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Business Hall of Fame 2014

Hundreds of well wishers gathered November 20th at Empire City at Yonkers Raceway to celebrate the 121st Annual Business Hall of Fame Dinner. In 2001, the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce created a Business Hall of Fame, to recognize Yonkers businesses and to thank them for their years of service to our City and for being such an important presence in our community. This year, the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce inducted the following businesses into their Hall of Fame: Yonkers Municipal Housing Authority received the Lifetime Achievement Award, Curto's



Business Hall of Fame 2014 Inductees
L-R: Leonard Spano (Westchester School for Special Children); Henry Djonbalaj (HD Real Estate); Joseph Shuldiner (Yonkers Municipal Housing Authority; Jonathan Giannettino (Curto's Appliances).

Appliances received the Business Growth Award, Mr. Henry Djonbalaj of HD Real Estate received the Outstanding Business Community Leader Award, and the Westchester School for Special Children received the Chairman's Award. Chamber President, Kevin Cacace, presented the awards to these most deserving honorees.

A list of past inductees is found on page 2. The Chamber of Commerce, located at 55 Main Street, 2nd floor, invites you to come see our Business Hall of Fame, prominently displayed in the Board of Directors room.

Stuffing a Bus with Pajamas!



Women in Business Committee stuff the bus with this year's donations.

Once again the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce Women in Business Committee spearheaded the drive to collect pajamas and books throughout the City, and on November 5th, they "Stuffed a Bus" with local business owners and government representatives who helped support this wonderful project. The Yonkers Chamber of Commerce is grateful to the following organizations and businesses that ioined forces for this worthy cause: the Yonkers Public Schools, the Yonkers City Court, St. John's Riverside Hospital, Yonkers Federation of Teachers. Empress Ambulance and individual Chamber members, who contributed to the success of this event.

Every year in Westchester County in November, the Pajama Program conducts a week-long bus collection! Hundreds of children and adults, schools, businesses, and libraries participate in this increasingly popular event to help local children in need. The goal this year was to collect 4,000 pajamas and 3,000 new books on the bus and deliver all the gifts to children in need by Thanksgiving so that on Thanksgiving night the children can go to sleep in their new, warm pajamas.

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In Memoriam

The Yonkers Chamber of Commerce mourns the loss of our dear friend, Carol Martinelli, wife of our Chairman of the Board, Angelo Martinelli, who passed away suddenly on November 19th at the age of 89. Former First Lady of the City of Yonkers, Carol was known for her kindness and sweetness. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who generously gave back to the community, chairing the Daffodil Drive for the American Cancer Society and organizing meals for the Homeless Shelter, just to name a few. She will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, Carol.

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Jeanne Martinelli

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Correction

Apologies to "Best Pizza Winner" Louie and Johnnies Pizza Café for printing the wrong address in our Best of Yonkers edition of the Progress this past September. Here is the correct information:

Louie and Johnnie's Pizza Café 887 Yonkers Avenue Yonkers, NY 10704 (914) 423-3300 www.louieandjohnnies.com Open 7 days a week



From the Desk of Jeanne Martinelli

The central theme of the holiday season is giving, whether gifts for family and friends, or by giving back to your community by volunteering or donating to various organizations. I am so proud that the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce not only gives during the holiday season, but gives generously throughout the year. Once again the Women in Business Committee sponsored a drive for the Pajama Program, collecting pajamas and books for children in need. We also thank the Women in Business Committee for collecting food for the Westchester Food Bank at our Women in Business Luncheon. In 2015, the Women in Business Committee is spearheading a collection for the Furniture Sharehouse in May and volunteering for the Habitat for Humanity in June.

Other initiatives we have supported throughout the year are JCY Reading Buddy's Program, a "Wish List" drive at Elizabeth Seton Pediatrics, Westchester Creative Arts Therapy, and helping our Yonkers Public High School students find jobs and internships.

We are also happy to provide e-mail blasts to our Chamber members who are hosting special events that benefit our community.

Here at the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce we are proud of the businesses and members we serve. For more than one hundred years, the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce has served as the voice of the business community and our mission has remained to serve, build and promote a progressive city.

We will be distributing new Directories in 2015 so now is a good time to join our Chamber so your business can be included in this beautiful publication.

We also look forward to our new interactive website which will be unveiled shortly.

We hope you agree that our work on "The Progress" in 2014 was some of our best yet. We strive to produce a newspaper that is informative, fun and has a strong pulse on what is going on in our beautiful city and we were pleased to distribute it to your door in the Penny Saver. The Yonkers Chamber of Commerce is the voice of business in Yonkers, and the Progress is our voice. Each year, the Chamber produces three editions of the Progress: Women in Business in March, Best of Yonkers/Back to School in September, and our Business Hall of Fame/Holiday issue in December. Please contact the Chamber office if you would like to advertise. Remember, the Penny Saver reaches 45,000 Yonkers homes and the newspaper remains in our website

The end of the year is a time to look back on the previous year and look forward to the next. With that in mind, I want to share some of last year's highlights, as well as a sneak preview for the coming year. Four outstanding individuals were recognized this year for their professional accomplishments

and service to our community at our 22nd Annual "Women of Excellence" Luncheon, hosted by our dynamic Women in Business Committee and we thank our Corporate Sponsor, Cross County Shopping Center, for their generosity and support. Special thanks go to Chairwoman, Moira Kiernan of Hudson Valley Bank, and Luncheon Co-Chairs Anita Morck (Yonkers Parking Violations Bureau) and Connie Liardi (Sterling Bank) and the entire WIB Committee for the successful event. Over 300 guests enjoyed a scrumptious lunch at the beautiful Fairways at Dunwoodie. We are also proud to announce that \$500 scholarships were awarded to 3 outstanding High School Seniors from the Yonkers Public Schools who each received the Virginia Eyler Scholarships, named for our dear friend and former committee member. Special thanks go out to Five Star Premier Residences for donating one of the scholarships. Next year's luncheon is set for Wednesday, March 25th at the Fairways at Dunwoodie. Nomination forms for next year's honorees will be distributed shortly. Our 28th Annual Chamber Golf Classic was held this year at the beautiful Pelham Country Club. The weather was perfect and a great day of golf and delicious buffet supper were enjoyed by all. A special thank you goes to our Board of Directors member John Acciaveti of Yonkers Contracting Corp, for chairing this event.

I am happy to report that the Chamber Membership is growing and that we welcomed many new members this year. Please contact me at the Chamber Offices if you would like to become a member and join the hundreds of businesses that are making a difference here in our City.

As you know, our main networking events for our membership are monthly breakfasts and are sponsored by various Chamber Members.



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Proving how seriously we feel about improving our quality scores, St. John's has worked toward and achieved top decile performance in the four, CMS required, core metrics including heart failure, heart attack, pneumonia and the surgical care improvement project. In fact, we have exceeded the national benchmarks set for each of these measures! Our patient satisfaction scores are increasing each and every day as our compassionate and caring nursing and ancillary staff deliver outstanding care to our patients.

We have recruited a remarkable team of board-certified physicians, trained at the finest academic facilities in the country, to practice here in our community and we entered the world of medical education. Forming a partnership with the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic School of Medicine (LECOM), we quickly became a top 5destination for these medical students, who choose among 200 hospitals nationwide in the LECOM system. We also established a surgical residency program, working with Lincoln Hospital in Manhattan. The first nursing school in the county, the Cochran School of Nursing, has challenged its students to set higher standards and goals. I'm happy to report that this year's graduates achieved a 100% pass rate on the New York State licensing exam for registered nurses.

St. John's has executed a complete financial turnaround over the past four years. Taking a hospital that was losing money and turning it into one that has increased its market share, increased its volume and made a profit each year is due to the hard work of our tremendouslydedicated physicians and employees. We have invested in theongoing renovations of our facilities, including the creation of more private rooms, so that we may provide the best possible environment for your healthcare.

St. John's emergency department, facing a 5% increase in patient volume, has redesigned its patient process, leading to greater efficiency and enhanced patient satisfaction and recently, the American Heart/Stroke Association awarded St. John's emergency department with its third Gold plus Stroke Center designation.

St. John's hasraised the bar for all our services and programs. Webecame the market leader in robotic orthopedic partial knee replacements and achieved a 5 star rating in Maternity care for the eighth straight year. Our HOPE Center, a designated Aids Center, was named a Best Practices outpatient program in New York State. We have been recognized for excellence in quality cancer care with an outstanding achievement award from the Commission on Cancer and our Ashikari Breast Center continues to be the prominent surgical oncology practice in Westchester County, receiving certification from the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers. As we plan for the New Year, St. John's is developing a surgical robotics program and a center of excellence in joint replacement.

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Wishing you all a warm holiday season!

Ronald J. Corti President & CEO



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Chamber president Kevin Cacace (r) with Peter Smith, President of the Carvel Foundation.



Enjoying dinner at the golf outing are members of the Empress Ambulance winning four-some.



The Martinelli's are well represented at this year's outing (I to r) Judge Michael Martinelli, former City Council President, Richard Martinelli and Chamber Marketing Director Jeanne Martinelli.



Sandy Albanese of Aflac and Juan Gonzalez of I Train with Juan at the September Breakfast.



Welcoming Keynote speaker, Police Commissioner Charles Gardner (c) are (I to r), Kevin Cacace, Angelo Martinelli, Alex Sajdak, Mayor Mike Spano and Mike Melnicke, President of Regency Extended Care, our breakfast sponsor.



Costco store manager, Joel Brandstom, (2nd from Left), welcomes keynote speaker Mayor Mike Spano. Also pictured are Chamber President Kevin Cacace and Chamber chairman Angelo Martinelli.



The chamber welcomes new members Dr. John Sayegh and Jorge Baez at the November Networking breakfast, sponsored by Costco.

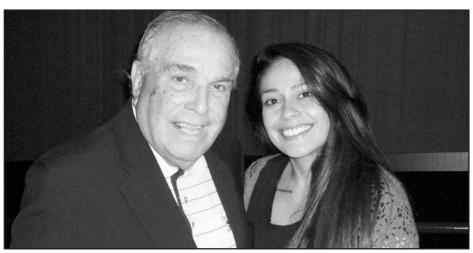
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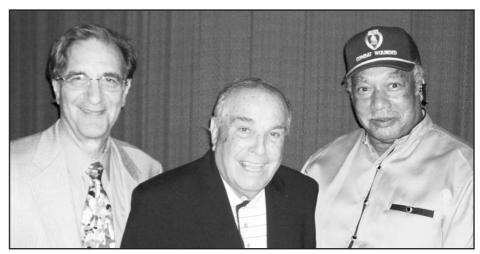
Kevin Cacace and Angelo Martinelli at the "Best of Yonkers" awards Night at Alamo Draft House.



Best Hairdresser winner Franco Osso (c) of Hair Dimensions, with Best Bank winners Patricia Marlow (I) and Robin Alrabaa of Hudson Valley Bank.



Best Dog Groomer from "Dogs World" with Chairman Angelo Martinelli.



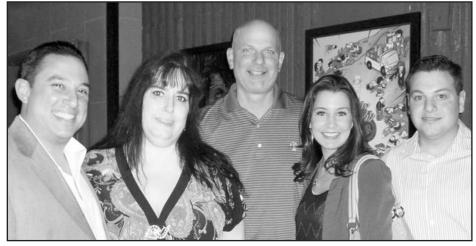
Angelo Martinelli (c) with Best Senior Housing of Yonkers winner, the Municipal Housing Authority of Yonkers.



Vanessa Osso (I) of Hair Dimensions with Amani Marji of Hudson Valley Bank.



Angelo Martinelli congratulates Grassy Sprain Pharmacy, this year's winner of "Best Pharmacy in Yonkers".



Anna Artuso's Pastry Shop on McLean Avenue are all smiles receiving this year's recognition for "Best Italian Pastry" award.



Jeanne Martinelli congratulates Best Landscaper Michael Carballano.

New Member Profile: Dr. John W. Sayegh

Dr. John Sayegh has been practicing in Yonkers for 21 years. I was born and grew up in Yonkers, attending Sacred Heart High School.

Being a Chiropractor allows me to serve the community by helping people get well. My office deals with patients' who have neck and back pain, headaches, radiating pain to upper and lower extremities. We our excellent at treating injuries from Auto accidents and work related injuries.

We are able to assist with nutrition and weight loss as well as wellness and maintenance care. Children can also benefit from Chiropractic care increasing overall health picture, strengthening the immune system and all systems of the body.

I also accept most major insurance plans and have affordable selfpay plans as well as family plans. I see patients from new born babies to senior citizens and have office hours from 9 am to 7 pm.

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New Member Profile: Fibertech Networks

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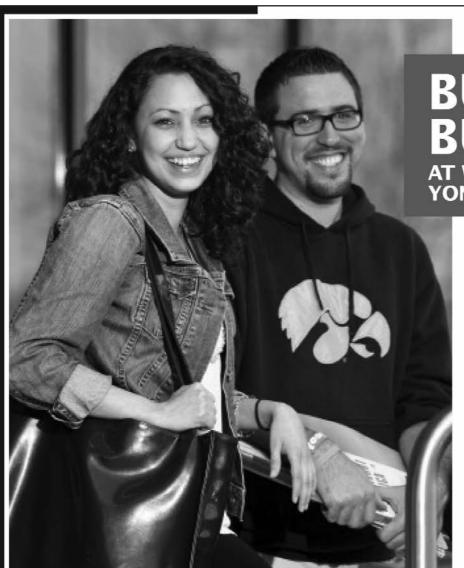
- Private Line TDM, DS1, DS3, OCX up to OC 192
- Internet from 3 Mg to 100 Gig
- Colocation

All of these services are backed by the company's award-winning customer service. For nine consecutive years, Fibertech has received the highest service and operations honors in an industry-wide customer survey conducted by Boston-based research and consulting

firm ATLANTIC-ACM, sweeping first place awards for brand, sales representatives, provisioning, customer service, network performance and billing.

Further information about the company can be found at www.fibertech.com or by contacting our Westchester Market Manager, Joanne Piquion at 914-319-5991 or jpiquion@fibertech.com.





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Business Hall of Fame 2012 Honorees

Lifetime Achievement Award:

Municipal Housing Authority of Yonkers

The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers (MHACY) was established in 1938 and formally recognized in Article 1 Section 3 of the NYS Public Housing Law of 1939. It is governed by a seven member Board of Commissioners, five of whom are appointed by the Mayor and two of whom are elected by the residents.

The Authority has numerous powers. In addition to normal property related duties such as the power to purchase, sell, contract, lease, collect rent, bring law suits, etc., the Authority has the power to issue bonds and take property through eminent domain.

MHACY primarily administers two programs, the public housing program in which the Authority owns and manages units of housing throughout the City for eligible residents and the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) program through which eligible participants are provided with rent supplements that enable them to afford to

lease privately owned apartments and/or houses.

At present the Authority administers 3193 vouchers and 2079 units of public housing and indirectly administers another 209 units of affordable housing built through a mixed-finance approach and managed privately.

MHACY presently is spearheading the redevelopment of two of its apartment complexes, the former Mulford Gardens and Cottage Place Gardens. In partnership with private developers and the City, the Authority demolished the 550 unit Mulford Gardens complex. 209 units of mixed-income housing have been built and occupied and another 56 units are in construction at the site right now. At Cottage, Schoolhouse Terrace, a two building 120 unit building complex with 50 senior and 70 family units, is nearing completion on the old Public School #6 site. Construction has recently begun on the next phase, a 51 unit family



Joseph Shuldiner, Executive Director

building on the southeast corner of Warburton Avenue and Willow Street. Working with the City of Yonkers, the Authority is designing a plan for the entire Ashburton Corridor between Racine and Nepperhan Avenues.

The Authority's Board of Commissioners is comprised as fol-

lows: Hon. Arthur J. Doran, Jr., Chairman; Lawrence Sansone, Vice Chairman; Resident Commissioner, Maxine Battle; Resident Commissioner, Joan Deierlein; Teresa Drain, Dalphine Meadows, Louis Nigrello, Joseph Shuldiner, Executive Director; Joan Magoolaghan, General Counsel.

Business Growth Award: Curto's Appliances

Curto's Appliance has grown from its humble beginnings on Ashburton Avenue, to an "appliance wonderland" at its brand new showroom located at 1966 Cenetral Park Avenue, Yonkers, Mario Curto, along with his brother Joe and sister, Lena, opened the doors to Curto's ince 1948 with little dollars in their pocket...but with plenty of determination and hard work they were able to thrive.

In May 2014 Curto's relaunched by opening its new, state of the art appliance showroom at 1966 Central Park Ave in Westchester County NY, just minutes north of New York City. The Phase 1 relaunch offers the largest appliance showroom in Westchester County featuring live kitchen displays and the largest Thermador, SubZero/Wolf, Liebherr, Viking and Bertazzoni displays in Westchester NY. The showroom is adjacent to towns such as Bronxville, Scarsdale, Hartsdale, Eastchester, New Rochelle, Larchmont and only minutes from Riverdale, Manhattan and Bergen and Fairfield Counties.

Through the years, Curtos has retained a prominent presence in the Yonkers business community. Marianne and Frank Giannettino have been running the family business after her dad, Mario's retirement 20 years ago. Frank...aka "the appliance superstar" has a committed and loyal following throughout the tri-state area.

With the emergence of the internet, Jonathan Giannettino decided to join his family's business and has taken Curto's to new heights. We have now expanded to serve the



Jonathan Giannettino, Appliance Dude

appliance needs throughout the country via our internet sales. Jonathan has also been instrumental in the opening of our new showroom which has been a two year process!

As we grow, the principles instilled by Mario, Joe and Lena have remained constant "family val-

ues - stellar service - respect for the consumer and humility."

Without the support of the City of Yonkers, our loyal customers and our hard working team at Curto's, this dream would not have become a reality. The Curto founding fathers would truly be proud.

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Business Hall of Fame 2012 Honorees



Leonard Spano, Executive Director

Education, specifically the education of disabled children, is in the midst of great change...change that brings both new problems and new opportunities. However, our past experiences have shown us that any problem can be overcome by the concerted efforts of a dedicated staff.

The Westchester School promotes a feeling of understanding and respect with regard to our employees and the children that we serve. We believe that the key to our success lies in the quality and dedication of our people. Each employee plays a critical role in providing the best possible service for our children.

Our first and most important responsibility is to do todays' job as well as you possibly can. In doing this we not only maintain the high standards that have been established, but we also expand our horizons and take advantage of the new opportunities that are developing for agencies such as ours.

In January 1972, the Mental Retardation Institute (MRI), a division of New York

Medical College, established a day school program for multiply handicapped children in Westchester County. Over the next few years, the School established a reputation of excellence and became a recognized and valued resource in Westchester County and the surrounding communities. Ten years later, in February 1982, the County assumed control and responsibility for all programs conducted by the Mental Retardation Institute, with the exception of the day school.

At that time there was discussion concerning closing MRI. Both the staff and the parents of the children in attendance joined together in support of the program. The Medical College agreed to continue as the Parent Organization with the understanding that this program would be established as a separate entity. One year late, February 1983, this was accomplished when a Charter was granted by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. The MRI day school became "The Westchester School

Chairman's Award:

Westchester School for Special Children

for Special Children".

The Westchester School moved to its Yonkers location in 1992 purchasing the former Blessed Sacrament High School at 45 Park Ave. The campus sits on close to two and half acres in downtown Yonkers employing 170 people and educating close to 250 children. Over 100 of the employees are Yonkers residents.

The Westchester School views all children, regardless of functioning level or special needs, as children with potential for growth and development. Historically, educational programming, particularly for the severely handicapped was primarily concerned for easing the burden of those who cared for these children. Changes in legal standards and socio-philosophical perspectives made this an excessively limited and limiting approach. Our rational for program and selection of educational objectives is based upon the developmental needs of the individual child.

Leonard Spano is the Executive Director of the Westchester School for Special Children. Leonard is a lifelong resident of the City of Yonkers and prior to accepting the position of Deputy Director in 2007, he was employed by the Westchester County Police Department for 23 years. Leonard was assigned to various posts including Second in Command of the Westchester County Drug Enforcement Administration Federal Task Force from 1991-2000. He and his colleagues won numerous awards and commendations for their effort in reducing the availability of drugs in the metropolitan area arresting mid-high level narcotic traffickers.

During Leonard's Law-Enforcement career, he always had a hand in education. Over the course of his career, he taught many classes in the Police Academy and was a New York State and FBI Certified Police Instructor. Beginning in 1996, Leonard also worked as an Adjunct Professor at Westchester Community College, Manhattan College, Empire College and Concordia College. Some of the courses he taught included: The Principles of Investigation, Probation and Parole, Intro to the Criminal Justice System, Business Communications, and Business Strategic Planning. While at Concordia College, he also served as the Assistant Director of the Adult Accelerated Degree Program.

In 2000 Leonard left the DEA Task Force to run for PBA President. He won the election and went on to lead the Westchester County Police Union, serving as CEO for over 250 members ensuring safe and equitable working conditions for all.

In 2007, Leonard retired from the County Police and accepted a position as Deputy Director of the Westchester School. Leonard Spano first became involved with the School by serving on the Westchester School's Board of Directors beginning in 1996 and was elected and served as Chairman of the Board from 2004-2007. He oversaw the schools' budget and overall management of school operations. In 2010, Leonard Spano was appointed Executive Director of the School.

Leonard holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Marist College and a Bachelor of Science from Iona College.



Henry Djonbalaj, President HD Real Estate

Henry Djonbalaj, an Albanian immigrant, came to the United States in 1974 along with his parents, 2 brothers and 3 sisters looking for a new life. He then moved to the City of Yonkers in 1988 and has been trying to make it the best it can be ever since.

Henry started in real estate back in 1984. He was a successful residential and commercial real estate broker in Manhattan and the Bronx before establishing HD Realty in Yonkers in 1997. Since that time,

the company has expanded to include two offices and a successful sales team of approximately 31 sales agents. Henry saw opening a second office as not only a business opportunity but as a way to better serve the community. As Vice Chairman of the McLean Avenue Merchants Association, Henry is a very strong believer in the growth and vitality of the Mc Lean Avenue business district. He can often be seen walking up and down the avenue meeting with merchants to discuss their needs and taking sug-

Outstanding Business Community Leader Award:

Henry Djonbalaj - HD Real Estate

gestions on how to make the business climate more cohesive to its patrons. He has encouraged the city to look into increasing parking availability, improving street lighting, increasing police presence and honoring all residents by hanging flags on ethnic holidays.

Henry, along with his colleagues on the McLean Merchants Association (MAMA), have been successful in creating the city's annual McLean Avenue St. Patricks Day Parade and the annual Mc Lean Avenue Fall Festival. Both events bring a tremendous amount of business and comradery to East Yonkers.

One of Henry's proudest achievements to our community is the creation of the September 11th Memorial Site at Conor Park on McLean Avenue. He elicited the help of various City of Yonkers departments along with the Yonkers DPW and Local 3

Electricians. The key feature at this memorial is an actual section of a steel beam from one of the Twin Towers. It is a permanent tribute to all the men and women of Yonkers who lost their lives on that tragic day.

Henry is extremely optimistic about both the Real Estate market AND the continued success and improvement of the City of Yonkers. With the love and support of his beautiful wife Marian and his two wonderful children, Adrian and Emilia, he continues to work hard on the Boards of The Lincoln Park Taxpayers Association, The Untermyer Park Performing Arts Council, The Aisling Irish Community Center Board and most recently, the Yonkers Green City Advisery Committee.

With all his business experience and determination, we all look forward to what Henry Djonbalaj has in store in the future for the City of Yonkers.



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Holiday Wish List 2014:

***All toys, clothes and donations must be new due to heightened infection control precautions.

Additionally, we cannot accept any plush toys***

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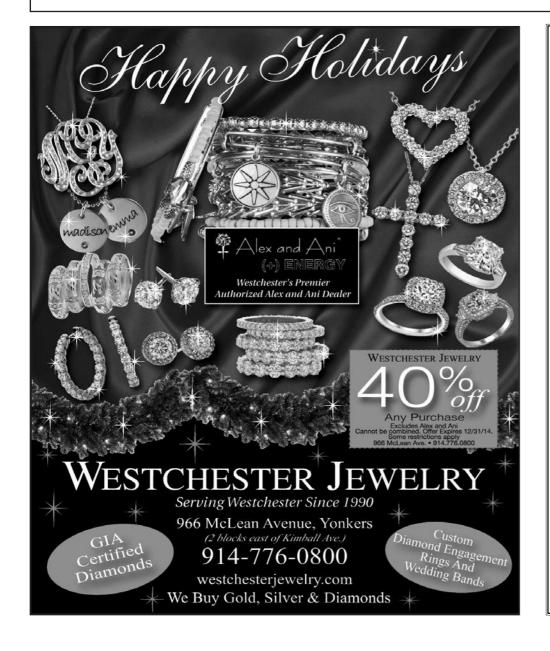
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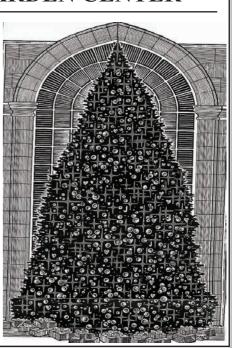
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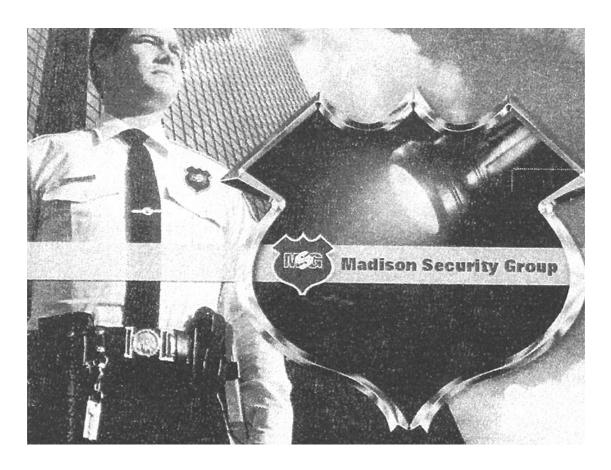
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