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Grand Holiday Illumination at Untermyer Gardens Opens December 9 -Free and Must See!



The Untermyer Gardens Conservancy is pleased to announce that the opening ceremony of its seventh annual Grand Holiday Illumination will take place on December 9 at 5:30 PM. Doors open at 5:15PM in the Walled Garden at Untermyer Park and Gardens. The Walled Garden's architecture and plantings will be dramatically illuminated with more than 100,000 lights after a countdown led by Mayor Mike Spano. Following the opening ceremony, hot chocolate will be served while beautiful recorded music from many traditions will be played.

This gift to the community from the Conservancy will continue daily through January 1. This is the only holiday illumination in the metro New York area that is free to the public. Every day from 4:30-8:00 PM, the Walled Garden will be open for visitors to stroll, admire the lights and listen to peaceful recorded JEWISH, CHRISTIAN, MUSLIM, HINDU AND ZOROASTRIAN music. Free hot chocolate will be served by various community groups. If your community group would like to participate, visit our website for more information <https://www.untermyergardens.org/2021-grand-holiday-illumination.html>.

The gardens are located at 945 North Broadway, Yonkers, NY. Sponsors of the Grand Holiday Illumination include ASR/Domino, ArtsWestchester, AVR Realty Company, St. Johns Riverside Hospital, and The Plant. In the event of inclement weather, please visit our website or Facebook page for announcements. www.untermyergardens.org <https://www.facebook.com/UntermyerGardens/>

County Legislators from Yonkers Split on Menthol Cigarette Ban That Passed 11-6-pg 2 Yonkers City Council Majority Leader Tasha Diaz "Clear the Air"



Yonkers City Council Majority Leader Tasha Diaz

On Nov. 28, we received the following statement from Yonkers City Council Majority Leader Tasha Diaz. "For the past 12 months, I have been harassed by so-called "activists and community leaders", when in reality they are anarchists and extortionists. It is clear that these people have targeted me, a woman of color instead of my white male counterparts on the council in hopes of bullying me into voting on the council for their agenda.

However, I will not allow any veiled threat or intimidation tactic to effect my representation of the people. I have faced badgering and harassment at community events. I have been assaulted at food distributions to the less fortunate. These individuals have attempted to extort me into voting their way on key issues before the council by threatening me with a primary and continued harassment.

"I did support to keep the Affordable Housing Ordinance at 10% for the time being. At 10%, we ensure our communities to have guaranteed access to affordable housing. The fact that while Yonkers makes up 20% of Westchester's population, it makes up a majority of the affordable housing in Westchester signifies that our current Affordable Housing Ordinance is working better than anywhere else in the county.

"Once a better plan is figured out, I look forward to passing it.

"I did vote to extend term limits for the office of Mayor and City Council.

The consensus is Yonkers is moving in the right direction, therefore, I want to put the rights solely in the residents of this city whether or not their elected officials should continue to represent them. I represent the voices of the people in this city TODAY, not the ones 21 years ago that voted yes to a referendum.

"I stand proud on my voting record as a Councilwoman. I look forward to continue delivering for the people of Yonkers."

Sincerely, Tasha Diaz, Majority Leader the Yonkers City Council

Yonkersmania! Council Meeting on Term Limits the Talk of the City



By Ron Matten

On Tuesday night, November 22, we got to watch the Yonkers City Council extend term limits for the second time in a row. I applaud the council members for sitting through two nights of commentary by city employees and residents. It was the political theater at its best, just blocks from Lionsgate. The individual members made up their minds even before the Council President presented the legislation in the rules committee. She would have never put it forward if she didn't have the votes.

There were a few unscripted surprises. Mike Breen parted with the Yonkers

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Eric Schoen, Dan Murphy and Mark Twain in Yonkers? All Inside...



Yonkers Super Swimmer Medals at State Swimming -Diving Championships



Maichina Gennarelli

One of Yonkers High School's greatest swimmers had another amazing achievement on Friday, November 18th. Maichina Gennarelli, pictured above, represented Yonkers Varsity Swim Team at the 2022 NYS Swimming and Diving State Championships in Rochester, NY.

This was her second year qualifying for State Championships in the 500 yard freestyle. Gennarelli placed 14th in the event with a time of 5:11.78. Maichina is a junior at Yonkers High School and currently holds 8 of 12 team records for the girls varsity program.

Last year, Maichina made history for Yonkers as she was the first female to qualify for Swimming State Championships, which were held in Ithaca, NY.

Westchester County Board Bans Sale of Flavored Tobacco-Menthol Cigs 11-6 Vote

What Clothes Are You Wearing This Holiday Season?



By Dennis Richmond Jr., pictured above, styled by Dani and Jada-Lee

The holiday season is here, and people are starting to feel it. Millions of people are going to travel across the country to visit friends and family. From November 2022 to early 2023, people everywhere celebrate Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and/or Tu BiShvat. With that, for some, it's time to dress to impress. Depending on the holiday, the family, and the budget, the holiday season could also mean an in-house fashion show.

Jake Colvin is the founder of Modern Fellows. The Washington D.C.-based effort gets to know the entrepreneurs and innovative brands helping professionals dress sharp in the digital age. According to Jake, there are 27 exclusive luxury brands for upscale clothing. Luxury brands, as defined by Modern Fellows, "sell goods or services that are privileged, expensive, and sought after. While luxury goods are often made from high-quality materials, their cost far exceeds the materials and effort required to produce them."

Some luxury brands include Louis Vuitton, Balenciaga, Dior, Comme des Garçons, Bottega Veneta, and Givenchy. Despite America's love of fashion, Forbes reported that with inflation and the economy the way it is, some of the "biggest drops could come in clothing and footwear, with 25% of people expected to cut back in those areas" when they shop this holiday season. Some folks will wear "ugly Christmas sweaters," and others will go all out to get dressed. Though 1/4 of America will cut back, there's still 75% that's willing to pay the big bucks.

Some families have all-white themes. Meaning everybody has to wear all white to the function. In other families, folks don't care. That would mean come as you are. Of course, there is the "dress to impress" family. These are families where relatives try to out-dress each other. Some families fight over who's cooking, and others fight about who's wearing what. Regardless of how you choose to dress this holiday season, be safe and try to help someone in need with a meal or a gift.

Dennis Richmond, Jr., is an author and journalist focused on the Black, Latinx, and LGBTQIA+ Community. He lives in Yonkers. Follow him on Twitter @NewYorkStakz.

County Legislators Johnson, Alvarado vote Yes
County Legislators Tubiolo and Nolan vote no

By Dan Murphy

On Nov. 28, the Westchester Board of Legislators (BOL) passed a bill banning the retail sale and distribution of flavored tobacco products in Westchester County. The final vote was 11-6 and was closer than some had believed. When enforced in six months, the legislation will be one of the most comprehensive in the state by banning all tobacco flavors, including menthol, mint, and wintergreen.

"This is a positive step for public health in Westchester County. It is good policy and protects the vulnerable from continuing to be exploited by Big Tobacco. We seized an opportunity to shield our citizens, especially children from the challenges of nicotine addiction and related health risks," remarked Legislator Williams Johnson, sponsor of the bill and Chair of the Committee on Health, "In passing this legislation, our Board has set an example for other jurisdictions to follow. The lives of our children and families are worth so much more than the millions of dollars tobacco manufacturers make from the intentional, long-term destruction of our communities."

"People under 25 are more susceptible to nicotine dependency because the human brain is still developing. Menthol enhances the effects of nicotine on the brain leading to lower impulse control and higher risks of lifelong addiction. By banning these lethal products, we are going to save lives," Chairwoman Catherine Borgia commented, "I congratulate Health Committee Chair Legislator Williams Johnson for her tenacity in getting this legislation over the finish line."

Majority Leader Legislator Christopher Johnson added, "The road to getting this bill passed was full of roadblocks. But, even with intense pressure from the tobacco industry, we remained resilient to make Westchester pioneers in the fight against flavored tobacco. We urge our counterparts in other counties to do the same."

Six county legislators voted no. They are, Legislators Ben Boykin, James Nolan, David Tubiolo, Margaret Cunzio, Terry Clements and Tyrae Woodson-Samuels.

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Yonkers Zoning Board of Appeals Launches New Webpage & Public Comment Portal

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Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced the City's Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) launched its new webpage, www.yonkersny.gov/ZBA, in its continued efforts to provide more transparency and accessibility for residents. In cooperation with the City's Department of Housing and Buildings (DHB), the ZBA page allows the public to access agenda items, schedules, zoning applications, archives and portal to provide public comment. All public notices also will feature a custom QR code, linking directly to the new ZBA webpage.

"One of our responsibilities in government is to provide residents the tools they need to be active and effective members of their community," said Mayor Spano. "The Yonkers ZBA, led by Wilson Kimball, understands that accessible government is good government when implementing these changes. With these new, yet simple features to our website, Yonkers is encouraging the public to be part of the decision making process that can affect them and their neighbors."

"Mayor Spano tasked the Department of Housing and Building and I with improving customer service in regard to the ZBA. I want to thank the Mayor, the City's DHB and IT departments and the ZBA Board for working hand and hand to make these changes possible," commented Wilson Kimball, Yonkers ZBA Chairperson.

The Zoning Board of Appeals is a seven-member board appointed by the Mayor. The Board hears petitions for area and use variances from the Zoning Ordinance along with appeals from the interpretation of the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Buildings. Meetings are usually held on the third Tuesday of each month in the Ceremonial Court at Yonkers City Hall at 6:00 p.m. All applications to the Board must be filed at least 22 days prior to the meeting and are filed and processed in the Department of Housing and Buildings. The agenda is prepared by the DBH and is published in the required news publications.

The City of Yonkers' Zoning Board of Appeals include Chairperson Wilson Kimball and board members Harry Singh, Hector Lopez, Ralph Battista, Jr., Jean Tickell, Anthony Gjelaj and Alfred Vasso, Jr.

Celebrate the Holidays at the Yonkers DPW Center

Celebration includes First-Ever Selfie & Sip with Santa and Chanukah Menorah Lighting, Thursday, December 15 - Sunday, December 18

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, Department of Public Works Commissioner Thomas G. Meier and Teamsters Local 456 invite Yonkers residents to celebrate the holidays with the City's first-ever Selfie & Sip with Santa. Festivities begin Thursday, December 15th and run through Sunday, December 18th at the Yonkers Department of Public Works (DPW) Service Center, where visitors are invited to enjoy holiday lights and decorations, FREE hot cocoa, candy and the opportunity take their own photo with Santa in his "workshop." The DPW Service Center also will host a Chanukah Menorah Lighting on Sunday, December 18th at 4PM.

"What better time than now for us to give back to our community during this most joyful and festive time of year," said Mayor Spano. "Thank you to the spirited, hard-working Teamsters and DPW workers for giving of their time so all can partake in the magic of the holidays. We hope all can join us!"

Visitors are invited to celebrate the holidays at the Yonkers DPW Service, located at 1130 Nepperhan Avenue, at the following dates and times:

Selfie & Sip with Santa	
v Thursday, December 15	4PM-7PM
v Friday, December 16	4PM-7PM
v Saturday, December 17	11AM-3PM
v Sunday, December 18	11AM-3PM
Chanukah Menorah Lighting	
v Sunday, December 18	4PM

"The Department of Public Works is thrilled to be starting our annual Selfie & Sip with Santa holiday tradition," said DPW Commissioner Thomas G. Meier. "This is a wonderful opportunity for the men and women of this Department to give back to our residents and come together to celebrate this joyous time of year. Giving back to those in need is the epitome of the holiday season and we strongly encourage donations of non-perishable food items."

Teamsters Local 456 President Louis Picani added, "We are delighted to partner with the Mayor and the Commissioner in the first ever Selfie & Sip with Santa event. Teamsters Local 456 is always on the forefront helping the communities in which we work and live in, and we hope the residents come out to enjoy some holiday cheer."

In an effort to provide for those in need this holiday season, donations of non-perishable food items will be collected at the Department of Public Works Service Center in collaboration with the scheduled events.

Naughty Boys and Girls on the Yonkers City Council



By Eric Wolf Schoen

To the tune of Santa Claus Comes to Town:

You better watch out,
Or you'll start to cry.
You better watch out I'm telling you why.
The Yonkers City Council is up to their antics again!

Collins-Bellamy, Rubbo, Diaz and Breen,
It's hard to believe what four people will do
Screw the voters like me and you.
The Yonkers City Council is up to their antics again.

They pulled off a trick in a mere 7 days,
Typical way they do business now a days.
The Yonkers City Council is up to their crazy antics again!

They never ever sleep.
They are scheming all the time,
The Yonkers City Council is up to their antics again!
All of it on the taxpayers dime!

You better watch out,
Here they go again!
You better watch out,
I am telling you my friends.
The Yonkers City Council is up to their antics again!

Well, I am no poet. I do not lie. But this whole term limits situation has made me cry. If you were away last week, the Yonkers City Council voted pending the Mayor's signature a change to the City Charter to allow the Mayor, City Council President, and Council members to serve 4 terms in their offices of course with voter approval. This after they pulled the same shenanigans 4 years ago in 2018 going from 2 terms to 3.

How have Charter changes always been done in the past. By city wide referendum. The council could have put it on the ballot for next November but the Mayor and City Council would have lost the perks of the office if they like Mayor Spano had completed 3 terms. It doesn't matter so much to Spano as it does to Breen, Collins Bellamy and Diaz. They are building their pensions and need 10 years of city service to get their pensions and all the other perks of the job like lifetime free health and dental care. Nice work if you can get it, and through schemes like this they try pretty hard.

Westchester County Legislature is term limited to 8 years, so why does the Yonkers City Council not follow them. This is more of a question of integrity than anything else. And Collins-Bellamy, Rubbo, Breen and Diaz have lost all their credibility in my book. They could have waited to do this but it's simply a matter of greed.

This is not a question of Mayor Mike Spano. Take Spano out of the equation. As I have told you Before at a city public event in 2018 Spano assured me he was not going for a third term. 'Eric, you know how difficult this job is and how much it takes away from your family. I would never go for a third term.' Weeks later the Council extended the term limits from 2 to 3. I called Mayor Spano a liar then and his public statements prove once again this year he is lying to the residents of Yonkers. I have known Mike for for a long time and his behavior on this matter shocks me.

His behavior has split people that are pro-Mike Spano and long time friends like me. It isn't that we don't like Mike. It isn't that he's not doing a good job. It's simply that his there are many people who would like to step up to the plate and run for Mayor. Mike Spano is not the only person capable of being Mayor. There are many Hispanic, Black, Asian, Christians and Jews who would like to take a shot at the Mayor' office. Why are they not given the opportunity?

Let me explain to you as of today how the City Hall scheme is going to go. Collins-Bellamy will be appointed a judge in January to take over the seat vacated by Goldberg-Velasquez on her elevation to the Supreme Court. Collins-Bellamy really has had no accomplishments in her term of office. Diaz will be appointed Council President. The Mayor will fill Diaz's seat with someone from the Hispanic Community. Spano can't run for County Executive as the job is promised to Ken Jenkins when Latimer retires. So he will run and win for another four years. What does Rubbo get out of the deal? He will be appointed either a Deputy Mayor or Economic Development head where he can use the experience gained in the restaurant business to help bring other businesses to Yonkers.

So this is how deal making goes in Yonkers. It's that way with the division of

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Yonkers Man Sentenced to 17 Years for Violent Hate Crime Against Asian Woman



Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah and Yonkers Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza announced that Yonkers resident Tammel Esco, 42, was sentenced on November 29, 2022, to 17½ years in state prison for the March 2022 violent hate crime against a 67-year-old Asian woman in Yonkers. The defendant, who pled guilty on September 27, 2022, to Assault in the First Degree as a Hate Crime, a violent felony, has been held without bail since his arrest by the Yonkers Police Department on March 11, 2022, the day of the attack.

DA Rocah said: “Today we close a chapter on one of the most vicious and shocking hate crimes we’ve seen in Westchester County. The successful prosecution of this case is the result of the courage and cooperation of the victim and her family, the partnership of the Yonkers Police Department, and our dedicated team who worked tirelessly on behalf of the victim. This is a case that has traumatized not only the victim and her family, but also her neighbors, the Westchester community, and the broader Asian American and Pacific Islander community. As Westchester DA, I remain unequivocally committed to seeking justice for victims of violent crime and fighting hate in all forms.”

Commissioner Sapienza said: “Tammel Esco brutally assaulted an innocent victim in a hate-filled attack; he will now spend the next seventeen years of his life in prison as a consequence of his actions. I only hope the victim and her family can find some degree of peace now that justice has been served. Let this sentence be a clear message to others who would perpetrate violence in our communities, that Yonkers and Westchester law enforcement will commit every resource to hold violent criminals accountable. I extend my sincere gratitude to the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office for prosecuting this case with maximum effort, and our Yonkers Police Officers and Detectives for their diligent response and investigation.”

On March 11, 2022, at approximately 6:07 p.m., the defendant yelled at the victim, who is of Filipino descent, that she was an “Asian bitch.” The defendant then approached the victim from behind as she entered the vestibule of her apartment building on Riverdale Avenue in Yonkers and punched her in the head, knocking her to the ground. The defendant continued to punch the victim more than 100 times, repeatedly stomped on her upper body in his construction boots, and then spit on her. The victim and defendant both lived in the same building.

The Yonkers Police Department arrested the defendant shortly after the incident, which was captured on video surveillance.

The victim was transported to Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, where she was treated for bleeding on the brain, multiple facial fractures, and bruising and lacerations to her head and face.

The victim appeared in court to read her impact statement: “Because of the viciousness and hate of Tammel Esco, I lost the place I called home for over 24 years, the place where I raised my daughters, and my longtime neighbors... As the attack happened, all I could think was, ‘Please Lord let me live, please Lord my daughters need me.’ A complete stranger heartlessly spit, beat and kicked me over 100 times just because of my heritage... My only hope is that God and the criminal justice system will see fit to make sure this never happens to any other innocent family again.”

Term Limits Council Meeting Brings Me Back in Time-By Dan Murphy

The Yonkers City Council meeting held on Nov. 22, to consider extending term-limits for the Mayor and Council to 4 terms (16 years) was one of the wild Yonkers Council meetings that covered close to 20 years ago. Emotions on both sides of the issue resulted in an enflamed public in attendance.

I believe that this passion for or against term limits, came to a boil in the council chambers as a result of the toxic, online and social media presence covering Yonkers politics.

I wrote about Mayor Spano considering a 4th term over the summer. I have been talking to many elected officials and democrats and republicans, about what will happen when and if term limits would be on the council agenda at the end of the year. Some of my conversations focused on the belief that the Mayor would not run for a fourth term.

In the early fall, a rally was held in opposition to changing term limits. Five people showed up. Many of the prominent Yonkers democrats did not take a stand on this issue.

Onto the council meeting Nov. 22. The crowd overflowed into the hallway. Several attendees were asked to leave the chambers. One of those persons was Hector Santiago, the Stop and Shake founder.

A video from the chambers shows police officers not in uniform escorting Santiago into the hallway. Santiago says that he was assaulted by a police officer in the hallway. The Yonkers Police say that “Hector was being escorted from the chambers for unruly behavior; in the hallway, he struck a detective; the detective struck him back, the group fell to the floor, and he was placed under arrest. This incident, like all criminal incidents, will be adjudicated in a court of law with due process afforded to all parties,” said YPD Lt. Dean Politopoulos

We still don’t have the police report. Santiago is considering legal action. It is unfortunate that Hector had to spend the night in jail. More to come.

The Council vote was 4-3. Three members of the council, Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac, and Councilmen John Rubbo and Anthony Merante are either considering a run for Mayor or have considered it recently. Rubbo voted for extending term limits so he is not expected to run, but look for Merante and Pineda-Isaac, who both voted against extending term limits, to make an announcement in the spring.

Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy and Council Majority Leader Tasha Diaz were both criticized by many in attendance for their vote in favor of extending term limits. Council President Collins-Bellamy ran a council meeting with one of the more raucous crowds that I have seen in 20 years. She did the best that anyone could have done, except if she cleared the chambers of visitors.

And she explained her vote, and put to rest any rumors about her becoming a city judge or members of her family and city jobs.

Majority Leader Diaz also responded to accusations made against her, online, and in the audience. She also explained her comments that night in an OP-Ed in our paper on pg 1. We reviewed the video and found Diaz responding not only to members of the audience, but her fellow members of the council, to what she thought was hypocritical behavior. She was loud, but wanted to get her point

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GOP and voted in favor of extending term limits. Chairman John Larkin released a statement condemning the extension of term limits by council vote. The Yonkers GOP would have preferred to see a referendum, giving residents a voice in the legislation. However, Breen’s defection should not be seen as a surprise. He attempted the assembly race without Spano support and did not succeed.

In the few pieces of legislation Breen has initiated, he seems to favor the mayors’ need. The removal of the PE designation from the commissioner of building’s requirement was bad legislation. Breen equates that to a hospital administrator not being a physician, a flawed analogy. The mayor is the administrator, and the commissioner is the department head. How many hospitals hire an accountant to run anesthesiology? And let’s not forget that it was Breen who introduced the legislation to extend term limits in 2018.

Corazon Pineda-Issacs presented a concise and cogent argument against extending term limits. In retrospect, this should not be seen as a surprise either. Her words were eloquent, and her analogies were spot on. The council spent six weeks debating how trash should be picked up, but ten days on voting rights.

The real surprises came when the Council President and Majority Leader spoke. Lakisha Collins-Bellamy suffered a family tragedy and deserves credit for placing her duties in front of family obligations. She took the opportunity to set the record straight before her vote. Although this was not the right venue, I understand the emotion.

Tasha Diaz was completely out of line. She must have felt that the Council President’s speech would eclipse her “shining” star. Diaz addressed and disparaged her constituents and members of the gallery. Council members are not to enter into discussions with the gallery. Her words were inflammatory, which led to an altercation in the gallery and an arrest. She once again proved her unsuitability for public office.

Politicians and elected officials need to have thick skin. If you can’t take criticism, find another profession. If you think you can make everyone happy, you are deluded. Tuesday night’s performance by the council was an embarrassment to our city.

The subject of term limits and the irrational behavior of some council members is not about the mayor or his performance. Mike Spano has achieved a lot for Yonkers in the last four years. I don’t think we would have gotten here without Spano and his team at the helm, but legislation cannot be about one person. I advocated for a third term, because in 2018 Yonkers was in a financial mess and Mayor Mike had the trust of Governor Cuomo. While the mayor has done a good job in the last four years, he is not the only person capable of running this city and we are not in the same dire position as 2018.

Ron Matten was the republican candidate for Yonkers City Council President in 2021.

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Remembering Former Westchester Board of Elections Dep. Commissioner Jeannie Palazola



Jeannie L. Palazola, age 67, of Yonkers, New York passed away on Friday, November 18, 2022. She was strong and defiant in the face of several health complications and bravely fought to see her family after repeated hospital stays.

She was a loving mother of two sons, Matthew (Catherine) and Kristian Palazola as well as a doting grandmother to three granddaughters, Emma, Sadie and Lila Palazola. As many know, Jeannie was very passionate for her cats. She was a mentor and second mother to others in our community.

Jeannie was a fierce leader, friend and ally. She was a retired Deputy Commissioner of the Westchester County Board of Elections. She served as a District Leader, 12th Ward Leader in the City of Yonkers as well as a Vice Chair for the Westchester County Democratic Committee for many years.

She was a voracious reader with interests from history and space to mysteries and science fiction. Jeannie loved crafts and painting, she enjoyed making candles and soap. She loved plants, flowers, the ocean and multicultural dining – NYC's Chinatown for beef chow fun was one of her favorite places to visit.

She will be deeply missed by her family and friends. A visitation for Jeannie will be held Monday, November 21, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Whalen & Ball Funeral Home, 168 Park Ave, Yonkers, NY 10703. A mass of christian burial will occur Tuesday, November 22, 2022 from 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM at Sacred Heart RC Church, 110 Shonnard Pl., Yonkers, NY 10703. An interment will occur Tuesday, November 22, 2022 from 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM at Woodlawn Cemetery, 233rd St. & Webster Ave., Bronx, NY 10470.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.whelenandballfh.com for the Palazola family.

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jobs and other economic activities. Everybody gets a piece of the pie until someone in the crust is unhappy. Then all hell breaks loose and everybody gets together and tries one again for a deal out the goodies. Then peace is made once again. The cycle goes on and on. As my grandfather would say, 'There's plenty for everybody. When some people or person gets greedy that's when all hell breaks loose.

I read with interest the article last week on why the Council President and Council members voted the way they did. Collins-Bellamy said 'this is toughest vote I have taken.' Wait until all the stimulus money is gone and layoffs begin. Try telling someone they will be losing their job. That's a difficult vote taken oh so many times in Yonkers.

Diaz said, 'the show is over and we stick together.' Yes the deal was made and she got her piece of the action come January. At a recent event Diaz attacked me when I asked her if she was voting against the term limits. Apparently she has a disagreement with Pineda-Isaac as she, rather loudly said if she didn't vote for the term limit extension Pineda-Isaac would become Mayor.

Breen said some bizarre thing about the democratic process but the election still exists next year.' Breen will get his piece of the action when all these deals come together. Rubbo said we wouldn't have the leadership Mayor Spano brings if we don't have the ability to elect him. Rubbo was rumored to be in line for Mayor so I guess he doesn't have the leadership to be elected Mayor.

Friends, it's all one big game until someone doesn't get what they want. But again to quote Grandpa, 'there's plenty for everybody. When some people get greedy, well that's when all hell breaks loose'.

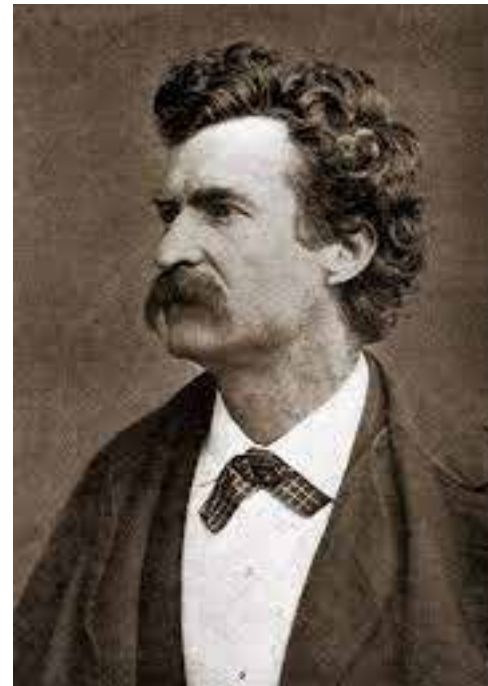
You haven't heard the end of this saga yet. Congratulation Council persons Pineda Isaac, Merante and Williams for doing the right thing and voting no on extension of term limits. Congratulations to the Yonkers Republican Party for issuing a statement against the extension.

This saga is far from over! This, too is the corrupt, self serving politics of Yonkers!

A brief note: Thank you to Toy guru Richard Gottlieb for his appearance on my last radio show. Richard is a Consultant and Commentator in the toy industry. When the networks want someone to talk toys Richard is their man.

Listen to Eric Schoen on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.

On This Day in Yonkers History...



A young Mark Twain lived in Yonkers

By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Historian, President Emerita Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the 2004 Key to History, and President Untermyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, December 5th

December 5, 1905: A large number of men and women from Yonkers attended a dinner at Delmonico's, honoring Mark Twain on his seventieth birthday. Twain had lived in Yonkers for a year at 523 Riverdale Avenue.

December 5, 1917: City Hall was bombarded with complaints about trash not being collected. The Commissioner of Public Works was blamed; shortly after the election, he said he did not have money to pay men for the rest of the year, so dismissed all the workers and teams in his department. John Fry, President of the Real Estate Board of the Chamber of Commerce, stated that conditions had gotten so bad it was "becoming a menace to public health."

Tuesday December 6th

December 6, 1905: Harper Brothers, after purchasing Metropolitan Magazine and the Daily Telegraph, appointed John Kendrick Bangs of Yonkers its editor.

December 6, 1918: Former President William Howard Taft visited Yonkers and spoke at the British Day Celebration Committee meeting held at the new Armory on North Broadway.

December 6, 1935: Head Librarian Grinton Will was notified approval of a third mural for the Yonkers Public Library Children's Room was given by the Works Progress Administration. The mural was to be painted by Yonkers artist David Hutchinson who created the two already installed in the Children's Room. One of the murals currently is on display at Will Library on Central Park Avenue; the others are in storage.

Wednesday December 7th

December 7, 1867: Yonkers resident Charles Thompson demonstrated and promoted a cable-driven passenger railway, the West Side and Yonkers Patent Railway.

December 7, 1909: Leo Baekeland patented Bakelite, the first thermosetting plastic.

December 7, 1926: Mayor William Walsh announced he wanted the Common Council to change the name of Trevor Park; he wanted it named after a "more direct benefactor to the city."

Thursday, December 8th:

December 8, 1922: Although told by the State Prison Commission they needed to upgrade our city jail or build a new one, City officials appeal before them to explain why they could not. Their excuse was the extensive school building program Yonkers had adopted to the tune of \$3,000,000. After listening to the arguments of Mayor Taussig and Corporation Counsel Lewis, Commission President Thomas Kennedy ruled the new jail could be deferred... temporarily.

December 8, 1950: Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Crier passed away. He served our country twice, once as a young man in the World War and the second during WW II, when he was appointed commander of the 23rd internal security Battalion. At the time of his passing, he not only was President of the NAACP, he was the Yonkers City Court Bookkeeper in charge of collecting fees.

Friday, December 9th:

December 9, 1936: Yonkers WPA workers anxiously waited confirmation of the rumor that WPA Administrator Harry Hopkins had stopped the wholesale dismissals of program workers throughout the country. Hopkins had a Yonkers connection; his sister Adah Hopkins Aime lived on Hawthorne Avenue and had served as Executive Secretary of the Yonkers Red Cross.

December 9, 1947: The Yonkers Common Council changed zoning on city-owned property in the western portion of the former Untermyer estate, hoping to tighten building restriction. The move changed zoning from an "S" to an "S-1," increasing the size of a residence to 10,000 square feet. This followed a recommendation of the City Planning Board to maintain the "open character of the property retained as much as possible."

Saturday, December 10th:

December 10, 1924: Workmen excavating on McLean Avenue near Harding Avenue unearthed two skulls believed to be those of Native Americans. Historians

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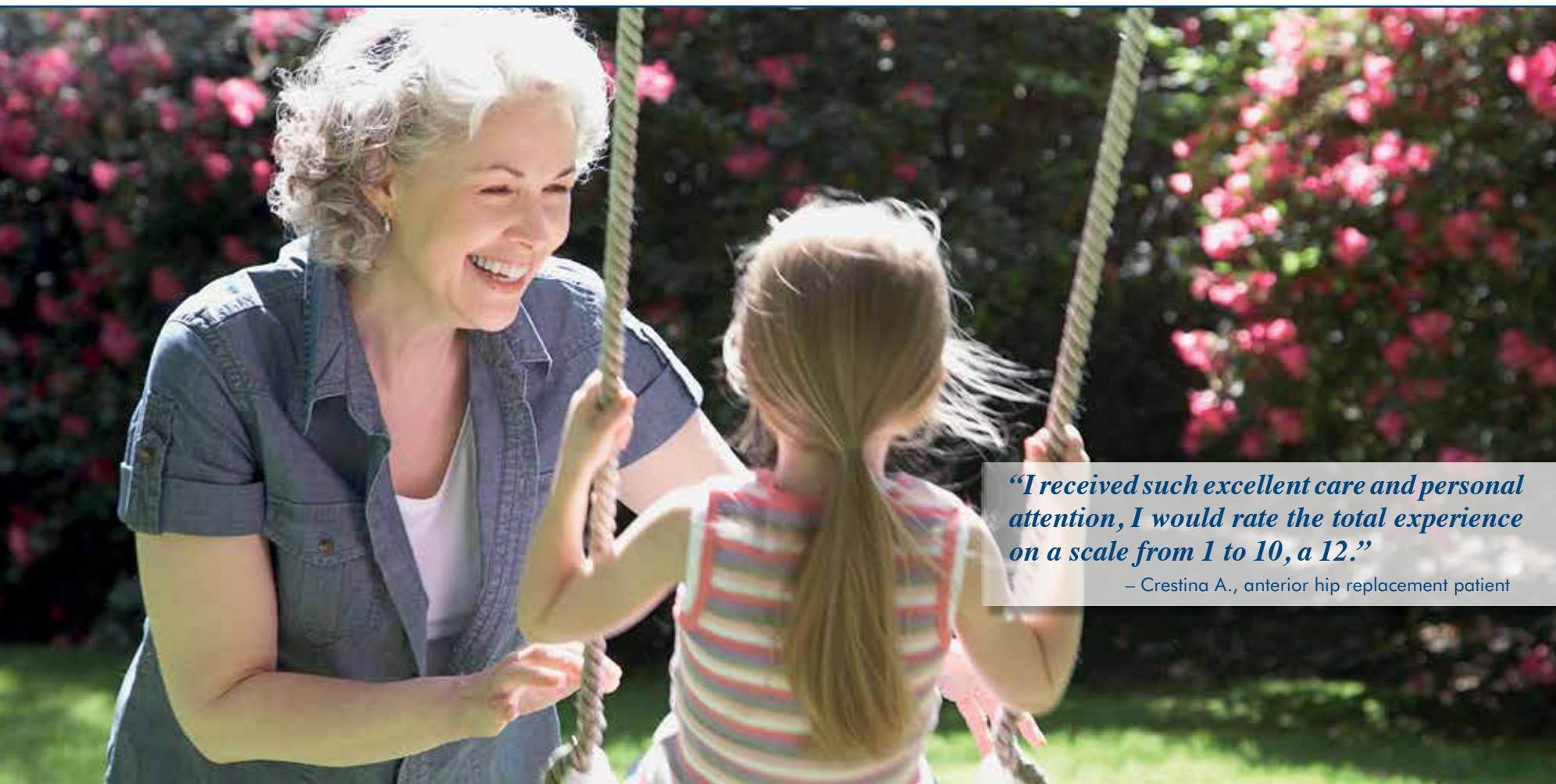
Councilwoman Pineda-Isaac's CP 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament



all of the players participating in the CP 3 on 3 above. Below the three winning teams and their trophies, with Councilwoman Pineda-Isaac and volunteers



Yonkers City Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac hosted her 7th annual 3-on-3 Basketball tournament, on Nov. 19. “One of my favorite events of the year took place this past weekend...my annual CP2 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. This is the first hosting it at the beautiful Dayspring Community Center gymnasium. Every single participant got a free t-shirt and went home with a brand new basketball. And of course we had plenty of drinks, snacks and pizza while we were there. Winners went home with trophies and Amazon gift cards. Thank you to everyone that helped make this possible, including Westhab, Yonkers Fire Local 628, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, State Senator Shelley Mayer, Mayor Mike Spano, Councilman John Rubbo, Yonkers Federation of Teachers, Fidelis, and ShopRite. Thank you also to all the volunteers who showed up to help out! It was indeed a great day. Tom Meier you and your team rock,” said Pineda-Isaac, who had a good turnout for the tournament, with some good basketball.



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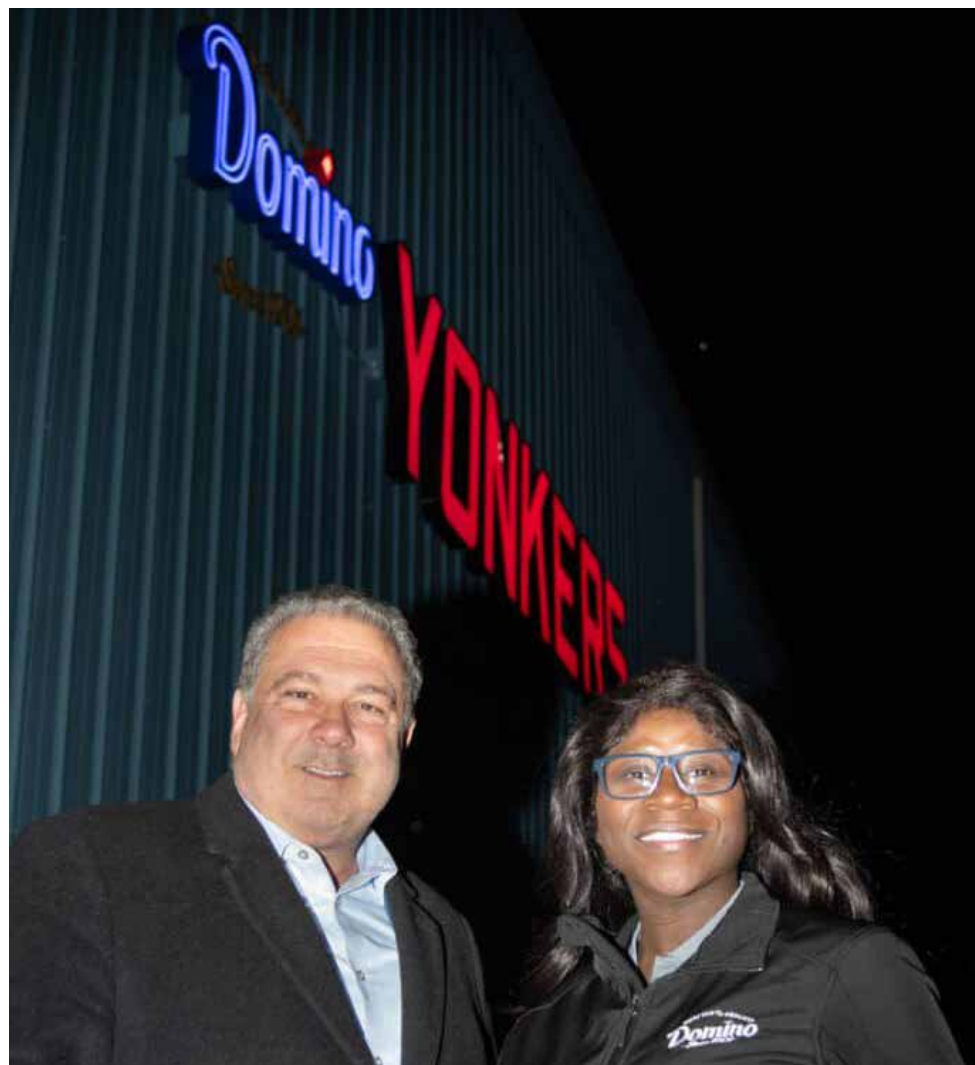
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Light Up Yonkers-Domino Sugar Unveils LED Welcome Sign



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12/1	4:30 - 5:30 PM	Downtown Waterfront BID/Getty Square
12/2	5:00 - 8:00 PM	Untermeyer Performing Arts Council/Untermeyer Park
	6:00 - 8:00 PM	South Broadway BID/Lincoln Park
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	CHAT Tree Lighting/St. George Parkway at Longvue Terrace
12/5	3:00 - 5:00 PM	Cedar Knolls Colony/Darcy Park
	7:00 - 8:00 PM	Girl Scouts Heart of Hudson/American Legion Plaza (East of Crestwood Train Station)
12/7	7:00 - 8:00 PM	The Luther Burbank Club/Rumsey Road
12/8	6:00 - 8:00 PM	McLean Avenue Merchants/Conor Park
12/9	5:00 - 8:00 PM	Untermeyer Gardens Conservancy/Untermeyer Park
12/21	5:00 PM	Chanukah Menorah Lighting/Yonkers City Hall
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Chabad Car Parade/City Hall to Central Park Avenue

The Domino Sugar refinery unveiled a new LED welcome sign in Yonkers last night. The sign, measuring 4 feet by 30 feet, combines the newly refreshed Domino Sugar logo with the city's name in lettering that pays homage to the iconic sign on the Yonkers Recreation Pier downtown. The YONKERS letters are illuminated with color-changing LEDs that can be adjusted seasonally.

The event was attended by the Mayor of Yonkers, Mike Spano. "We take great pride in global companies that chose to make their products here in Yonkers and Domino Sugar just makes life a little sweeter here in this city," said Mayor Spano.

"Our new sign signals our company's continued dedication to our refinery, our employees, our community and the City of Yonkers," said Yonkers Refinery Manager Tiffany Dunnell, of ASR Group, and pictured left with Mayor Spano "We're proud to call Yonkers home and plan to be here for generations to come."

The Yonkers Refinery provides well-paying, union jobs for generations of families. Forty vessels a year deliver to the plant more than 515,000 tons of raw sugar, which is refined at a rate of more than 4.3 million pounds per day. The refinery's eight packaging lines produce 25 different premium products and package sizes.

The company invests in the local community around the refinery through partnerships with local non-profits – such as Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE), Feeding Westchester, the Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club, the Yonkers Downtown/Waterfront BID and Greyston Foundation..

Yonkers on the Move-YOM Celebrates Another Year



On Nov. 17, Yonkers on the Move, (YOM) celebrated another year of getting the people of Yonkers, moving, and walking to stay active and healthy. YOM has been around for quite some time and we are glad to see them still active.

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