thursday, Dec 1 and 2017 dues will be collected. Sign in and refreshments serving will take place at 1 p.m. Info: 914-528-5916.

**Yoga For Teens:** Yoga Basics for Teens will continue on Thursdays, Nov.10 and 17 at the Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Rd., Montrose, at 6:30 p.m. It is a four-session introduction to yoga – from gentle to strengthen & flow – taught by lifelong teacher Louis Spanier of Encourage Yoga. It is intended for teens in grade 6 – 12. Bring a yoga mat or towel, water, and wear comfortable clothing. To register or to receive more information call 914-739-5654.

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**Environmental Film Screening:** New York Times climate reporter Andy Revkin will lead the discussion following the screening of "Merchants of Doubt," the free environmental film offered at the Westchester Community College's Digital Arts Center on North Division Street in Peekskill at 7 p.m. The film is a documentary that looks at spin doctors presenting themselves as scientific experts who spread misinformation and confusion among American citizens to delay progress on global climate change. Refreshments will be offered. For more information e-mail: [PeekskillEnvironmentalFilms@gmail.com](mailto:PeekskillEnvironmentalFilms@gmail.com). For more bio information on Revkin, go to: <http://j.mp/revkinpace>

**Historical Society Program:** The

Yorktown Historical Society presents for Native American Month "The Story of the Nimhams" "by Alfred (Stone Heart) Conley and Edward (Wolf) Walker, brothers who are descendants of Chief Daniel Nimham and are members of the Schaghticoke First Nation. Nimham was an influential local Native American Sachem in the 1700s. The program will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the John C. Hart Memorial Library, 1130 Main St., Shrub Oak. It is free and open to the public. Info: Charles Radke, 914-962-4370 or [c.radke@computer.org](mailto:c.radke@computer.org), or visit [www.yorktownhistory.org](http://www.yorktownhistory.org).

## Friday, Nov. 18

**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.

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**Jewish Center Services:** At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Friday night Sabbath services at 8 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](http://yorktownjewishcenter.org).

## Saturday, Nov. 19

**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

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**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 information visit [www.ChabadYorktown.com](http://www.ChabadYorktown.com) or call 914-962-1111.

**Youth Debate Workshop:** A Teen/Tween Debate Workshop will be held on Saturdays- 11/19, 12/3, 12/17, 1/7, & 1/28 from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. at the Somers Library. This workshop is designed to teach students the fundamentals of public speaking and argumentation skills that will help develop confidence, self-esteem, leadership, creativity, critical thinking skills, and communication skills. Many interactive speaking and debating activities will be offered. Space is limited; please register on our online events calendar at [www.somerslibrary.org](http://www.somerslibrary.org) or call the library at 914-232-5717.

**Ossining Farmers Market:** The Ossining Down to Earth Farmers Market is being held outdoors every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of Spring and Main 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](http://DowntoEarthMarkets.com).

**Yoga Program:** Support Connection announces a free weekly program Yoga: A Path toward Wellness will be held every Saturday in November from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Club Fit in Jefferson Valley. The program 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.

**Wizard Of Oz:** "The Wizard of Oz," produced by Barry Liebman, president and producing director of Yorktown Stage. Will be presented at the Yorktown Stage at the Yorktown Community and Cultural Center, 1974 Commerce St. Performances are slated for Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 20 at 2 p.m., Nov. 25, at 1 p.m., Nov. 26 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 27 at 2 p.m. Ticket prices: children (11 and under) \$19; seniors (62 and over) and students (under 22) \$21; Adults \$26.. Group discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased at [yorktownstage.org](http://yorktownstage.org) or by calling the box office 914-962-0606.

## Sunday, Nov. 20

**Food Waste Weekend:** The First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown is participating in a "Food Waste Weekend."

Throughout this fall, thousands of other houses of worship – churches, mosques, synagogues, temples – throughout the country have partnered to bring awareness to the issue of wasted food, which is when food gets thrown away before it is consumed. This can be food anywhere – at a party, on the farm, at lunch, at your wedding, at the supermarket, even at the church. We want to bring awareness back to what all of our grandmothers used to say: 'don't throw away good food. Today we will look at the issue of food waste in our Sunday morning adult education and worship services. Our Green Team is working on environmental sustainability through the GreenFaith certification process and will be working with our various church programs to consider ways that we can limit our food waste here at church. Go to [www.foodwasteweekend.org](http://www.foodwasteweekend.org) to learn more about the issue and how you can help.

**Thanksgiving Service/Dinner:** The Chappaqua Interfaith Council will hold its annual Thanksgiving Service this year at First Congregational Church, 210 Orchard Ridge Rd, Chappaqua at 4 p.m. A free community dinner will follow the service. Everyone is welcome. Prayers, readings, music and song will be performed by members of all the participating faith community. Over 300 guests are expected to attend. Once again the Kettle House is graciously providing the turkey, mashed potatoes and sides for the dinner. For further information, please contact Candie Downing at 914 419-7216 or [candiedow9@gmail.com](mailto:candiedow9@gmail.com)

**Thanksgiving Interfaith Service:** The entire Yorktown faith community will come together to celebrate the value of Thankfulness at the Hudson Valley Islamic Cultural Center at 6 p.m. Through Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and Buddhist prayers, we will gather to show our appreciation for all we have and all the blessings around us. Buddhist Priest Paul Silverman will deliver the sermon. Financial donations will be collected for the local food pantries. All are welcome. For more information, please call 914-962-7500.

**Acupuncture And Meditation:** Hygeia Integrated Health, 3505 Hill Blvd, Suite K, Yorktown, offers community acupuncture and meditation every last Sunday of the month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Please call to register and confirm in advance. Nov. 20: Introduction to Conscious Parenting. Join us to learn about the philosophy, tools, and techniques of Conscious Parenting and how it helps in raising happy, healthy, confident children. \$10. Nov. 20: community acupuncture and meditation. It will be a discussion and demonstration on the many benefits of acupuncture for stress reduction, digestive issues, emotional eating, addictive behaviors and much more. It will be led by Licensed Acupuncturist. \$30. Nov. 27: Introduction to Biofeedback. Learn how biofeedback can help manages anxiety, stress, and pain relief. No charge. Registration required: call 914-352-6116.

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Somers senior RB Messiah Horne looks back at a would-be tackler as he snaps off one of two touchdown trots in the state-ranked (No.6) Tuskers' 28-7 NYSPHSAA Region 1 Class A victory over No.7 Cornwall last Saturday at Mahopac High where Horne ran for 248 yards and Somers won its first state playoff game. Somers, which avenged state playoff losses to the Section 9 Dragons in 2012-13, advanced to the NYS Final 4 to face Section 2 champion Burnt Hills this Friday at Kingston's Dietz Stadium (8 p.m) where captains Nick Gargiulo, Anthony Lombardi, Tim Sweeny and Horne (inset) hope to secure a berth in the state finals Thanksgiving weekend at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse... see Grid Notebook

# Somers Forces Six Turnovers in Region 1 Title Win over Cornwall

## Tuskers Win 1st NYS Playoff Game, Advance to NYS Semis vs. Section 2's Burnt

By Ray Gallagher  
Examiner Sports Editor  
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When the stifling Somers High defense is forcing six turnovers and giving the ball back to its spellbinding offense on short fields, there's little to no chance of stopping Coach Tony DeMatteo's state-ranked (No.6) Tuskers.

And so, DeMatteo's defense flipped Cornwall's miscue-filled effort into the first state playoff victory in Somers' history, a resounding 28-7 Region 1 NYSPHSAA Class A championship triumph of the six-time reigning champion and Section 9 juggernaut last Saturday at Mahopac High; the same Cornwall program that knocked off Somers in the 2012 and 2013 state playoffs.

Somers senior RB Messiah Horne, who is 104 rushing yards shy of an amazing 2,000-yard season, was the primary beneficiary of those six turnovers, which included three fumble recoveries (one off a Dan Venditto strip sack recovered by Tim Sweeney), a muffed punt and an INT in the first half alone. Horne went for 248 yards on 20 carries, two of which went to paydirt as Somers worked a 21-0 halftime lead.

"The defense was our anchor today," said Horne, who now has 24 TDs and 1,896 yards, both school records. "Once we got that click, click going, we knew the boom was gonna come. That's when we took it home. This is pretty amazing; credit to my teammates."

Somers (10-1) will meet Section 2's Burnt Hills (10-1), ranked No.8 in NYS, at 8 p.m. this Friday at Kingston's Dietz



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Picking up blocks from Tyler Carr (33) and Erik Hagenah (62), Somers RB Messiah Horne breaks off one of many long gains in state playoff win over Cornwall.

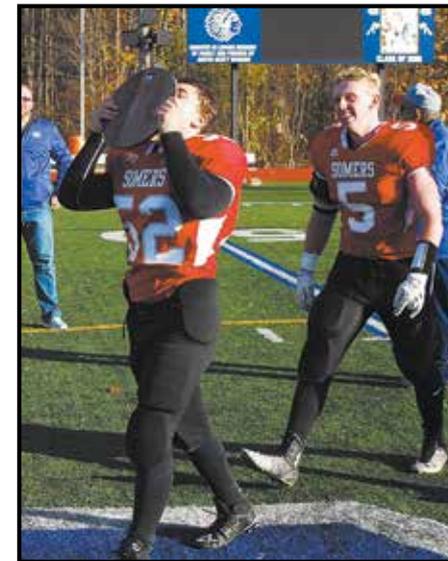
Stadium in the state semifinals with a chance to play for the state title on Nov. 25th (3 p.m.) at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse against the winner of Section 3's Whitesboro (No.3 in NYS) vs. Section 5's Greece Athena (No.4).

Somers LB Antonio Vieira was a menacing force with 12 tackles, a sack and an interception he took to the Cornwall one, which set up one of two one-yard scoring plunges by Somers junior QB Kevin Olifiers. Somers junior DE Jack Gilroy also thwarted a key Cornwall drive, recovering a fumble at the Somers four-yard line on the Dragons' opening drive of the second half. Gilroy's recovery was quickly followed by an 88-yard jaunt by

Horne along the home sideline, leading to another touchdown.

"We got some crazy kids on defense," Somers WR Matt Pires said after gaining 49 yards on five carries. "You got Nick Gargiulo and Antonio Vieira, who is basically in on every single tackle. Coach D makes us rally to the ball, and wherever the ball was you saw four or five of our kids on it. Enough is never enough, though, and Coach D reminds us of that, so we'll stay focused this week in practice and do what we can to get to the dome."

The Somers defense didn't allow a score until Cornwall's final play from scrimmage with just seconds remaining and its second unit on the field. Repeating



Somers captain Anthony Lombardi smooches Region 1 title plaque as fellow captain Tim Sweeney awaits his turn last Saturday at Mahopac where Tuskers defeated Cornwall for 1st NYS playoff win.

that feat will be almost impossible against the high-scoring Spartans of Burnt Hills, who average 42 points a game and haven't lost since a Week 4 setback to state-ranked (No.19) Averill Park (8-2). The Spartans habitually rule Section 2, winning seven titles in the last 11 years, and have lost just 14 games in that span. Somers has won three of the last five in Section 1, setting the stage for a whale of a game at the dungeon that is Dietz Stadium,

"Look, I've been down this road, I've been to the dome, and I've already done it all, so I'm just happy these kids are close to that same chance," Coach DeMatteo said. "I attribute this win to these kids;

this belongs to them. I'm so happy they got over this hump, because this is history, this is something for all the alumni who came up just short of this. We had trouble getting by this game and now we're done with it and on to the next.

"It's a great time to be a part of Somers," DeMatteo added. "It's a wonderful town with great people and parents. I said when I came here this was the place I wanted to finish my career at and that's what I'm going to do. I love the parents of these kids; they are unbelievably supportive."

And they'll need to come out in force Friday as the 12th man at Dietz Stadium with a state championship berth on the line.



Somers WR Matt Pires gets block from FB Tyler Carr in Tuskers' 28-7 Region 1 title win over Cornwall last Saturday.



Somers DL Dan Venditto makes pivotal strip sack in 28-7 NYS playoff win over Cornwall.

# Riina's OT Tally Spurs Somers to 1st NYS Boys' Soccer Title

## State-Ranked (No.2) Tuskers Nips No.1 Grand Island, 2-1; Roediger Sinks Tying Goal

By Ray Gallagher  
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The emotions ran the gauntlet at Middletown High's Faller Field last Sunday afternoon in the finals of the NYSPSAA Class A soccer championship; from ecstasy to anguish and all points in between. Section 1's state-ranked (No.2) Somers (20-2-2) and Section 6's No.1-ranked Grand Island (22-1) had left every ounce they had on the field throughout nearly 120 minutes of play, but when it was all over Grand Island was left to pick up the fragments of despair as Somers jumped about the joy of a 2-1 overtime triumph to win the first boys' state soccer title in school history.

"This is like nothing that's ever happened before," Somers sophomore Jon Riina said after scoring the game-winning goal with just a shade over three minutes left in the second overtime (With no penalty kicks in the state final round, both teams would have been tabbed co-champions had the game remained tied).

"We've got mad respect for these



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Tuskers dogpile after winning 1st NYS boys' soccer title in school history.

seniors, who have been role models to every one of us so we just wanted it for them," Riina added. "The doubters fueled us all season, but there ain't nobody doubting us now."

Riina, the gritty underclassmen beat two Vikings defenders before slipping one

past the goalie, touching off the kind of glee the program has never been in position to experience since the losing the NYS finals in 1993 under former longtime Coach Drew Strauss, a legend in his own right. In fact, Section 1 smoked the rest of the state this year, winning four of the five classifications for the first time

ever: New Rochelle (AA), Somers (A), Hastings (B) and North Salem (C).

"This is for all those guys, for the entire town of Somers and these kids," Somers rookie Coach Brian Lanzetta said, just moments after the Tuskers were escorted home via a fire and police escort early Sunday night. "We are a family now and we have been since Day 1 this season. They just covered for each other every time there was a misstep. They had each other's back. The seniors couldn't do this alone, so they accepted their roles and let these underclassmen do what they could to help us make history. I still can't believe it happened, in my first year nonetheless."

The Tuskers might not have been in position to win had it not been for the energy supplied by senior F Graham

Roediger, who knotted the score at 1-all off a nifty crossing feed from junior wing junior Jake Faigle, who ran the far side of the field with tenacity. Most plays were triggered by M Brendan Blanch, the silent assassin, who quietly secured MVP honors with steady two-way play.

"Roediger isn't even a soccer player, he's a lacrosse player, who just came out for the team because I told him that he could to help us," Lanzetta said. "Those two (Roediger and Faigle) worked together and lifted our spirits when we could have gotten down. What a moment that was for us."

To his credit, Roediger is a solid athlete, who brings instant energy off the bench, and did so in crunch time.

"As an athlete, you just want to give everything you got," he said. "Whether its energy or finishing off a run, you do what you can to help the team. This is one of the greatest moments in my life."

In the waning seconds of the initial overtime session, Grand Island senior Garrett Robinson had Tuskers G Kenny Kurtz beat for what would have been the game-winning goal, but junior defenseman Alex Piazza snuffed the shot out at the goal line to preserve the tie.

"I will owe Piazza for the rest of my life," said Kurtz, among the best goalies in the state. "He was there when we needed him. It was an unbelievable play, I thought we were cooked. But this team has always been there to pick each

other up; today was no different. Coach Lanzetta preaches that stuff."

It was just another day on the back line for Piazza and his mates, who were incredible throughout the year and throughout the post season, when Somers allowed just three goals in eight games behind the efforts of stalwarts Kurtz, Piazza, Luke Bugoni and Alex Elconin.

"I didn't feel anything at the time, but I did later when Riina scored," Piazza said. "In the moment, though, I was just focused on making sure time was over in the first overtime and we could move on the next (OT). We're just getting started. We're going to be good for a long time at Somers."

With an incredibly strong nucleus of young talent taking the torch from an outgoing group of veterans, Somers is truly on the rise.

"We're a soccer town, we're a football town, we're a little bit of everything, and I'm just thrilled to be part of it," Lanzetta said.

Somers might not be a bonafide soccer town if not for the quiet leadership of skillful senior captain Jack Maher, who scored the golden goal in the Tuskers' 1-0 win over Section 8 champion Amityville, the reigning state champs, in Saturday's semifinals.

"This is the best feeling in the world," a humbled Maher said after scoring his second golden goal of the playoffs. "This was such a team effort. Every kid on this team was there for each other, so I was just happy to help us advance and get to the position where we could win our first state title. This is unbelievable."

And the ghosts of Somers past couldn't agree more.



Somers D Alex Piazza kicks out a point-blank shot that would have given Grand Island the NYS title Sunday.



Tuskers swarm Jon Riina after his goal gave Somers 2-1 overtime win in NYS Class A title game.



Somers senior Graham Roediger goes nuts with teammate Lucas Fecci after scoring game-tying goal in Tuskers' 2-1 NYS title win Sunday.

# Defense Matters, Lakeland 8-Peats as NYS Champs

## Sarsen's Hornets Rely on Lennon, Defense to Extend Unthinkable Authority

By Tony Pinciario & Ray Gallagher

During Lakeland field hockey's record-setting state-championship run, the Hornets have imposed their will on teams with a relentless offense.

Opponents eventually succumbed to the intense pressure Lakeland's forwards and midfielders applied throughout the game. Thus, dominant victories were the norm in their previous seven-straight NYSPHSAA championships.

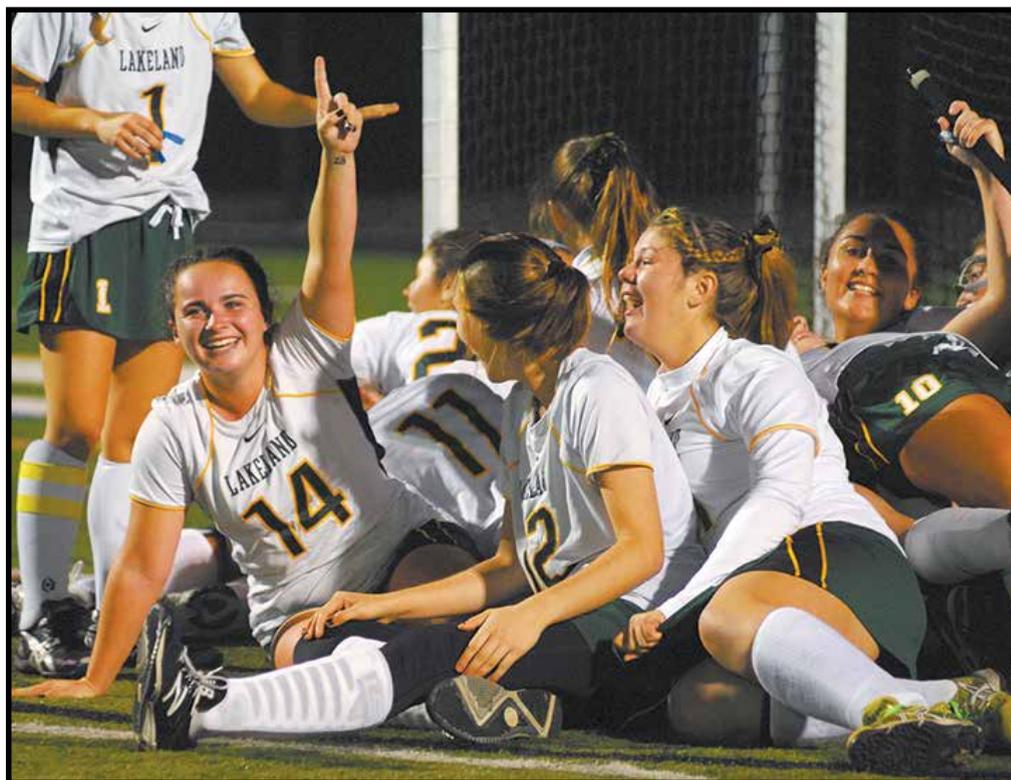
However, lost in the offensive numbers has been the play of Lakeland's defense through this epic run. Even though Lakeland's defense is not tested often, it still displays a stinginess that is unmatched in state history.

Lakeland arrived in Endwell, N.Y., looking for its eighth consecutive state Class B championship. When the final whistle blew Sunday, signifying the conclusion of the state-title game, Lakeland came away with a 1-0 victory over a determined Section 8 champion Garden City team.

Coming on the heels of a 1-0 triumph over Section 6 champion Iroquois in a semifinal, the win marked an unapparelled level of competition in Lakeland's prominence. Lakeland's defense shut out two high-scoring teams and won an unprecedented eighth straight state title.

Lakeland now owns a field hockey state record of 11 titles – 1990, 2003, 2006 and 2009-16 – under Coach Sharon Sarsen.

"Our defense was amazing," senior Meghan Fahey said. "Each and every



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For an unprecedented 8th-straight year, the Lakeland Hornets were crowned NYS Class B champions after a pair of 1-0 wins in the state semis and finals last weekend.

defender played amazing. Our forwards dropped as a whole to pressure the ball. We really worked as a team. But it was quite clear that Mia Lennon, played 'the game of her life.'

"Mia steps up in a big way, defensively, every game. Sometimes it may go unnoticed, but without Mia this season we wouldn't be in the position we are today, and that is state champions. Mia is a great teammate and leader. She is by far the best defender I have seen on any team we have played this year."

Garden City has been Lakeland's opponent in many state finals, so it

was not unexpected that the Section 8 champion would have a major chip on its shoulder.

"Garden City was definitely more determined to score against us after our goal but our defense was a wall today," Fahey said. "Our defense really did a great job of keeping Garden City out of our defending third."

Even though Lennon is known for her defensive prowess, the senior, who will attend the University of Massachusetts in the fall, gave Lakeland the lead in the first half. Lennon, assisted by Cameron Lischinsky, converted a penalty corner

with five minutes remaining.

Lischinsky also scored for Lakeland against Iroquois.

Following the victory over Iroquois, Lakeland and Sarsen knew something was not right.

"Even though each of us worked very hard against Iroquois we weren't all playing our best game," Fahey said. "We work hard as a team, no matter what, but the team I know that we are definitely showed up to play Garden City."

The players and Sarsen had a team meeting and the result was Lakeland's performance against Garden City.

"She told us that we had to trust in one another and move the ball," said Fahey of Sarsen. "She told us not to try and do everything individually but, instead, to work as a team. It helped us realize that in the games we played amazing together were the games we trusted in one another and moved the ball. We definitely did that and took advantage of this in state final game."

The Lakeland senior class leaves never having suffered a varsity defeat and always celebrating with a championship plaque at the conclusion of their final game.

"To carry on such an amazing legacy is a euphoric feeling," Fahey said. "We do it for ourselves, but also the close-knit Lakeland field hockey community including alumni, family, teachers, Sars."

"This state title was more special to me because it was my senior year and my last hoorah. This was not the only reason it was special. In past years I was on a team that we won every single game we played. We were never faced with too many challenges. This year we had to really work as a team to find ways that we could work together. Not every game was a win. We realized that we would not be handed anything this season, we had to work for it and give 'all we've got, all the time.'"

Coaches always point out that every team is different and every championship is special and unique for that team.

"This was a team that always had the talent, but had to learn to work together," Sarsen said. "I am so proud that after our Iroquois game we had a meeting and all talked about doing it together and lifting each other up. This has been a constant theme all year long. We trusted the process and the results were a state championship."

In fact, it was a state championship that some had wondered aloud about prior to the start of the season; Lakeland having graduated a ton of talent. In the end, though, the whispers never mattered, the deal never changed and Lakeland continued to set a bar that will be hard, if not impossible, to top.



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Members of the Lakeland field hockey team pose with medals and plaques after winning unprecedented 8th-straight NYS championship last Sunday in Maine-Endwell.

# Sports

## Championships Featured in History-Making Fall at Somers High



By Ray Gallagher  
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A lot of you are going to look at this sports section this week and say, 'What the heck nothing but Somers!' oh, and some Lakeland field hockey.

But there's something in the water this fall over at Somers High where they pulled off a rare trifecta by winning

the Section 1 Class A football and boys' soccer championships and the Section 1 Class B boys' cross country crown while narrowly missing out on the Section 1 Class A girls' soccer title in a one-goal championship loss.

Three out of four ain't too shabby, though, and Somers A.D. Roman Catalino was last spotted at a local pawn shop looking at discount championship rings (#Kidding) after an epoch of power rivaled only by Yorktown in this neck of the woods. I can't recall anything like this happening up here in Northern Westchester/Putnam County since Yorktown's domination in the springs of 2008-09 when the girls' and boys' lax teams, plus its softball team, went back-

down in a 42-6 sectional rout on Saturday, November 5th.

The storylines between the Somers soccer and football titles are starkly divergent; in that the Tuskers football team is led by legendary giant Tony DeMatteo, and its state championship soccer team is guided by an upstart rookie varsity coach in Brian Lanzetta. The two Catalino hires have turned out to be excellent choices; DeMatteo having won four titles at Somers since coming on board at the turn of the century after more than three decades at Roosevelt High in Yonkers.

DeMatteo, who was in Nashville, TN, earlier this week to accept the 'Power of Influence' award for his indisputable impact on high school athletes, continues to leave the kind of impression kids never forget; doing so with speeches that conjure up the likes of Winston Churchill and Wyatt Earp. DeMatteo's "deliberate approach" to earnest preparation is a mantra the state-ranked (No.6) Tuskers (10-1) have lived by since losing to Yorktown in Week 3, which they avenged in Week 9 before Saturday's 28-7



thrashing of Section 9's Cornwall in the NYS Region 1 championship. It was Cornwall who previously defeated Somers twice in the 2012-13 state quarterfinals, so the Revenge Tour was back on stage.

"We're just rolling right now in Somers," said Somers senior RB Messiah Horne, who rushed for 240 yards and two TDs in the win. "We got a nice senior class and we're rolling. We're going all the way, every sport, we're just taking it."

The fiery Lanzetta has weathered the storm of losing his top prospect, Jared Mazzola, to the US Soccer Academy, by going somewhere nobody predicted when the 2016 campaign kicked off in late August. The state-ranked (No.2) Tuskers (19-2-2) bought into everything the rookie mentor was selling, and the end justified the means during Somers' finest season since 1993; an era that belonged to the likes of Sean Nealis, Dervis Manizade, Mark Fiore and the rest of former Coach Drew Strauss' bar-setting unit... uhm, former bar-setting unit.

But Somers senior captains Luke Bugoni, Evan Keiltyka, Kenny Kurtz, Jack Maher and many others took it farther than no man has gone before. The quartet might as

well have walked on the moon after winning the first NYS Class A soccer championship in school history in last Sunday's 2-1 overtime triumph of Section 6's Grand Island after sophomore Jon Riina hit the game winning goal in double overtime at Faller Field in Middletown.

"There are no words to describe what this family has done," G Kurtz said. "Every guy on this team did whatever was needed and we got it done, and we did something that's never been done before at Somers. I can't really believe it right now."

The boys were also at a loss to describe Lanzetta's impact.

"Coach's knowledge of the game and his ability to make the most out of every player is the difference," Keiltyka said. "We knew from the start we had a great coach."

Similarly, cross country coach Mike Lacko, a member of the 2004 NYS champion

X-C team at Somers, was replacing a pair of championship pedigree coaches in Roy Arnesen and Tim Fulton, and the program - which saw its standard-setting days in 2004 with the likes of Alex Bean and Niko Viglione winning a NYS championship -- hasn't skipped much of a beat.

Somers, led by twins Matt and Greg Fusco, copped the boys' title, beating Pearl River by 10 points in a competitive 15-team field at Bowdoin Park. Like they were in the womb, the Fusco boys were side by side: Matt Fusco finished second overall in 16:39.80 with Greg right behind in 16:40.10. Somers' Thomas Hannon (21st) and Mark Worsley (25th) also finished strong and helped push the unit to the Tuskers' third sectional title and on to last Saturday's state tournament at Chenango Valley State Park in Chenango Forks where the Tuskers settled for a third-place finish in Class B, 10th overall in NYS.

Winning a single sectional championship is nothing to sneeze at, so just imagination the sense of exhilaration within the entire community having won three, plus a state jewel, within the last couple of weeks.

"It's something special, I can tell you



Dogpiles, like this one created by the soccer team after winning states, have become common at Somers.

that," Somers senior WR Matt Pires said. "I would never have imagined all these teams winning all these championships and having so much success, but it's really fun right now and one of the best times of my life."

Well done, Tuskers, well done!...

**Extremism is not the answer**, my zealot friends. If you feel the world is going to end because of the recent presidential election, there is help for you should you seek it through proper channels, and I pray you find the psychological help you need to cope with what happened during this election cycle and what it means in terms of OUR future. However, if you can't



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Legendary football Coach Tony DeMatteo (R) has risen Somers to new heights with 3 sectional titles in 5 years.

to-back to win six sectional titles, which was well after that great spring of 1995 when Yorktown High took a pair lacrosse sectional titles (nothing new there) and its only Section 1 baseball championship.

So, Yorktown has had it going on like this before (winning three titles between two sexes), but now its neighboring Somers' turn, and the Tuskers aren't crossing genders to win three sectional titles, plus one NYSPHSAA soccer title already in the book. Ironically enough it was the Huskers who were standing between the Tuskers and their third Section 1 football title in five years before Somers put Yorktown

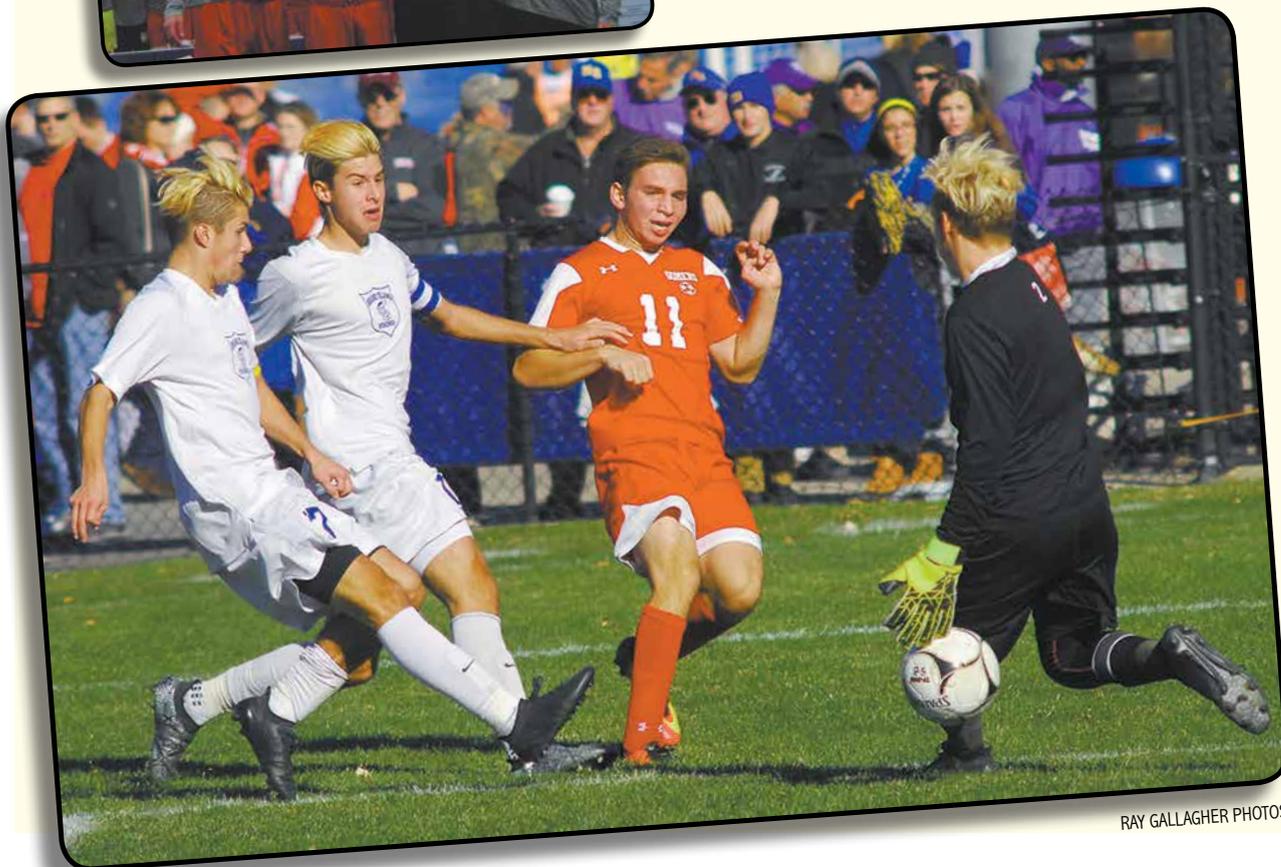
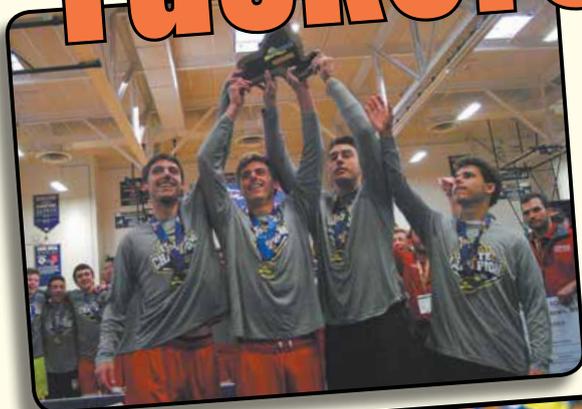


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Members of the Somers cross country team took it all the way to 3rd place at the NYS meet.

hack it and think its ok to violently protest and put law-abiding citizens in harm's way: Canada is to our north, Mexico is due south, and Europe is a quick flight over the pond. And take your whiney, entitled, 'We-All-Get-A-Trophy' attitude with you if you can't deal with the loss of the candidate, who many of us thank for her political service along with the ministrations of our outgoing president. But we haven't seen anything quite like this namby-pamby, millennial mayhem in the previous 240 years of tolerant American democracy. So, if you're not willing to do this the American way -- with peaceful protests that really need to wind down now -- be gone; this way, we can reserve your seat in America for someone who loves this country and truly wants to be here in the greatest nation in the world #MAGA!

# Mammoth Win for Tuskers!



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# Somers Notches 1st NYS Boys Soccer Title; Riina Delivers in OT

Somers sophomore Jon Riina beats three Grand Island defenders to score the game-winning goal in state-ranked (No.2) Tuskers' 2-1 overtime triumph of the No.1 Vikings last Sunday in the NYSPHSAA Class A championship, which the jubilant Tuskers (20-2-2) -- including captains Luke Bugoni, Evan Kieltyke, Kenny Kurtz and Jack Maher -- won for the first time in Somers history... see Soccer Notebook

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