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Teacher Charged with Possessing, Receiving Child Porn

By Rick Pezzullo

A high school teacher who resides in Somers was charged last week with allegedly possessing and receiving child pornography.

According to a complaint filed in federal court in White Plains November 23 by Preet Bharara, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, in October 2012 Nicholas Pagliuca, 65, a teacher in the Town of Mamaroneck, registered for a 30-day subscription to a website that is used by individuals to trade child pornography images and videos.

Bharara claimed Pagliuca downloaded hundreds of files containing images and

videos of child pornography, many of which depicted young children engaged in sexual activity with adults or other children.

Using the email address he used to register with the website, agents with Homeland Security Investigations and New York State Police confirmed Pagliuca's identity and his occupation before he was arrested at his Somers home.

"Individuals who take pleasure in downloading videos and photos of young children being sexually exploited need to be brought to justice, especially those whose jobs give them access to children, as in this

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Nicholas Pagliuca of Somers spoke at a recent meeting in Putnam.

Bank Robber Caught After Trying to Rob Supermarket

By Rick Pezzullo

A Montrose man who robbed a bank in Peekskill Friday was arrested later in the day after trying to rob a supermarket in Croton.

Joshue Flores, 26, was taken into custody by New York State Police and Croton police officers Friday night following a brief struggle after he was found hiding in a brook in the vicinity of the Super Food Town on Route 9A.

State Police reported Flores had passed a note to a cashier in the supermarket about 8 p.m. threatening the use of a firearm and demanding all the money in the register. Flores fled the scene prior to obtaining any money.

Earlier in the day, at approximately



Joshue Flores

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Scouts Donate Pies to Pantry

Martin Engelhardt, Jr., president of the Ossining Food Pantry, accepted a donation of 266 apple and pumpkin pies last week from Catherine Kamp, Samantha Santiago, Jessica Quizphi, Michelle Zaruma and other members of Ossining Girl Scout Troop 2295 at Trinity Church in downtown Ossining.



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12:15 p.m., according to Peekskill Police, Flores stole an undisclosed amount of money from the M&T Bank on Park Street in Peekskill.

Peekskill police officers were able to identify Flores after circulating his

photograph in the media and canvassing dozens of local businesses. While Peekskill detectives were in Montrose checking for Flores at his residence, State Police informed them they had located Flores.

Detectives interviewed Flores at the

Cortlandt barracks and charged him with robbery in the first degree, a Class B felony, and grand larceny in the fourth degree, a Class D felony. State Police also charged Flores with one count of third-degree attempted robbery.

State Police said an investigation re-

vealed Flores was linked to other criminal matters being probed. Peekskill Police Chief Eric Johansen expressed thanks to the other police agencies that assisted in capturing Flores, along with the media and public for being instrumental in identifying Flores.

Teacher Charged with Possessing, Receiving Child Porn

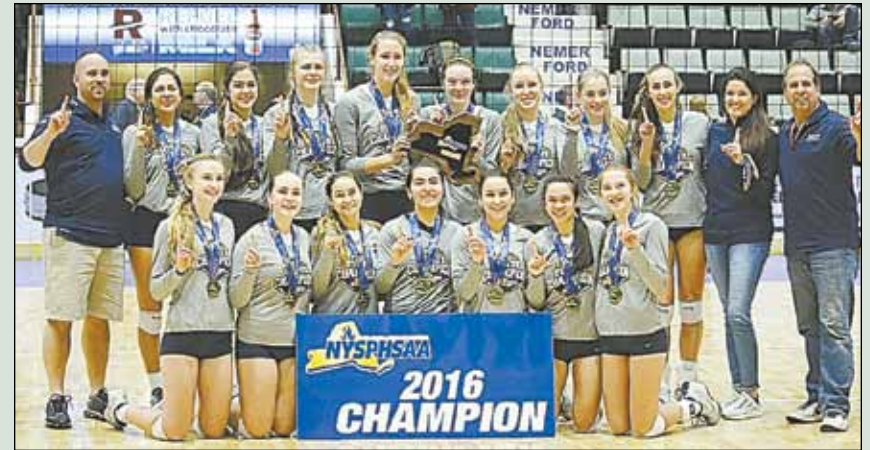
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case," said Homeland Security Investigations Agent-in-Charge Angel Melendez.

Pagliuca was charged with one count of possession of child pornography, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, and one count of receipt of child pornography, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison and a maximum sentence of 20 years in jail.

"Anyone involved in child pornography, promoting the acts of child predators, or who performs predatory acts against children must understand that such crimes will not be tolerated," said George Beach, superintendent of the State Police.

Bharara said the investigation is continuing and anyone who may have information relevant to the case should call a toll-free hotline 1-866-DHS-2ICE.



Walter Panas High School won the NYS Class A Volleyball Championship and the school's first state championship in any team sport. The Panthers finished the tournament undefeated, with wins in nine straight games, including going 6-0 in pool play and 3-0 in the championship match. Panas won the final 25-12, 25-17, and 25-23 against Long Island's Kings Park High School. Panas finished the season 21-0. The Panthers were also honored with the team sportsmanship award by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. Junior Yvette Burcescu was named Tournament MVP. Senior Sabrina Patricello and Junior Julianna Bottarini were named to all-tournament team.

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The Pain Of An Ankle Sprain

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Q: Did I simply twist my ankle, or is it a sprain?

A: Confusion over what constitutes a sprained ankle is common. A sprain is defined as a stretched or torn ligament – the tough, fibrous tissue that connects one bone to another and supports your joints. By far the most common type of sprain is in the ankle. Ankle sprains happen when the foot twists, rolls or turns in a manner that causes the ligaments to stretch beyond their normal length. While the intensity varies, pain, bruising, swelling, and inflammation are common to all sprains.

Q: If my ankle is swollen and tender, what should I do?

A: Be sure to practice RICE immediately: Rest, Ice, Compress and Elevate. Sit or lie down, put your ankle up on some pillows, wrap it with an ace bandage, and ice it for 20 to 30 minutes several times a day.

If you can't put weight on the joint, you should see a doctor immediately. After the ankle is evaluated and other injuries such as fractures or tendon damage are ruled out, and depending on the severity of the sprain, you may be able to start rehabilitating your ankle.

Q: What can I expect from rehab?

A: With a severe sprain, I often put a boot on the patient for two weeks or so and start physical therapy to strengthen the ankle as soon as possible. One exercise patients can try is writing the alphabet in the air with their big toe. Another is standing on one foot with your eyes closed. The goal is to work up to a minute. This improves your balance and strengthens the muscles that stabilize your joint.

Following through on rehab is key. The single highest risk factor for ankle sprain is having a history of sprain. Completing an appropriate rehabilitation program and utilizing at least short-term bracing will decrease future risk of an ankle sprain.

Did you know?

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State Leaders Applaud Court Decision on Indian Point Review

By Rick Pezzullo

Governor Andrew Cuomo and Attorney General Eric Schneiderman applauded a decision rendered last week by the state Court of Appeals that reaffirmed the state's authority to review the federal applications of the owners of the Indian Point nuclear power plants for renewal of its licenses.

In a unanimous decision November 21, the Court of Appeals rejected Entergy's claims that Indian Point was exempt from the state's coastal zone program. In November 2015, the New York Department of State denied a coastal consistency certification for Entergy's relicensing application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), determining it didn't comply with the state's federally-approved Coastal Management Program with respect to protections for coastal ecosystems, fish and wildlife resources and habitats.

"Today's decision represents a major victory for the continued health and productivity of our state's environment," said Schneiderman. "Among our most important laws are those that protect sensitive ecosystems, including New York's

lower Hudson River and its natural resources. The court has now made it clear that policies protecting New York's critical coastal resources are a necessary factor in considering whether to relicense the Indian Point facility."

The NRC has been reviewing Entergy's application for a 20-year license renewal for Indian Point Units 2 and 3 since April 30, 2007. The license for Unit 2, which has been operating since August 1974, expired on September 28, 2013. The license for Unit 3, which has been operating since August 1976, expired December 12, 2015. Both plants have been allowed to continue operating under the expired licenses while the NRC scrutinizes the renewal application.

Cuomo has been an outspoken opponent of Indian Point being able to continue operating safely and reiterated his concerns last week.

"Indian Point is antiquated and does not belong on the Hudson River in close proximity to New York City, where it poses a threat not only to the coastal resources and uses of the river, but to millions of New Yorkers living and working in the surrounding community," Cuomo said.



Bethel Springvale Inn in Croton-on-Hudson held a Food Drive for donations to benefit the Croton Caring Committee. With the emphasis on Thanksgiving, many of the items collected included traditional foods associated with the holiday. The Croton Caring Committee distributes the donations to members of the community who could use a helping hand with their Thanksgiving meals. Pictured are (L to R): Ms. Anne Kennedy, Executive Director, Croton Caring Committee; Ms. Barbara Osborn, member, Croton Caring Committee; and Ms. Veronica Vignolesi, Community Liaison, Bethel Springvale Inn as they prepared the donated items for transport.



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White Plains Linen Gives Back to the Community

In the spirit of Giving Tuesday (November 29), which kicks off the charitable giving season, White Plains Linen, located in Peekskill, is dedicated to giving to the community year-round.

As a family-owned business, White Plains Linen considers the community its "extended family" and counts community involvement and nonprofit support among its top priorities. Over the past 10 years, the company has donated linens to nonprofit organizations and contributed towards more than 400 local causes both locally and nationally.

White Plains Linen has also impacted the community through projects such as:

- Hosting a community blood drive for this year's blood shortage emergency
- Hosting a fundraiser for BEAT AIDS Project Zimbabwe
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- Donating linens to local events such as New Taste of the Upper West Side, PGA Tour tournament at Baltusrol Golf Club, Support Connection's Brave & Beautiful Night of Beauty in Rye Brook and numerous Culinary Institute of America Events
- Funding the White Plains Linen College Scholarship Program, where two Peekskill High School students are presented with scholarships each year

· Donating linens for programs and charities including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Wounded Warrior Project, St. Christopher's Gala, Relay for Life, Walk for Multiple Sclerosis and the Careers Through Culinary Arts Program

Giving back to the community is part of the culture at White Plains Linen as the company is supported by the loyalty of the local community. In return, White Plains Linen is committed to giving back and helping future generations to come. For more information about White Plains Linen and their commitment to giving, please visit: <http://whiteplain-linen.com>

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Family Dental Group in Yorktown Collects Candy for U.S. Troops

The dentists and team members at Family Dental Group our troops serving overseas a reason to smile. For the fourth year in a row, team members collected candy as part of Operation Gratitude.

Family Dental Group encouraged Girl Scout Troops, Boy Scout troops, church groups, school groups, and other community organizations to collect candy after Halloween and bring it to one of its affiliated practices for shipment. Dental

Solutions, Baystate Dental, Dental Associates of Northern Virginia and Gentle Dental are just some of the offices that participated this year. Family Dental Group collected 62 pounds as its location at 2985 Navajo Road. Collectively, the dental offices shipped over 4,450 pounds of candy to the troops this year, and more than 12,000 pounds of candy since it began participating in Operation Gratitude in 2013.

The candy packages are sure to bring

smiles and it's an easy way to say "thank you" to the American troops who are serving overseas to keep us safe. For more information, please call Family Dental Group at 914-243-2323.

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Somers' Brittney Morel Honored as BOCES Student of Distinction

Brittney Morel's senior year of high school is off to a pretty great start. Not only was the Somers student recently asked to serve as the president of the national technical leadership organization SkillsUSA, she was also honored as a PNW BOCES Student of Distinction at a recent Somers Board of Education meeting.

Morel, who studies Cosmetology at BOCES' Tech Center, is in her second year of the program and from her first day at the school she has impressed her teachers with her passion, work ethic and talent.

"Brittney is a wonderful student," said Morel's teacher Nicole Laino. "Not only does she always put in her best effort for her assignments, but she is always looking for ways to improve."

Laino notes it was Morel's "dedication to perfection" that earned her the title of Student of Distinction.

In a ceremony at the Somers Middle School library, Tech Center Principal Steve Lowery addressed Morel in front of Somers Board members, administration and members of Morel's family. He congratulated Morel on her successes and spoke highly of her character.

"Brittany comes in each day with an infectious smile," Lowery said. "She has



BOCES Student of Distinction Brittney Morel

such a positive work ethic and comes in ready to work. She's a true leader. We have over 1,200 students at the Tech Center and only about eight will receive this award this year. When we came to Somers to see which students stood out, we unanimously selected Brittany, and it wasn't just about her work ethic, it's because everyone around her can always count on her for help."

Lowery then presented Morel with a certificate of recognition and a medal of honor.

Morel said that she has enjoyed her time at BOCES, and has learned much more than cosmetology skills during her time at the Tech Center.

"I went into this program thinking it was all about makeup, and then I learned it was a mix of makeup and hair, but I stuck with the program because cosmetology is a great skill to have as I go through life," said Morel. "I'm really enjoying the program. We've done a lot of career building in our classwork. I learned how to write a resume, which is something I can use for the future. This year has really prepared me for real life."

Morel also took a moment to thank her teachers at PNW BOCES for helping her succeed in school.

"The teachers that I have are really great," Morel said. "They work one on one with me and try to help me understand what I'm learning. I especially want to thank my teacher Nicole Laino for acknowledging my work and nominating me for this award."

Morel's parents were also at the ceremony and spoke about what BOCES has been able to offer their daughter and exclaimed their pride.

"I think it's an excellent program," said Arlene Morel. "She really enjoyed it and did very well in it, as you can see. We're really proud of her. She put in the work, and I'm just so ecstatic right now. I could not be prouder of my daughter. Thanks to all of the faculty that did a great job with her- we're very grateful for that."

Morel will soon be taking a test to become a certified cosmetologist. She is still undecided on colleges, but says she would like to attend John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City next fall.

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Obituaries

Louis Panzanaro, Sr.

Louis W. Panzanaro, Sr. a "life-long" resident of Peekskill, died November 23, just shy of his 102nd birthday.

Mr. Panzanaro worked for the NY Central Railroad in Croton Harmon. He also worked for the Peekskill Recreation Department in their basketball program where he is fondly remembered by many.

He was born on December 6, 1914 in Peekskill to Ettore and Nora Fitzgerald Panzanaro. He served honorably in the U.S. Army during WWII. He married Regina E. Hayes on May 12, 1945 at the Assumption Church. Locally, he was a Life Member of the Cortlandt Hook & Ladder, Columbian Hose #1, and the Knights of Columbus, Lodge 462.

He is survived by a son, Louis W. (Eleanor) Panzanaro, Jr. of New Windsor and three daughters; Kathleen (Raymond) Berry of Chester, Jeannie (Dominick) Cianci of Montrose and Ginger (Frank) Dandrea of Fishkill. Also surviving are 16 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, a sister, Gloria DeMeo, sister-in-law, Barbara Panzanaro, and brother-in-law, Pat (Joanne) Hayes, along with many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife, Regina E. Panzanaro, grandson, Louis W. Panzanaro, III, a brother, Ettore Panzanaro, a sister, Nora Rodgers and a great-great grandson, Carter Pollard. In his memory, the family would appreciate donations to the LWP III Scholarship Fund, 1480 Riverview Ave., Peekskill, NY 10566.



Francis Cassidy

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Francis J. Cassidy, a resident of Yorktown Heights, died November 24. He was 75.

Mr. Cassidy worked as a realtor for Coldwell Banker in Yorktown Heights. He was an associate member of the FOP Steven P. Driscoll Lodge, past President of the Irish American Social Club of Northern Westchester /Putnam county, Person of the Year for the Club, Drum Major for the Yorktown Irish pipes and drums, a former Grand Marshall of the Mahopac St. Patrick's Day parade, member of the Mahopac St. Patrick's Day parade committee, former member of the Yorktown Lion's Club, and an active volunteer with Friends of Karen and American Cancer Society.

He was born on July 22, 1941, in Manhattan, to Frank and Alice (Connolly) Cassidy. He graduated from Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx, and attended Lewis University in Illinois on a baseball scholarship where he received his Bachelor's degree. He served in the Army National Guard from 1964 to 1970.

On November 13, 1965, he married the love of his life, Andria (Leger), at Church of the Visitation in the Bronx.

Mr. Cassidy is survived by his wife, Andria, two daughters, Alicia and her husband,

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band Sean Noonan, of Dover Plains, NY, Jessica and her husband Brian Rohan, of New York, NY, and one son, Sean and his wife Beth (Wiltse) of Poughkeepsie, NY. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Emma and Declan Noonan, Aidan and Caitlyn Cassidy, Terence and Bernard Rohan, as well as his beloved sisters-in-law and brother-in law, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by both his brother John, and John's wife, Mary.

Calling hours will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. November 29, at Clark Funeral Home, 2104 Saw Mill River Road, Yorktown Heights. The Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday, November 30, 10 a.m., at New St. Patrick's Church in Yorktown. Burial will take place at St. Mary's Cemetery in Yonkers. Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Karen, 118 Titicus Road, North Salem, NY 10560, or www.friendsofkarren.org

Holly Sniffen Panos

Holly Jean Sniffen Panos, a resident of Verplanck, formerly of Croton-on-Hudson, died November 20. She was 65.

She was born to Donald James and Georgianna (Beardsley) Sniffen on December 12, 1950 in Sleepy Hollow. She

was a free spirited person, happy and outgoing, very caring and had a big heart. She loved being around her grandchildren, loved life and her family.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Russell Panos; loving children, Jamie, Robert and Tyler; caring siblings Miracle Sniffen, Frances Sniffen, Rosemary Underwood (Tom), Donald Sniffen, Robert Sniffen (Mary), Alfred Sniffen (Barbara), and Charles Sniffen (Maria). Holly Jean is also survived by her adoring grandchildren, Samantha, Emma and Nevaeh. In addition to her parents she was also predeceased by her sister Geraldine Sniffen and her brother Joseph Sniffen.

Margaret Kiley

Margaret Malles Kiley, a lifelong Buchanan and Peekskill resident, died November 17. She was 85.

She was born to Harry and Anna (Orendach) Malles on May 28, 1931. She was one of eight brothers and sisters born in the family home on Henry Street in Buchanan. She was a graduate of Hendrick Hudson High School. On June 29, 1957, she married the love of her life, James Kiley, at St. Christopher's Church, Buchanan. He predeceased her in 1986.

Mrs. Kiley was retired from the NY

State Unemployment Office in Peekskill, where she worked for many years as a secretary. She was actively involved in her parish, Assumption Church, in Peekskill, where she belonged to the Legion of Mary, the Columbiettes, the Choir, was a Eucharistic Minister and a Bingo Volunteer. She also enjoyed being a member of the Peekskill Senior Citizen Club.

She is survived by her siblings Mary Knickerbocker, George (Dorothy) Malles, all of Buchanan, and Theresa Vafiadis of California, her much loved God children, nieces and nephews, Fran Frye, Harry Malles, Tom Frye, Dora Koehler, Jack Malles, Theresa Knickerbocker, Susan Niwinski, Bill Malles, George Knickerbocker, Robin Pasquale, Michael Niwinski, Dennis Malles, Joanne Walsh, Jill Young, Christopher Malles, Diane Fantone, Ann Michele Stratton, Anna Vafiadis, Nick Vafiadis, Maria Vafiadis and Harry Vafiadis. She was predeceased by Georgia (Joseph) Frye, Harry (Mary Alice) Malles, John (Barbara) Malles, Anna (Edward) Niwinski, and George P Malles. A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Tuesday November 29, at 11:30 a.m. at Assumption Church in Peekskill, followed by interment at Assumption Cemetery in Cortlandt. Donations may be made in Margaret's name to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.StJude.org.

Free 'Fireside Chat' to Focus on Elder Law, Special Needs and Estate Planning

As families gather to renew acquaintances for the holiday season, conversations typically turn to celebratory milestones like engagements and births, as well as discussions on more sensitive topics such as estate planning or the care of a loved one.



Salvatore M.
Di Costanzo

As a free public service, on Dec. 6, 2016, elder law attorneys Salvatore M. Di Costanzo and Jennifer L. Bienenstock of

Plan Today for Tomorrow (PTFT), a law firm that focuses on elder law and special needs planning, will host an informative gathering of its own in its Northern Westchester office.

In the uplifting spirit of the Fireside Chats popularized by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to instill Americans with hope and comfort, the law firm's aim is to offer valuable assistance to family members in matters of long-term care planning and

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Op-Ed

Electoral College Functions Just as Founding Fathers Intended

By Charles Palombini

I actually cringed when I read the Examiner's editorial in the Nov. 15th-21st edition entitled "System of Electing President Should Be Revisited." The editorial suggested that the current Electoral College system might be flawed, and we perhaps should consider relying on popular vote. This is an age old argument generally made by people who suffer the indignity of a Presidential loss, even after winning the popular vote. It questions the wisdom of our founding fathers for adopting the Electoral College rather than just taking the easier road of "majority rules." Our founding fathers are never given enough credit for their genius in adopting the Electoral College system. Today many people tend to think of our founding fathers as out of date think-

ers because so much has changed since they put pen to paper to establish our Republic. Yes, it's true; much has changed in the fields of industry, farming, and technology. But nothing has gone out of date in the field of common sense and practical application.

The common sense utilized in 1787 was every bit as sound as it is today. And rule number one was respecting the fact that majority rules, but never allowing it to cross the line of "mob rules." Thus sits the foundation of our EC system. Remember, our Constitution was written to incorporate the needs of 13 different colonies (countries) so that each might secure the benefits of common concerns without sacrificing their individuality. It guarantees that each maintains its own identity and will not be overrun by the

mob mentality. Thus you need to win some combination of 51 different elections that give you a majority of the EC delegates. To respect the tenant of majority rules the elections are weighted to respect population, that is to say, the bigger the state's population the more delegates that state has in play. And again, to respect the tenant of majority rules, it's a winner take all scenario. But to escape the "mob rules" mentality you are limited to those delegates, whether you win that states election by one vote or four million votes. And that forces each candidate to campaign national and not regionally. They must respect the needs of all states and fight to win each of their (the states) elections to secure that states EC delegates.

This is the brilliance of the common

sense applied in 1787 that still rings sound today. If that concept is too hard to grasp than think of it this way. Secretary Clinton won the popular vote by about 1,300,000 votes. However, if you eliminate either California or New York she would have lost the popular vote. In fact, if you eliminate both states, she would have lost the popular vote by more than 5,000,000 votes. Instead the E.C. system forced states like Wisconsin, Michigan, North Carolina, and even New Hampshire to come into play... states that would have otherwise been lost in a straight majority rules system. No, we don't need to change the system; we just need to educate the mob!

Charles Palombini is a resident of Cortlandt

Letters to the Editor

Changing the Way U.S. Elects a President is Apparent

To the Editor:

Re: Your editorial on the need for change in the Electoral College

The need for change in the way we elect our president has never been more apparent. Electing a president by popular vote could mean that we would actually see a candidate competing in our state rather than just assuming that New York is so solidly blue there is no point. In fact, a popular vote for president could potentially redraw our red and blue map with a lot of states becoming more purple and lead to more of a focus on national issues.

How to make the change has always been a thorny question since the path to changing the Electoral College through a constitutional amendment is so difficult. Enter Michael Baer – he actually has a solution that he has been working on since 2012. It is called the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact or Ban the Electoral College. He is the author of a petition you

can sign to move this idea forward. I was surprised to find out that New York has already signed on to the Compact along with 30% of the states necessary to reach the goal of 270 electoral votes required to elect a president.

Here is how it works. A state, through its legislature, signs on to the Compact and commits its electoral votes to the winner of the popular vote. No constitutional amendment required. This is well within the purview of state government. The compact does not go into effect until enough states have signed on to get to the magic number necessary to elect a president. So far, only blue states have signed on. However, the Compact is pending in some red states and may actually pass. You can certainly count on the swing states to put up opposition, probably in the form of a legal challenge, since right now they get all of the political action and the considerable money that flows from political advertising

and campaign expenses. It is doubtful that they would easily give up their outsize role in selecting the President. However, our democracy needs equal votes for all – one person equals one vote.

If you are interested, participation is easy. Mr. Bauer has created a Facebook page, BanElectoralCollege. Here is the link. <https://www.facebook.com/BanElectoralCollege/>. It is a platform for the latest updates on the petition, electoral college news, alternative approaches, and conversations, discussions, questions and brainstorming from our collective passionate group who believe the Electoral College is antiquated and unfair. If you don't Facebook, but still want to spread the word to all your email friends and colleagues cut

and paste the following link to the petition signing page into the body of your email and send it around. <http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/abolish-the-electoral-6...>

Here are three sites for more information and discussion: www.ny.org

On the Media, last segment in the program. An interesting interview and clear explanation. How to unplug the electoral college. (Nov 11, 2016)

http://www.democracynow.org/2016/11/8/beyond_the_electoral_college_a_state

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Popular_Vote_Interstate_Compact?wprov=sfla1

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Free 'Fireside Chat' to Focus on Elder Law

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financial security.

In a relaxed parlor setting, by the warm glow of a fireplace, cheese, cider and wine will be served. Elder law attorneys Salvatore M. Di Costanzo and Jennifer L. Bienenstock will field questions, listen, and share tips on how attendees can best provide a secure and sustainable financial picture for themselves or their loved ones, such as aging parents.

"We want to help people understand the comprehensive resources available to them as they explore options for their own planning, as well as planning for their aging relatives," says Mr. Di Costanzo, of Plan Today for Tomorrow, and a partner in the law practice of Maker, Fragale & Di Costanzo, LLP.

The Dec. 6 Fireside Chat is timed to take advantage of addressing issues that tend to come up when families are together this

time of year. Mr. Di Costanzo points out that family caregivers entrusted with a loved one's assets need to fully understand the meaning of terms like Power of Attorney, as well as the newer, less-familiar Statutory Gifts Rider. It also is critical to know the distinctions between a Revocable Trust and an Irrevocable Trust to make the right choice between the two.

Other topics to be covered at the Dec. 6 Fireside Chat are estate planning, wills, Medicaid planning, and any other topics the guests of Plan Today for Tomorrow have on their minds.

Space for the Dec. 6 Fireside Chat is limited to 15 attendees, with reservations accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, those interested can call (914) 245-2440 or email mharrison@mfd-law.com.

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Yorktown, Shining City on the Hill?

To the Editor:

Supervisor Michael Grace boasted he'll build a colossal ultra-modern combination Highway Garage /Parks Dept. Facility at the sprawling Organic Waste Yard (THE HILL) arguably at no cost to taxpayers. Grace said he'll beautify downtown Yorktown while increasing its dwindling tax rolls. Why stop there?

Town Hall has long been neglected. Its leaky roof has caused black mold to

fester in its ceilings.

Why not bulldoze Town Hall, declare it surplus property, apply for NY State grants then sell the property to another friendly millionaire land developer? Supervisor Grace can once again revitalize Yorktown, increase the tax base and build a new ultra-modern Town Hall arguably again at no cost to taxpayers. We may have to wait until the same old cast of characters run for re-election again before Yorktown sees

any grant money though.

By repositioning a few compost piles, Supervisor Grace can build the new Town Hall up on THE HILL next to the Highway Garage /Parks Dept. Mega-Complex across from the Sewer Plant.

This "organic wasteland" is ideally suited for conducting Town Board meetings where recent dialogue has been filled with such disrespect and disdain. Grace can gaze upon his prefabricated

steel empire from his new office. Add solar panels everywhere and you'll have an eco-friendly mini-municipal utopia. That will help offset the not so eco-friendly provisions of Yorktown's new more accurately named Tree Cutting Law, and recent efforts to dry up Yorktown's Wetlands.

Is this the tin-plated "shining city on the hill" that Yorktown wants or needs?

DAVID WITKOWICH

Patronize Local Small Businesses During Holiday Season

To the Editor:

The holidays are here and Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday have passed. Much shopping is left to do. Please take the time to seek opportunities to patronize our Local Small Businesses. This is the time of year that makes or breaks a Local Small Business. Local Small businesses contribute significantly more than (Big Box, National and Regional Chains) do to our community. Local Small Businesses support all aspects of our community from sports

clubs, scouts, Lions, Rotary, Elks, American Legion, VFW, Fire Departments, Police as well as many of our not for profits.

Most all your needs can be filled by a Local Small Business in our community. Please shop our towns 5 business hamlets (Crompond, Jefferson Valley, Mohegan Lake, Shrub Oak, Yorktown Heights) this holiday season and the year round.

BOB GIORDANO
Founder/President
Yorktown Small Business
Association

Curry's Dave Girolamo Announces Retirement

Curry Honda Yorktown's General Manager of 32 years, Dave Girolamo, has announced that his final day will be December 31 of this year.

After a successful four-year enlistment in the Air Force, Dave began his career as a sales person for Curry Chevrolet in Scarsdale New York, in June of 1970. During that period, he came to hold positions as Truck Sales Manager, Used Car Manager, and General Sales Manager. His total employment in the Curry organization is 45.5 years, which is pretty remarkable in the automotive industry.

After a six-month stint at Curry Honda Yorktown finishing at the end of 1978,

he then returned in late 1980 to Curry Honda as General Sales Manager. He became General Manager in early 1985 and has held that position up to this point, a span of 32 years, making his tenure at the dealership a total of 36 years.

In that time span, the dealership has continuously won American Honda awards for excellence in Customer Service Satisfaction, and Fixed First Visit. The most notable dealership award achievement is without question the attainment of 17 Honda President's Awards, the highest dealership honor bestowed upon

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Dave Girolamo

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Peekskill Makes Me Merry Holiday Plans Announced

The 2016 Peekskill Makes Me Merry holiday campaign, sponsored by the Peekskill Business Improvement District, kicks off at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 3 in Downtown Peekskill with the Annual Peekskill Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Gazebo on the corner of Division and Park Streets.

There will be live performances by Clayton Bryant, from the Oscar and Grammy Winning Best Documentary "20 Feet from Stardom" and the Arts10566 Youth Chorus, Renowned Singer/ Entertainer of Classic Pop Favorite's and Love Songs Doug Feron and Broadway star Joni Lanza, all of whom are performing at the Paramount Hudson Valley during the month of December. WHUD radio's Kacey Morabito will MC the evening.

Immediately after the performances, Santa Claus will arrive on a Peekskill Fire Truck, followed by the official lighting of the tree. Free hot chocolate and cookies are being provided by Kathleen's Tea Room, courtesy of the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce.

The annual tree lighting is sponsored by the City of Peekskill, the Peekskill Business Improvement District, the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce, and The Kearney Realty & Development Group.

"Peekskill is the holiday destination with boundless entertainment and dining options as well as specialty shops that offer personalized service and gift options not found in big malls. Find out why Peekskill Makes Me Merry: shop, dine and be entertained in Downtown Peekskill," said Bill Powers, Executive Director of the Peekskill Business Improvement District.

Immediately following the Tree Lighting, the Peekskill Arts Alliance Holiday Boutique is having an opening reception at the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce, One South Division Street, Peekskill. The boutique opens Friday, December 2, and runs through Sunday, December 4 and features fine crafts, jewelry, wearable art, pottery, small paintings, photos, prints, cards, and more. For more information: www.peekskillartsalliance.org.

Santa makes a return appearance at the Paramount Hudson Valley for Santa Makes Me Merry and Third Annual Toy Give-A-Way on Saturday, December 10, from 10 a.m. -12:30 p.m., sponsored by the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce. Free admission, complimentary refreshments, and toys (while supplies last, one toy per child, no exchanges).

Love Holds Life Children's Cancer Charity is sponsoring the toy give-away as they did at last year's tree lighting ceremony. The toy-give-a-way is being moved to the Paramount to accommodate more children in the event of bad weather.

Children can meet Santa and watch holiday cartoons on the Paramount's big screen. An illusionist will entertain children while on line to meet Santa, and attendees can listen to holiday story time with April Armstrong at 12noon, courtesy of the Peekskill Business Improvement

District and the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce. There also will be special appearances by a super hero and Geoffrey the Giraffe, courtesy Love Holds Life.

December is full of holiday entertainment at the Paramount including: Clayton Bryant's Home for the Holidays on Saturday, December 3, at 8 p.m.; Doug Feron's Christmas Fundraiser for the Peekskill Fire Department's Fourth of July Celebration on Saturday, December 10, at 8 p.m.; Joni Lanza in the Westchester All Stars Christmas Concert for Vet-

erans on Friday, December 2, at 8 p.m. For these and other holiday performances at the Paramount visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com.

The holiday cheer continues with the 2016 Santa Crawl on December 17, from 7:30 p.m. – closing time among participating downtown restaurants. Those in holiday garb and/or wearing a Peekskill Makes Me Merry pin are eligible for specials and discounts at participating restaurants. Pins can be picked up from the chamber office, One South Division Street, Peekskill, during business hours.

Peekskill Makes Me Merry 2016

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Businesses of the Week

By Neal Rentz

It has been in existence since the Revolutionary War period and it is as active as ever in 2016.

Monteverde at Oldstone in Cortlandt has been owned by Harrison resident Arlene Perrott since 2011. The property was opened for private events five years ago, but her restaurant was not opened to the general public until October 19 of this year.

"That was the original plan," Perrott said last week. "The property needed a lot of work. So the nice thing about the private events was a lot of them were weddings and were geared to outside so we could get the mansion healthy again."

The property has a centuries-long history. It was built by the Van Cortlandtville family in 1760.

"From what we're learning, it was part of Fort Independence during the Revolutionary War," Perrott said. "It had been a private home after that." The property has also housed several restaurants serving a variety of cuisines, she added.

Perrott and her husband, Brent, purchased the property in an auction after

Monteverde at Oldstone Cortlandt



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

One of the three dining rooms located in Monteverde at Oldstone in Cortlandt.

the previous owner declared bankruptcy. "We actually looked at it to be our home," Perrott said. But the couple felt it was too large to be their home so they decided to run it as a business, she said.

Perrott is being assisted by her friend, Mary Ellen Fabry of Scarsdale, who serves as director of events.

The property has several buildings, including the mansion where the restaurant is located, offices, a garden house, the wine cellar, which originally was ice house/root cellar, and an office for the property manager. The site also includes a 60-foot-by-90-foot tented

pavilion, which is open during the warm weather months, Perrott said.

"We do weddings soup to nuts," Perrott said.

The bridal party can get ready for the wedding ceremony in an upstairs room in the mansion, she said. The wedding ceremonies are generally conducted on the grand lawn; the cocktail hour is on the stone patio overlooking the Hudson River and dinner and dancing is usually held in the tented area, she said.

The property has hosted several corporate and other events and galas

have been held at the site, Fabry said. The restaurant is open Wednesday through Sunday for dinner. It serves "inventive American cuisine," Perrott said.

The site offers nine rooms for rent – three in the mansion and six in the garden house.

"We are going to continue to grow," Perrott said. "We want it to become the place where everybody feels comfortable coming to."

Monteverde at Oldstone is located at 28 Bear Mountain Bridge Rd. in Cortlandt. For more information, call 914-737-6555 or visit monteverdeatoldstone.com.

Curry's Dave Girolamo Announces Retirement

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Honda dealerships nationally. The 17 President's Awards places Curry Honda in the top 5 Honda dealerships nationally, out of 1,056 Honda dealers in the 50 states. Girolamo credits his dealership staff with the dedication, teamwork and customer treatment that makes these awards possible and makes the dealership's customer satisfaction and retention part of the daily operation.

Dave has proudly worked for three

generations for the Curry family, and is extremely grateful to them, particularly to current CEO Bernard Curry III, whom Dave first met back in 1970. Curry Automotive has been family owned and operated since its inception in 1919. Girolamo is also thankful for a great staff of dedicated employees and would like to thank them for their contributions and thank the thousands of loyal Curry Honda customers that have come to think of the dealership as "their" Honda Dealer.

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Tuesday, Nov. 29

Knitting And Kaballah: The Women's Circle at Chabad of Yorktown will be hosting a two-part course on knitting on Nov. 29 and Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. A professional instructor will teach the skills of using knitting tools properly, techniques to knit, purl, cast on, & bind off. No experience is necessary. Knit for a loved one or donate to a good cause. The \$25 fee includes materials and needles. RSVP: www.ChabadYorktown.com or call 914-962-1111.

Wednesday, Nov. 30

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.

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 a series of stimulating text and discussion based classes that take place on a weekly basis. 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, Dec. 1

Religion Classes: A class on Talmud and the Ethics of our Sages are 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 yorktown-jewishcenter.org.

Friday, Dec. 2

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.

Holidays On The Hill: County Executive Rob Astorino invites children of all ages to visit Westchester's only public holiday model train display during Holidays on the Hill, December weekends through

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Happenings

Dec. 18 at Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial in Somers. For the first time, the Lasdon main garden will be lit up with sparkling lights. Visitors can stroll through the garden as holiday music plays softly in the background. Visitors can also take tractor drawn wagon rides (weather permitting) that will lead to a magical festive light display in the woods. Santa will make appearances throughout the event to hear the wishes from children, young and old. Bring a camera and take a photo with Santa. The main house, decorated for the season, will showcase the huge model train display, including the Polar Express and other trains chugging on a tiny Metro-North line from New York City to Katonah. Along the way, the trains pass famous landmarks, a Christmas town, skyscrapers and winter landscapes, featuring miniatures of Santa, Rudolf, the Grinch, Peanuts and more. The library will present holiday movies and storytelling at various times. The dining room will be transformed into Santa's home complete with a gingerbread house, Christmas tree and Santa himself, as well as Mrs. Claus (when she's not baking cookies or wrapping gifts). The Garden Shop will be open for business, selling refreshments, poinsettias, Christmas trees, wreaths and gifts, featuring the work of local artists. Proceeds from the Christmas tree sales will go to homeless veterans. Outside the Garden Shop fire pits will be aglow in the evening for visitors to gather and enjoy a hot chocolate or a cup of chili while listening to the music of the season. The Veterans Museum will be open extended hours during the show dates, featuring the new exhibit on the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Lasdon Holidays on the Hill is scheduled for Fridays, Dec. 2, 9, and 16 from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays, Dec. 3, 10 and 17 from noon to 7:30 p.m.; and Sundays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18 from noon to 7 p.m. Holiday light show and wagon rides begin at 4 p.m. on each event day. Daytime admission (entry between noon and 3 p.m.) is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. After 3 p.m. admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. Wagon rides are \$5 per person. All children under 2 are admitted free. Admission proceeds benefit the Lasdon glass house conservatory, now under construction. Go to the Friends of Lasdon Web site at www.lasdonpark.org for Santa and storytelling hours. Holidays on the Hill is presented by Friends of Lasdon Park and Arboretum and co-sponsored by Prospero Nursery and Westfair Electric. Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial is a Westchester County Park that is located on Route 35 in Somers. Go to parks.westchestergov.com call 914-864-7268 for more information.

Holiday Boutique: The PAA Holiday Boutique will be held on Dec. 2 from 5 to 9 p.m.; on Dec. 3 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

and on Dec. 4 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce, 1 S. Division St., Peekskill. The Holiday Boutique is a gift boutique, featuring fine handmade items perfect for gift giving. Featured will be small works of art and fine crafts by local artists, including jewelry, wearable art, pottery, small paintings, photos, prints, cards, and more. A reception will be held on Dec. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m., following the Peekskill tree lighting. The hanging Art Exhibit will remain through

Jan. 6. Contact Peg Taylor at crowsfeet7@gmail.com, call 914-980-3869. Visit www.firstthebrew.org or visit peekskillartsalliance.org.

First Fridays Family Shabbat: On the first Friday of every month First Hebrew holds an engaging interactive family-oriented Shabbat service at 6:30 p.m. Bring your family for an entertaining and meaningful evening designed for school-age children and their extended family and friends. Refreshments will follow. No charge, no rsvp necessary, but contact Rabbi Dana with any questions at 914-739-0500 or rabbid@firstthebrew.org. First Hebrew is located just west of Beach Shopping Center, 1821 Main St. (Route 6).

Temple Beth Am Shabbat: Temple Beth Am will "open 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. 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 rabbidw@optonline.net

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

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Practicality and Psychology of Clean Windows

When is someone going to invent the self-cleaning window and take it to Shark Tank? After all, we have the self-cleaning oven, don't we?

Of all the chores I've considered doing myself as a homeowner, window cleaning has never been among them, not in two New York City apartments (impossible to do a picture window anyway from the 14th floor), two homes in the country and now in a fifth floor condo. I always thought that cleaning my own windows was too big a job for me, especially in my old, big colonial where there were 22 windows, all of which had storm windows which I kept on all year long, so actually that made both sides of 44 windows to be cleaned.

Some of the windows, dating back to the mid-1700s, had windows with small panes, making it extra difficult to get into all the extra corners. Colonials had small windows because the production of large panes of glass was not yet figured out and, as a consequence, had less exposure to the cold. But today with energy efficient windows, the entire outside can be opened to the world, depending on how much you want to see of it. And you can see more of it through clean glass.

And, if you are more a do-it-yourselfer than I, the chore is made easier by the newer tilt-in windows that allow you to clean the outside glass from the inside.

Other than the practical side of cleaning windows, there should also be a psychological boost in being able to see more clearly. The rooms are brighter, and you feel clean all over. What causes windows to get dirty in the first place? It's just natural weathering that will cause grime to build up.

For home owners, clean windows make a property much more inviting, helping to create a positive first impression for house guests. Additionally, if you are about to venture into the realty market, clean windows are a must in demonstrating good upkeep.

Cleaning windows is also a proper maintenance issue, removing environmental contaminants like acid rain, hard water, and oxidation -- all corrosive contaminants -- which extends the windows' life span.

When cleaned properly windows are made more efficient. Dirt and grime can build up to the point where it interferes with the sun's natural warming action during the winter months. Oxidation

and weathering around window frames can ruin window seals and cause air leaks, fogging, and condensation that has negative implication for energy bills and mold issues. Also dirt and dead bugs can collect on sills over time, preventing proper closing action.

Here are some useful techniques for cleaning windows:

- Wash one side of a window with horizontal strokes and the other side with vertical strokes so you can pinpoint which side of the window has streaks.
- Use a squeegee on a long handle or a sponge/squeegee combination to prevent streaks on large windows.
- Eliminate tiny scratches on glass by polishing the affected areas with toothpaste.
- Washing windows should be done on a cloudy day, because direct sunlight dries cleaning solutions before you can polish the glass properly.
- Use a soft toothbrush or cotton swab to clean corners.
- For extra shine to window glass, polish it with well-washed cotton T-shirts or old cloth diapers. Or rub a clean blackboard eraser over a freshly washed and dried window to give it a diamond-bright shine.
- Polish windows to a sparkling shine with crumpled newspaper. The paper

also leaves a film that's resistant to dirt.

- Wash windows from the top down to prevent drips.

- Remember that window cleaners pose a threat to woodwork. Don't let them drip on the windowsill where they can harm the paint or varnish.

Don't want to spend money on a glass cleaner? Home recipes work just as well as commercial products for washing windows. Try this recipe for a homemade glass cleaner:

- Use 2 tablespoons ammonia, 1/2 cup rubbing alcohol, and 1/4 teaspoon dishwashing detergent.
- Add all ingredients to a small spray bottle, then fill the bottle with water and shake well. You can substitute 3 tablespoons vinegar or lemon juice for the ammonia.
- Use as you would any commercial window cleaner.

Whatever the view from any window, you'll enjoy it better when it's cleaner.

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15. S. African grassland
18. Start of a refrain
22. Before, to Browning
23. Swan Lake steps
24. Mongol invader
27. Tree used for canoes
29. Asian nut
31. An intersection of two or more roads or Mahopac deli
36. Alas!
37. Writing fluid
38. Rhyme
39. Charles who played piano Down
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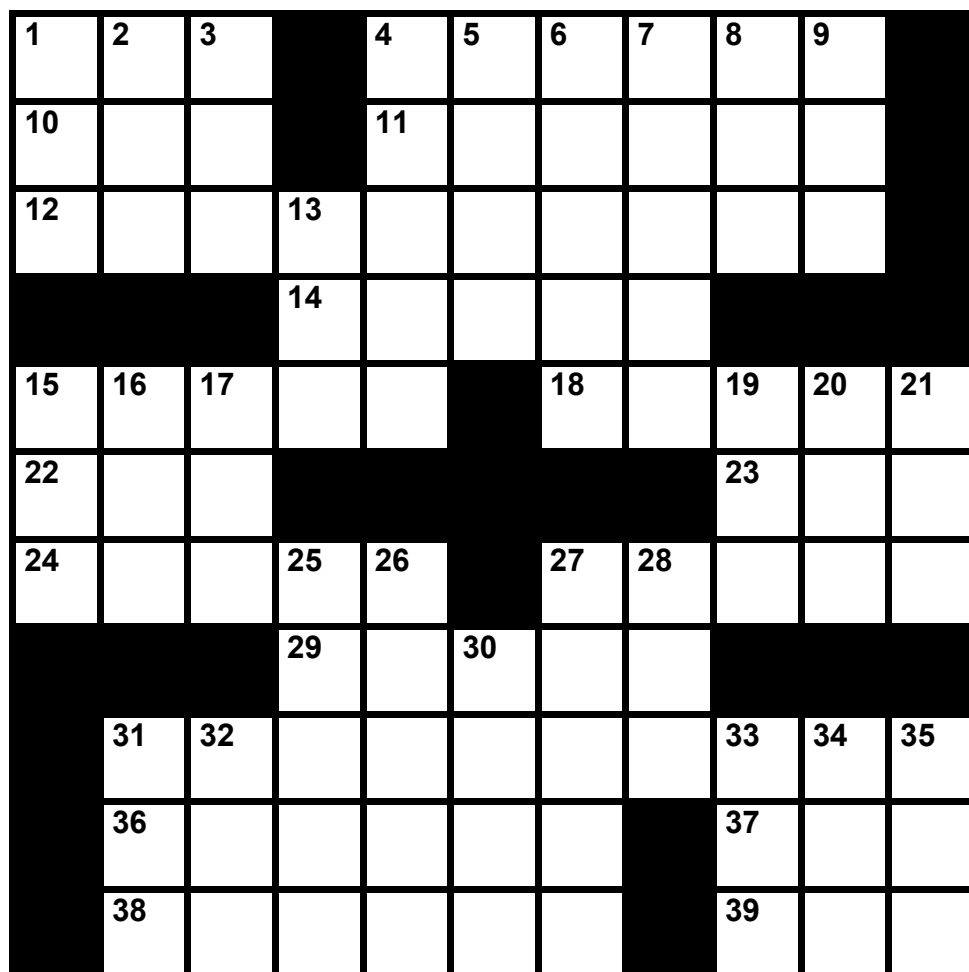
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Saturday, Dec. 3

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Norseman Saga: The National Maritime Historical Society presents "Norseman Saga" with Author James Nelson, who received the Samuel Eliot Morison Award for Naval Literature Recipient at the Cortlandt Yacht Club, 238 Kings Ferry Rd., Montrose. Registration and continental breakfast 10:30 a.m. and the lecture will begin at 1 a.m. Suggested donation is \$5 to \$10. Join us for our Holiday Pot Luck Party with Nelson after the presentation. Please bring a dish, drink or dessert that serves six to eight people. Reservations are required Call 914-737-7878, Ext. 0, or e-mail us at nmhs@seahistory.org to reserve your place.

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Advent Concert: At 7:30 p.m., the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown will offer its 16th annual Advent Concert, featuring Handel's Messiah, (the Christmas Portion) with guest professional soloists, Adult Choir, and chamber orchestra under the direction of Simona Frenkel. The historic church is located at 2880 Crompond Rd. A donation is requested to support the Concert Series. For more information call 914-245-2185.

Sunday, Dec. 4

Breakfast With Santa: Breakfast with Santa will be resented by Rotary Club of Cortlandt Manor. at the Muriel H. Mora-

bato Community Center 29 Westbrook Drive Cortlandt. There will be seatings at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon. The event will include free photos with Santa, a pancake breakfast and arts and crafts for children. For reservations, which are required, call 914 293-0710. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for children over 12, children 12 and under will be admitted for free.

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: Ellisha Simpson at 914-319-4010.



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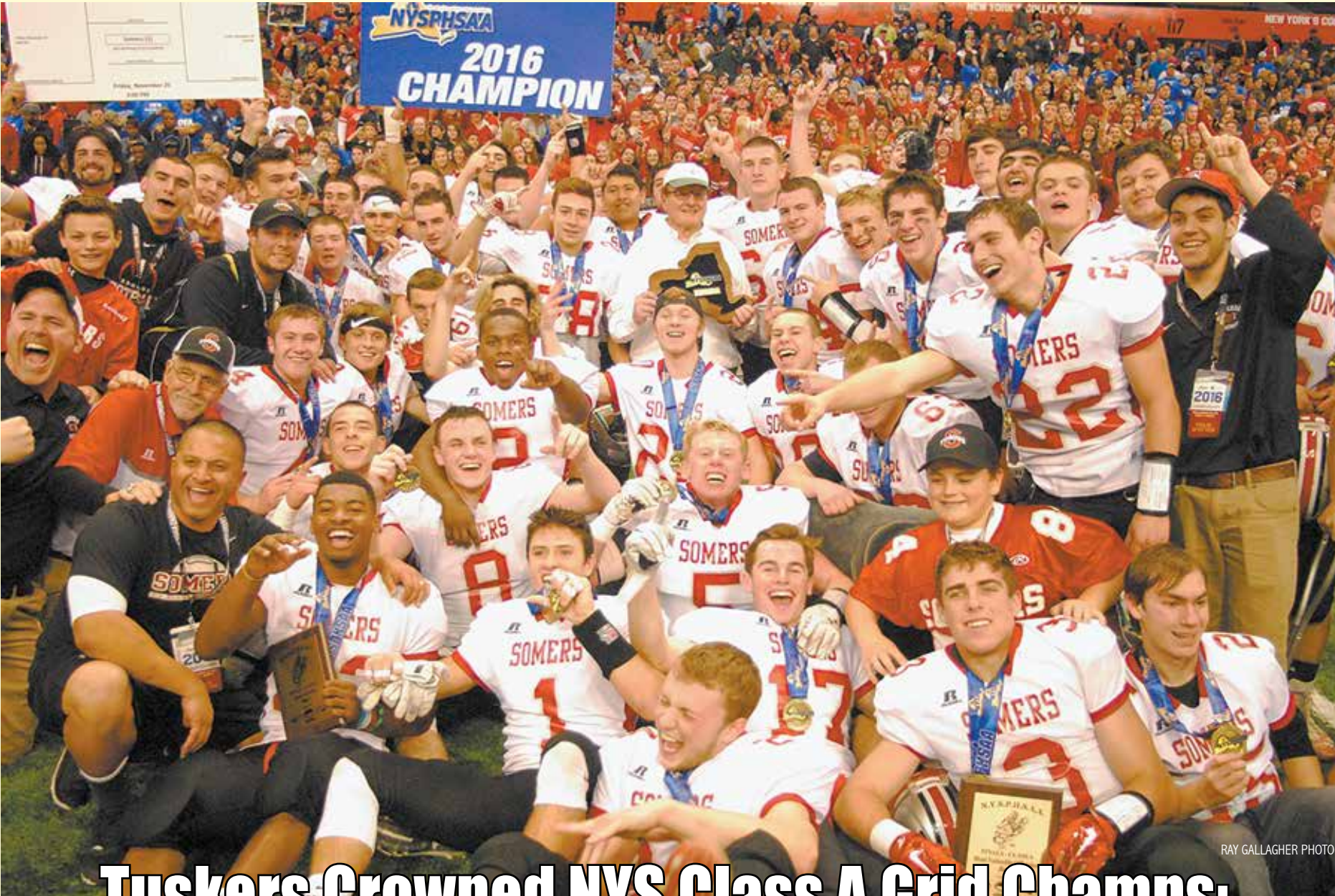
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Tuskers Crowned NYS Class A Grid Champs;

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Somers Supervisor Rick Morrissey announced there will be a victory parade on December 10th to honor the 2016 NYS PHSAA Class A champion Somers High football team after the state-ranked (No.3) Tuskers celebrated a 25-17 victory over Section 5 champion Greece Athena last Friday at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse. Coach Tony DeMatteo's celebratory Tuskers (above) joined Coach Brian Lanzetta's recently-minted boys' soccer team as state champions, marking just the fourth team sports in school history to go all the way (joining 2004 cross country, 2014 girls soccer)... see Grid Notebook

Somers Makes History, Wins 1st State Grid Title

Coach DeMatteo Wins His 2nd; MVPs Horne, Pires Score Two TDs Each

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor
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SYRACUSE – They sang and danced like blissful school girls in the bowels of the Carrier Dome last Friday night: The Tusker locker room more like a scene out of *'A Chorus Line'* than *'Remember the Titans'*. What Somers High had accomplished was the kind of bar-setting experience that may never be topped in Tusker Nation, barring an encore performance in 2017. Somers WR Matt Pires totaled 153 total yards scored two touchdowns, and Tusker RB Messiah Horne rushed 101 yards on 27 attempts and scored twice while the Somers defense forced four turnovers en route to defeating Section 5 champion Greece Athena, 25-17, in the NYSPHSAA Class A football championship.

It was the first state football title in school history for state-ranked (No.4) Somers, which finished 12-1 on the season and joined the 2016 boys' soccer team, plus the 2014 girls' soccer and 2004 boys' cross country teams as the only "team sports" in school history to win a state championship.

Horne was named the game's MVP, in part because of scoring on the game's pivotal play. Having previously lost a fumble at the Greece Athena seven, Horne was hell-bent to address his miscue. The Somers defense forced a three-and-out on the ensuing possession, and the state-ranked (No.2) Trojans had to pick their poison by punting to either Pires or Horne. Horne was the perilous venom of choice, and he dashed 40 yards to the goal line where he got walloped as he barely crossed the plane for the winning score and a 25-10 lead with 8:49 left.



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Somers RB Messiah Horne beats last defender en route to game-sealing 40-yard punt return TD in Tuskers' 25-17 NYS title win.

"Honestly, that was crazy, I knew he was going to come back from that fumble," said Pires, who was named the game's most outstanding back and finished the season with 22 TDs, 18.2 yards per carry and 1,509 combined yards (rushing/receiving). "(Messiah) is one of the toughest, most non-selfish kids I've ever met. For him to come back on that and score a touchdown the next time out

there is something special. To bring a state championship to Somers for the first time ever, is just something amazing. Coming off Week 3, we weren't even supposed to win the section, never mind the state. To beat all these great teams we beat, starting

with Yorktown in our own section, it's just amazing. I'll never forget this."

With the final nail in the Trojans' coffin, the Tuskers went to work on defense to preserve the win, but Horne, arguably the top RB in the state this year, had put them in a great position.

"I knew I fumbled in a really tough spot and I knew I had to make it up to my team," said Horne, who finished his 2016 season with school records for yards (2,254) and TDs (29) in a season. The 2,254 yards is the most in NYS this season. "I knew Pires was out in front of me and he was going to get one guy, so I just had to beat the other guy and take it to the house."

"This is the best feeling in the world," added Horne, who had a massive contingent of family and friends at the dome. "I just wanted to jump up there in the stands with them when it was over because I know how proud they are of me. I never dreamed this could happen my senior year. I'm just so grateful for everything. All credit to my line: Like I've said every single week, I'd be nothing without those guys."

Legendary Somers Coach Tony DeMatteo's 334th career victory, third most in New York State history (most among active coaches), was the finest moment in his 47th year and his second state title. He became the first coach in state history to win football titles with two different schools (his first coming with Roosevelt in 1996), and he threw every ounce of credit at his team and his

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Picking up blocks from Erik Hagenah and Messiah Horne, Somers WR Matt Pires (3) breaks off big-chunk gain in NYS title win.



Somers LB Antonio Vieira makes one of seven tackles in Tuskers 25-17 NYS Class A title win over Greece Athena.

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coaching staff.

"I just have faith in everything they do," DeMatteo said of the system the Tuskers have in place. "There's trust between us all to do what we have to do to get the job done."

The Tuskers had gone ahead 19-10 in the third quarter on a 33-yard third-quarter touchdown run by Pires off a tricky reverse. Greece Athena made it a one-possession game on a 2-yard TD pass with 1:18 remaining, but Somers DB Connor Gill recovered the ensuing on-sides kick attempt to secure the win.

Somers struck first for a 6-0 lead in the first quarter when Pires' first took a 45-yard pass in stride from junior QB Kevin Olifiers, who also did significant damage in punt formation, including launching one punt off a bad snap whereby he drew a roughing penalty that gave Somers the ball.

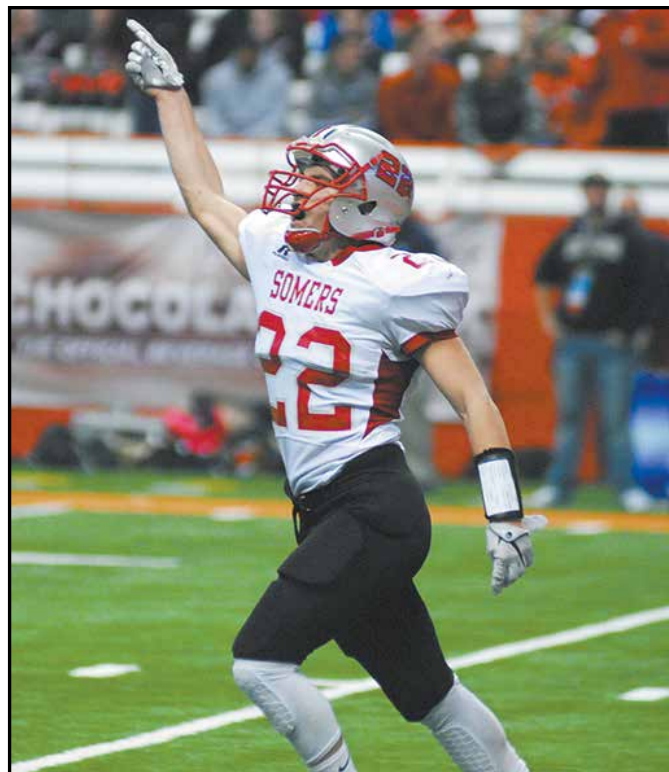
Somers' defense -- spearheaded by Antonio Vieira (7 tackles, INT, sack), Erik Hagenah (10 tackles, 2 sacks, 2 fumbles caused), Jack Gilroy (8 tackles), Drew Cassin (5 tackles, INT), Dan Venditto (7 tackles and 1.5 sacks), Vince DiFilippo (7 tackles), Ryan Elliot (6 tackles) and a slew of others -- stiffened whenever it had to. Hagenah was tabbed most valuable defensive lineman from a defense that held a hifalutin offense to just 3.3 yards per carry (108 yards on 33 carries). Somers' D forced four turnovers and used its cage drill to contain in Greece Athena's nimble QB, Ta'von Granison, whom they knocked out of the game twice, for good in the fourth with a hobbled ankle and bruised shoulder. Greece Athena (12-1) outgained Somers 334-223, but the Trojans sputtered in the red zone.

"We rebounded after Week 3 and go on to win a state title, it's unbelievable..."

kudos to this team," junior DL/OL Nick Gargiulo (5 tackles) said after being tabbed most valuable offensive lineman. "It was no shock for us to see Messiah and Matt perform like this. You know those kids; they're the best football players in the state. Defensively, that was deliberate practice. That's just working hard at practice every day. When we got in tight situations, we were ready for it."

Greece Athena got within eight points (25-17) when backup QB Pat Meisenzhal fired a short TD pass to James Sciortino with 1:18 remaining. Gill recovered the onside kick and Somers milked precious time off the clock before punting back to the Trojans, but the defense held firm in the waning seconds, which touched off the second state title celebration for Somers in as many weeks. They went wild in places like the Somers Pub, too, as the game feed was live and a huge crowd gathered.

Tusker Garrett Wilson won the sportsmanship award and Somers became Section 1's first state grid champion in four years (New Rochelle) and first Class A winner since 2003 (Nyack). It hardly seemed feasible back on September 16th when Somers was crushed in the fourth quarter of a 34-13 loss at Yorktown.



Somers DB Vincent DiFilippo reacts after breaking up pass play in end zone in Tuskers' 25-17 win over Greece Athena in NYS title game.



Somers RB and game MVP Messiah Horne joins his family in stands after Tuskers knocked off Greece Athena for NYS title.



Adoring Somers fans salute Coach DeMatteo after winning 1st NYS grid title in Somers history.



Somers Coach Tony DeMatteo salutes Tusker Nation after winning his 2nd NYS title at Carrier Dome in Syracuse.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I think we could get beat like we did that day by Yorktown and then end up here with a state title," DeMatteo said as scores of fans awaited his arrival at the team buses. "You know, usually the season ends in a bitter loss. You lose in the quarters, you lose in the semis. Never in my career have I gotten beat like we did in that Yorktown game and come back and had this happen. This is the greatest season of my life. That was a hell of a football team we just beat. We just willed a victory."

"As far as I can remember, I don't know of two more explosive players on any one team in the history of Section 1 than Messiah and Pires," DeMatteo added.

"When we need a play, they make them. I love these kids, they are like family."

Somers captain and OL Anthony Lombardi agreed.

"I have no words to describe this, I can't explain it, I never thought this was gonna happen, it feels amazing," he said. "These guys are like family to me and to be able to do this with them is something I'll never forget. I'm so proud of this team."

Evidently, the better part of Tusker Nation is, too. A spirited coaching staff, led by the 74-year-old DeMatteo -- plus his son Anthony DeMatteo, Doug Packard, Dom Narcisco, Mike Sokolofsky and trusted eye in the sky Gerry Keavins -- turned a group of 58 ambitious young men, plus honorary captain Johnny Esposito, into a prideful family the Somers community may never forget.

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Girls Hoops Notebook

Four-Time Reigning Champ Ossining Still Team to Beat

Class AA Pride Looking Good; Mahopac Returns Talented Cast

By Tony Pinciario

When it comes to girls' basketball supremacy in NYS there is no need to look any further than four-time reigning champion **OSSINING**, where they will pack the house as early as December 7th against Scarsdale.

Led by 26-year Coach Dan Ricci, Ossining is to girls' basketball as Lakeland is to varsity field hockey; good for an encore.

The Pride have transformed the sectional and state championships into its own personal highlight film, winning six consecutive Section 1 Class AA titles and four straight state championships. Ossining continued its dynasty by winning the 2016 Section 1 Class AA title, then completed the trifecta by taking the Class AA state title and federation championship last year.

Ossining, which went 28-2 last season, accomplished this highlighted by an underclassmen group. Yes, the Pride also had all-everything and all-state guard Shadeen Samuels, but she, along with Gabby Ferrao have graduated. Samuels is attending Seton Hall and playing basketball. The Pride also lost the services of sophomore Aubrey Griffin, who is out for the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament. Griffin started and averaged a double-double last year.

Even though Ossining will be without these three players, the Pride received a major lift with the return of Andra Espinoza-Hunter, who will attend the University of Connecticut next September and play basketball. The senior joined



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Ossining C Kailah Harris will need a much bigger year with Aubrey Griffin sidelines for the year.

varsity as a seventh-grader before leaving to attend Blair Academy (N.J.) for her freshman through junior years.

"Andra will be the glue to our team," Ricci said. "She has been fantastic since her return. My young team looks up to her and respects her. We are very happy to have her back home."

Espinoza-Hunter adds to an already stocked returning core.

"We have, in my opinion, three of the most talented players in Section 1, including possibly the best player in New York in Andra, and a very hardworking, supporting cast," Ricci said.

Ricci was referring to his underclassmen returning nucleus who all played major minutes last year.

Sophomore Kailah Harris, a 2016 all-state selection, is at center. The backcourt consists of junior Kelsey Quain and sophomore Jaida Strippoli, who was honorable mention all state last year. Junior Helen Ishmael will play forward and, at 5-foot-10, will team

with the 6-foot-1 Harris to be an imposing defensive tandem.

"Before the loss of Aubrey, the addition of Andra made us one of the most talented teams in the country," Ricci said. "We can not replace Aubrey's athleticism on the floor and all the little things she does for us. We will, however, be a very talented team with a chip on our shoulder as we will play this season for Aubrey who would do anything to be out there with her teammates."

BREWSTER had an excellent 2015-16 season, going 16-4 and coming within a three-pointer of the Section 1 Class A final four at the Westchester County Center.

The Bears will be looking to take the next step this season, but will have to do so without six graduated seniors, including starters Frannie Merkel, Katie DePaoli and Dayja Medina.

Brewster and fifth-year Coach Mike Castaldo received a huge lift with the return of senior Julia Borsari. Castaldo said Borsari missed half of last season with an illness. Borsari will be joined by fellow returnees, Jess Miele (shooting guard) and Taylor Riccardi (forward), both juniors, and sophomore Maggie DePaoli (point guard).

Making the step up from junior varsity are a quartet of sophomores – Meagan Beal (forward), Kristin Stefanick (guard), Brianna Sayegh (guard) and Hailey Ratajack (guard).

"Our strength is our team speed," Castaldo said. "We are not very big, but we are extremely fast and athletic at every position. Down low we have Julia Borsari, who is very motivated and ready to have a solid senior season. Maggie DePaoli and Jess Miele are two returners who give us great balance at the guard position. Both can play point guard, or switch roles and take over the two spot."

"We only have one senior, in Julia, and the rest are underclassman, but we will not use this as an excuse because all the

girls, but one, have played a varsity sport so they know what kind of commitment it takes to win."

Even though Brewster may be younger than other teams, Castaldo and the girls still have lofty goals.

While opposing coaches may have been weeping at graduation, **LAKELAND's** Miranda Lustig did not have any seniors on her 2015-16 team.

The Hornets have a core nucleus of seven returnees who will aim to lead the team into double-digit wins and first-round sectional win.

The nucleus is led by seniors Colleen Walsh (forward), Krista Verrino (guard), Val Potenza (guard) and Rieley Walsh (guard). Juniors Kelsey Walsh (forward) and Jessica Ascencao (forward) and sophomore Alexa Cole (guard/forward) complete this veteran group. Ascencao is fresh off the varsity field hockey team winning its eighth consecutive New York State Class B championship.

"Colleen, Krista, Val and Rieley have all brought an exciting energy to practice with them since day one this season," said Lustig, in her third year. "I am looking forward to seeing what they produce together for their senior year."

The quintet of varsity newcomers include juniors, Rose DeMuro (guard), Kayla Bugeya (guard) and Claire McKenna (guard), sophomore Sarah Carroll (guard) and freshman Brianna Monte (forward).

One thing Lustig has enjoyed during preseason has been the attitude of the girls.

"They work hard and have fun together," Lustig said. "It's hard to be successful if you aren't having fun. Our core seven girls have been playing with me for the past three years and they are really starting to gel together. Our newcomers have a great group to look up to and learn from."

Even though Lakeland went 5-16 and lost in an out-bracket game last season, Lustig said the goals remain the same as last season.

WALTER PANAS coach Matt Evangelista has plenty to be optimistic about following a 2015-16 season in which his Lady Panthers went 12-9. Unfortunately, Panas drew perennial power Pearl River in the first round of the Section 1 Class A Championships.

Four players received their diplomas last June, but Panas has seven players back, highlighted by the senior trio of Melissa Keefe (center), Carlyn Mucci (guard/forward) and Jade Pagel (forward). The trio of juniors back are Danielle Merante (forward), Kristen Kelly (guard) and Kellie Brown (guard/forward). Completing this

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Lakeland veteran G Colleen Walsh will provide a legit spark to the Hornet attack.

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continued from previous page — veteran group is sophomore Julia Araujo (guard).

The tandem of Mucci and Merante are coming in following another successful field hockey season. The duo were the leading scorers.

Evangelista welcomes a talented group of newcomers to varsity, led by junior Yvette Burcescu (center), a huge reason why the Panas varsity volleyball team won the New York State Class A title. Burcescu



Peekskill will turn to Nyrie Holliman to anchor its backcourt this winter.

will be joined by classmate Sabrina Patriciello (guard), sophomore Eazette Bealon (guard/forward) and freshmen Katherine Reynoso (guard) and Kristen Scrobola (guard/forward).

"I think that we will be a very deep team this year," said Evangelista, in his sixth year. "We have many girls who could contribute on any given day. Also, we return many core players so that should help early in the year, as the new players are joining the mix. This mix of experience and new, talented players should improve the team from last year."

Evangelista likes what he has seen from the new players and he's thinking about the different options this will give him.

"This team is comprised of great young ladies, who are very smart and hardworking," Evangelista said. "The girls experienced some successes last year and are excited to try to build on those."

"The team's goals are to improve on last season's record, contend for a league title, earn a home sectional game, get the program's first sectional victory in many years, and see how far they can go."

MAHOPAC coach Chuck Scozzafava did not have to worry about a lengthy

introduction process when the Indians began preseason.

Scozzafava was fortunate enough to have 10 familiar faces back from the 2015-16 team that went 11-9 and qualified for the Section 1 Class AA tournament.

"With nine returning players who got significant playing time last year, the team is well-balanced as well as fairly deep," said the fourth-year Mahopac coach.

Mahopac will miss graduated seniors Carly Pease and Tara Ravoli, but having a large returning core makes their departure somewhat easier to accept.

Scozzafava has a nice blend among his nine returnees, highlighted by the senior foursome of Amanda Geyer (guard), Amanda McCarney (forward), Kim Scheira (guard) and Alison Reilly (forward). Juniors Claire Felix (forward) and Siobhan Hynes (forward) along with sophomores Zina McInerney (guard) Natalie Scanlon (center), Katie McDonough (guard) and Samantha Colatruglio (guard) complete the returnees

The lone newcomer to the team is junior Jona Pilgrim (forward).

Mahopac goes into the season playing in one of the toughest leagues as the Indians have to make the Dutchess-County circuit — Arlington, John Jay-East

Fishkill and R.C. Ketcham — along with playing rival Carmel twice, as well.

"Our goal is to win the league and to continue to get better as the season progresses," Scozzafava said. "We want to get as deep into the playoffs."

YORKTOWN continues to take progressive steps forward under Coach Kevin Clark, now in his fifth season.

The Cornhuskers won eight games and qualified for the Section 1 Class AA tournament last season. Yorktown is hoping to increase its win total, return to sectionals, get that first win and go from there.

The Cornhuskers return a veteran core, including four starters — seniors Emily Nigro (guard), Miranda Walsh (center), shifty veteran Alyssa Francese (guard) and junior Emily Metz (forward). Clark also has three additional players back in seniors Anna Nuccio (guard) and Carli Mager (forward) and junior Caroline Keenaghan (forward).

Clark noted that two new additions to varsity this year are junior Mackenzie Merson (center) and sophomore Kathryn Severino (forward).

"We have good balance this year and players who compliment each other well,"

Clark said. "I'm looking forward to seeing how this group blends together. They seem to really enjoy playing with one another and they appear to be a close-knit group."

"Their ability to enjoy the game while still working hard is a pleasure to be around. I'm hoping that we can make another trip to the post season and continue moving our program in a positive direction."

PUTNAM VALLEY welcomed back a familiar face in first-year coach Kristi Dini. A former Putnam Valley and Boston University standout, Dini returns to her alma mater after a successful run at Somers where she led the Tuskers to two league titles in the last three years while winning Coach of the Year honors twice. She also led Somers to the best record in school history by either a girls' or boys' team.

Dini inherits a Putnam Valley team that advanced to the Class B final four. However, Dini will go into the season without the graduated group of Reena Olsen (playing basketball at Cornell), Alyssa Stockinger, Stephanie Wagner and Alex Knight.

"This group of girls has such a great work ethic," Dini said. "We have been practicing for 2.5 hours every day, not including offensive walk-throughs before practice, film, and lift. They're hungry to build on last year's playoff run even after losing a D1 player and three starters."

"It's a new system, both offensively and defensively, so everything is from scratch, which isn't easy for any team but they're buying in and working hard every day. We are very small so it's a guard-oriented group, but I'm so impressed with what I've seen defensively, in scrimmages, so far."

SOMERS won two league championships in its last three years, but the Tuskers graduated five seniors, including Gabby Rosenzweig and Megan McHugh. Somers also has a new coach, Marc Hattem, who joins the Tuskers after leading the Ardsley basketball team.

Hattem began to acclimate himself to his new team once he got the job.

"As a new coach there has been a lot to put in, so we know that patience and hard work will be key," Hattem said. "We played in both the summer and fall League at the Brewster Sports Center, so the first two weeks have just been a continuation of being together for the last few months."

Hattem has a solid returning core led by seniors Livy Rosenzweig and Faith Anne Ferguson. The juniors include Dani Cuchiarella, Jackie Penzo, Tina Heibesen and Liv Lipski and sophomore Hannah Angelini also returns.

Joining varsity this season are junior Alex Pellegrino, sophomores Isabella



Somers sophomore G Hannah Angelini will take on a much more significant role this season.

Rukaj and Nikki Fiorino, and freshman Dani DiCintio.

"The strengths of this team is the fact that we have some great kids, that really enjoy playing together," Hattem said. "Three of the girls (Penzo, Lipski, Angelini) played a lot of minutes on a 19-3 team last year that lost in the quarterfinals to Pearl River. They are all very versatile players, and there is a deep bench that can contribute some good minutes."

"The goal is to be playing out best ball by February."

CARMEL persevered through a difficult 2015-16 season and this determination will aid the Rams as they prepare for their new season.

The Rams return seven players, but will be without Claire Cody for this season. Cody, one of the team's leading scorers last season, is out for the season after undergoing ankle surgery in October. The juniors will lead Carmel this season as five are back -- Maria Mazzamuto (F), Alex Barry (C), Kate Crawford (G), Taylor Smith (G) and Anne Pozner (F). Sophomore Kadiah Johnson (G) joins the junior nucleus.

Four new players come up with Kayli Boscia being the team's lone senior. Emily Schidrich (G/F) and Kayla Alexander (G) increase the junior class on the team and sophomore Cassie Barry (G) completes the new contingent.

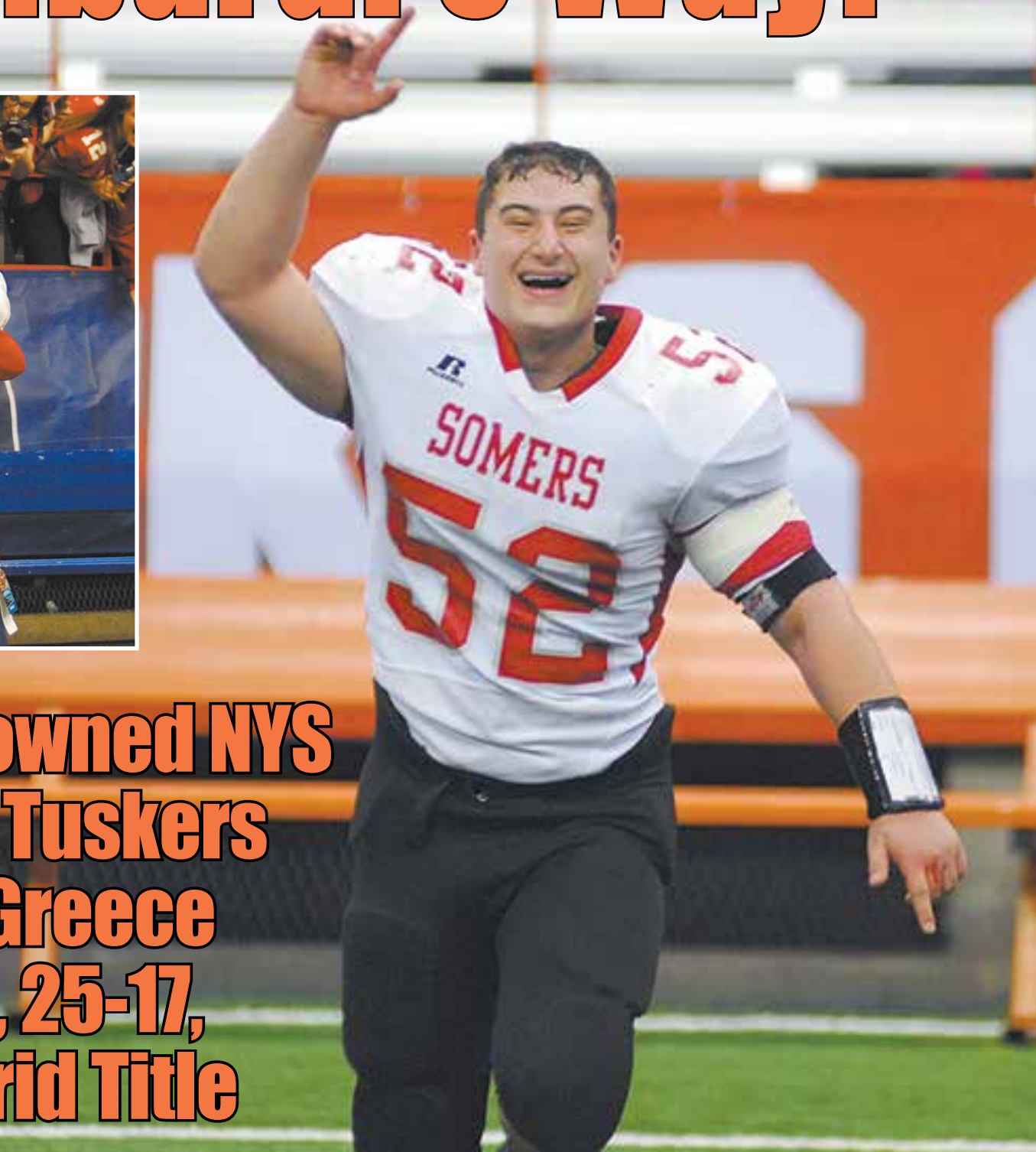
Even though Carmel will miss Cody's presence and scoring prowess, O'Hare likes what he has seen in preseason.

"Our speed which will enable us to score in transition," O'Hare said.

"Our returning players played significant minutes last year and this experience should be helpful. We also have the ability to play 10 players. I really like our team chemistry."

Peekskill nor Haldane responded to our requests for preview information.

Lombardi's Way!



Somers Crowned NYS Champs! Tuskers Defeat Greece Athena, 25-17, for 1st Grid Title

Green Bay Packers legendary Coach Vince Lombardi once said, "If you aren't fired up with enthusiasm, you'll be fired with enthusiasm." And Somers' captain and emotional leader Anthony Lombardi (52) practiced what the legendary Lombardi preached each and every day this season; thus one could see in his eyes the reward for having done so after the state-ranked (No.3) Tuskers (12-1) knocked off Section 5's state-ranked (No.3) Greece Athena (12-1), 25-17, to win the NYSPHSAA Class A Football Championship last Friday at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse. It was Somers' first NYS grid title and the 2nd in the legendary career of Tusker Coach Tony DeMatteo (inset), who often quotes Vince Lombardi and idolizes the NFL's Hall of Famer... see grid Notebook



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