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The Stretch Run:

● Donovan McNabb and the front-running Syracuse Orangemen keep on keeping on in the Big East race with a 45-28 win over Pittsburgh.

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Statewide Results:

Senate:
Schumer (D) 54%
D'Amato* (R) 44%
Kurtz (I) 1%

25th Congressional:
Walsh* (R) 69%
Rothenberg (D) 31%

Governor:
Pataki* (R) 54%
Vallone (D) 33%
Golisano (I) 8%
Ross (L) 2%
Others 3%

Comptroller:
McCall* (D) 64%
Blakeman (R) 33%
Harknett (RTL) 2%
Others 1%

Attorney General:
Spitzer (D) 48%
Vacco* (R) 48%
Abate (I) 2%
Others 2%

48th NYS Senate:
Hoffmann (D) 67%
Burman (R) 33%

119th NYS Assembly:
Christensen* (D) 65.5%
DiStefano (R) 32.7%
Whittington (L) 1.6%

120th NYS Assembly:
Magnarelli (D) 50.6%
Corbett (R) 48.3%
Linton (L) 1%

Surrogate Court Judge:
Wells (R) 99.9%

County Sheriff:
Walsh* (R) 53.9%
Thompson (D) 46%

* denotes incumbent

- Candidates in bold won the election.

- Source: Onondaga County Board of Elections

- Compiled by Lydia Vivian and Brian Totin



By James E. Lotz

Democrat William Magnarelli delivers his acceptance speech Tuesday night at the Hotel Syracuse. Magnarelli was elected as the representative for the 120th district of the New York State Assembly.

Walshes highlight Republican wins

By Keith O'Brien
MANAGING EDITOR

The tenth floor penthouse at the Syracuse Hotel was swarming with anxious Republicans, carefully nursing their Budweisers and O'Douls, greeting old friends and staring at the TV screens. They all convened in the Penthouse suite two hours before the votes would come in to determine the fate of the men and women they spent the last couple of months supporting.

"We are all hoping that we're going to fare very well tonight," said Dominick Episcopo, who resides in the north side of Syracuse.

The Republicans and friends of the candidates mingled with each other, waiting for the local candidates to appear and give their victory speech or their concession to the other candidate.

Meanwhile, the Democrats were on the first floor of the Hotel Syracuse, awaiting the same results.



By Brian Totin

Martha Walsh celebrates with her brother Jim Walsh Tuesday night as he was reelected as congressman for the 25th district of New York.

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Schumer's triumph excites Democrats

By Kimberlea Klein
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Looking towards the future, Onondaga County Democrats passed the election night with cheers and hopes of change.

The mood was optimistic as the night began at the Onondaga County Democratic election party at Hotel Syracuse. There were high hopes for candidates since the democratic areas of the district had relatively high turnouts, said Steve Paquette, chairman of the county Democratic committee.

The 120th district Assembly seat, was of particular interest, said Paquette. The race was expected to be close between the Democrat Bill Magnarelli and Republican James Corbett. The district covers two-thirds of the city of Syracuse and Geddes, Paquette said. Well over half a million dollars was put into the campaign even though it only covers one-quarter of the county.

"It's a big race both statewide and for us because it gives us an opportunity to reclaim the third assembly seat," said Paquette.

The crowd cheered as Paquette announced that both NBC and CBS had declared Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Charles Schumer victorious at about 9 p.m.

"I am so thrilled that we will finally have someone in the Senate, next to Moynihan, that we can be proud of," said President of the Syracuse Teachers Association, Kate McKenna.

Schumer is very good for education, said McKenna. He cares about a whole host of education issues, she said.

"He has had a good consistent record all the way through," said McKenna.

She said that the Syracuse Teachers Association worked very hard to make sure that incumbent Republican U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato did not get re-elected.

"It restores my faith in the electoral process," she said.

The news at about 9:15 p.m. that Republican George Pataki had been re-elected passed quietly through the crowd without much mention.

At 10 p.m., the announcement was released that ABC, CNN and The New York Times had joined CBS and NBC in declaring Schumer victorious over

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Rape Awareness Week empowers community

By Jessica Rozler
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Before graduation, one in four female college students attending school in the United States will be sexually assaulted, the Syracuse University Rape: Advocacy, Prevention and Education Center said. This week, the university is trying to draw attention to this problem.

"It is meant to raise awareness and empower the university community to take this up as a positive issue and get involved," Stephanie Reynolds, a staff therapist at the R.A.P.E. Center said about the university's Rape Awareness Week.

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"Just a walk, trot and canter away"

● A reporter decides to leave the old lecture hall behind in search of a class that is different and fun.

By Melissa Su
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Famous for being legends in western films, winners in races, players in sports, helpers on the countryside, and even symbols of natural aesthetic beauty, horses have always played a role in society, including right here in Syracuse. Upon embarking on my senior year here, I had intentions of registering for a course outside the academic realm that could offer me the opportunity to learn something different and fun.



By Lydia Vivian

Betsy Chiesa of Minoa and her daughter Theresa, age 6, try to lead Lucy, a pony, back to her stable at Tanglewood Stables in Jamesville.

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Onondaga
County Results:

	votes	percentage
Senate:		
D'Amato* (R)	75,840	54.3%
Schumer (D)	60,522	43.3%
Kurtz (I)	1,984	1.4%

Governor :		
Pataki* (R)	96,567	67%
Vallone (D)	27,385	19%
Golisano (I)	13,060	9%
Lewis (G)	2,404	1.6%
Others	4,564	3.4%

Comptroller :		
McCall* (D)	74,978	55.7%
Blakeman (R)	54,908	40.8%
Harknett (RTL)	2,127	1.5%
Other	2,379	1.7%

Attorney General:		
Vacco* (R)	85,898	63.8%
Spitzer (D)	42,370	31.5%
Abate (I)	2,975	2.2%
Others	2,540	2.1%

Campus Area
Results:

	votes	percentage
Senate:		
Schumer (D)	4,682	71.4%
D'Amato* (R)	1,656	25.3%
Others	220	3.4%

25th Congressional:		
Rothenberg (D)	4,043	63.9%
Walsh* (R)	2,286	36.1%

Governor :		
Vallone (D)	2,719	43.7%
Pataki* (R)	2,096	33.7%
Golisano (I)	668	10.7%
Lewis (G)	414	6.6%
Ross (L)	165	2.6%
Leighton	88	1.4%
Others	78	1.3%

Comptroller :		
McCall* (D)	5,177	79%
Blakeman (R)	1,073	16.4%
Hawkins (G)	144	2.2%
Others	155	2.4%

Attorney General:		
Spitzer (D)	3,876	61.3%
Vacco* (R)	2,054	32.5%
Others	396	6.3%

48th NYS Senate:		
Hoffmann (D)	5,126	80.2%
Burman (R)	1,267	19.8%

119th NYS Assembly:		
Christensen *(D)	4,803	79.1%
DiStefano (R)	1,076	17.7%
Whittington (L)	191	3.1%

120th NYS Assembly:		
Magnarelli (D)	263	76.9%
Corbett (R)	68	19.9%
Linton (L)	11	3.2%

County Sheriff:		
Walsh (R)	2,147	33.5%
Thompson (D)	4,256	66.5%

* Denotes incumbent

-- The Campus Area category is defined as the 16th and 17th voting wards of Syracuse, as well as the 3rd, 5th, 8th and 9th districts of the 19th ward.

-- Candidates in bold won the election, but may have not won the county or campus area.

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-- Compiled by Lydia Vivian and Brian Totin



Democratic supporters cheer as CBS News reports the victory of Charles Schumer in the race for United States Senate.

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D'Amato. This only added to the optimism and excitement in the room.

"This is all-out encouragement for us to continue," said Amatullah Yamini, 23rd district county legislator.

The Democratic spirit was high and they took a good percentage of the vote, Yamini said.

"The call went out and I think we responded," she said.

Cheers went up from Yamini and the crowd at 10:10 p.m. as Paquette announced that Magnarelli took the lead in the returns, and the mainly Democratic north side of the city had not yet reported in.

Democrat Joan Christensen was easily re-elected to her 119th District Assembly seat. She told the crowd that she is more energized than ever.

"There's an assemblyman and an assemblywoman!" Christensen said after Paquette had announced her and fellow Democrat Michael Bragman as assemblymen.

Childcare for working mothers is high on her agenda of priorities, she said. She also felt that the Democrats won because of their service to the people.

"We serve the public and work on the issues that affect us on a daily basis and react," she said.

Winning by a landslide, Democrat Michael Bragman was re-elected to his 118th District Assembly seat. He assured those Democrats who did not win their elections that night to keep the faith because the best candidates don't always win the first time. Bragman also focused on the Democratic Party leading the people into the next century, citing the election as the campaign of the past versus the campaign of the future.

"The politics of the past are exactly that, the politics of the past," Bragman said.

Democratic State Senator Nancy Lorraine Hoffman was also re-elected by a large amount. She told an enthusiastic crowd that the negative campaigning by her opponent, Republican Janet Burman, just didn't work and that she had stood up to it.

"This party has shown its ability to send one senator back to the senate!" Hoffman said.

At 10:55 p.m. the final result on the Magnarelli race came in. Paquette announced that Magnarelli had won by 708 votes. The reaction was ecstatic, with the crowd chanting Magnarelli's name as he walked into the room.

"I thought that the key to our future was attracting industry and creating jobs," Magnarelli said.

"The Wall Street boom has left Syracuse behind," he said.

"I will work day and night to bring jobs home to Syracuse," Magnarelli said.

The Democrats seemed full of optimism and were ready to celebrate for the rest of the night. They were also hopeful for victory in the races, such as attorney general, which was still undecided.

"We're thrilled," said Paquette at the end of the night. "Any one of those victories would have been enough for me."

Paquette got much more than one Democratic victory on election night, he received many.



Democrat William Magnerelli is congratulated by supporters after delivering his acceptance speech Tuesday night.

The public has spoken and...

By Chinyelu Kambui Lee
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The election results are in and America has spoken. They have said three basic things. Monica Lewinsky does not matter. Issues of social concern are more important than the court intrigue of American politics. The voters are going to vote for the candidates that concentrate on presenting a program.

Many of you may be very aware that there has been something of a crisis in Washington concerning President Clinton's decision to have a sexual

relationship with an intern than lie about it. The Republicans decided that

this would be the issue that would give them the necessary impetus to push many Democrats out of office. Republicans were so confident of this before the election that Speaker Newt Gingrich was predicting that Republicans would gain ten to forty seats in Tuesday's election. This did not work. The Republicans actually lost seats. The most telling statistic of the election's exit polls were the amount, 58%, of voters nationwide that claimed the Monica Lewinsky scandal had nothing to do with their votes. This election was not a referendum on Monica Lewinsky. Republicans can actually take comfort in this. Democrats can not claim that the voters, despite attempts of Republicans to make this a referendum on his political life, have vindicated President Clinton. The voters have said that their votes had nothing to do with Clinton, and if anything those that did let Clinton affect their voting came down on the side of Republicans. So what were the voters saying?

Let us look at the Democratic message versus the Republican message. We already know that there was a \$10 million advertising campaign by the Republicans to make this election about Lewinsky. Despite independent efforts by candidates to talk about programs and issues, such as cutting taxes, the general Republican message overshadowed them. The Democrats, though they did attack Kenneth Shaw, chose to spend more time saying we have an agenda of social security, education, etc. that we would like to pursue. The candidates that pulled off some of the biggest Democratic upsets, particularly those in Alabama and South Carolina, concentrated on education.

The average Republican continued to vote for Republicans, and the average Democrat continued to vote for Democrats. Independents voted for candidates that concentrated on issues, Democrat or Republican. Since the Democrats decided to concentrate on issues they won the election. This does not mean that Americans have rejected the Republican ideological message, the Republicans never bothered to put one out.

The average American has never made the political strategists look worse. Campaign managers across the country looked at examples of previous negative campaigns and how they won elections. Despite the continuous outcry against these negative campaigns, they decided to continue, and several of them were burned. The overall idea that Clinton should be a reason that people should vote against their representatives has nothing to do with issues. Since the election was not directly about Clinton, the message can not be classified as a positive message of morality. It was a very negative campaign ploy to identify Democrats with immorality and illegality nation-

wide. It failed. In Central New York, the bulk of Corbett's commercials air-time talked about how Sheldon Silver and the New York City liberals were trying to buy your seat for Bill Magnarelli. Magnarelli concentrated his efforts on talking about his agenda. It was a close race, but it looks as if Corbett will be left at home. The Schumer-D'Amato race supposedly had 15% positive messages. I am still looking for them. This is an example of how both candidates need to engage in negative campaigns for political strategist to get their way.

Negative messages do not encourage people to vote. The Democrats were able to mobilize their core constituents to vote because they were less negative than the Republicans, and actually concentrated on putting issues on the table. The Republicans failed to mobilize their voters around negative issues. In the next Election, look for campaigns continuing to attack other candidates, but to also moderate this with a glossing over of the issues.

Incumbents normally do well, so there is little validity in claiming this as the year of the incumbent.

Incumbents have name recognition and generally more money. This is not a vindication for Clinton. Voters clearly stated that they were not voting about him.

This was the year of the voters. The voters finally came out and very distinctly said, "We are not stupid!" The voters let campaigners know that they are willing to vote for the candidate that rises above the mud throwing and presents an intelligible platform. Hopefully campaigners and political strategists will take this clue and bring a semblance of credibility back to the American electoral system. There is a hope yet for American politics.



By James E. Lotz
Kate McKenna, president of the Teachers Association of Syracuse, shows her sign to other Democratic supporters Tuesday night.

Who Won and How...

Charles Schumer

■ Senator-elect, Democrat

Campaign issues...

- New college tuition plan
- Weapons ban
- Victim's rights
- Health Care

Jim Walsh

■ Incumbent Congressman, Republican

Campaign issues...

- Lowering taxes
- Financial incentives for businesses that remain in CNY
- Promised to stay in touch with SU

George Pataki

■ Incumbent Governor, Republican

Campaign issues...

- Freeing New York from an oppressive government
- Health issues
- Reducing welfare
- Lowering taxes for senior citizens

H. Carl McCall

■ Incumbent Comptroller, Democrat

Campaign issues...

- College savings
- Equity in school finance
- secure pension fund
- Welfare reform

Eliot Spitzer

■ Attorney General-elect, Democrat

Campaign Issues...

- Breaking Organized Crime's hold on New York City Businesses
- Protecting children from sexual predators
- making schools safe for learning

Joan Christensen

■ Incumbent 119th Assembly, Democrat

Campaign Issues...

- Economic Reforms
- Educational Reforms
- Staying in touch with the Constituents

Kevin Walsh

■ Incumbent Sheriff, Republican

Campaign issue...

- County Sheriff's department the only to be entirely nationally accredited.

William Magnarelli

■ 120th Assembly-elect, Democrat

Campaign issues...

- Job creation
- State education aid
- Assisting small businesses