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## 10 Westchester Communities Opt Out of Marijuana Dispensaries, Cafes

### Opting Out:

**Eastchester, Yorktown, Larchmont, Ardsley, Somers, North Castle, Mt. Kisco, North Salem, Lewisboro, Bronxville**

**May Opt Out: Dobbs Ferry, Mamaroneck**

By Dan Murphy

We continue to update our Westchester readers on the decision by a number of local, Westchester County towns and villages that have decided to Opt-Out of permitting marijuana dispensaries and cafes to open in their communities.

We have previously reported that The Town of Eastchester was first, then came the Town of Yorktown. With the help of some of our interested friends in local media, we have uncovered 8 more

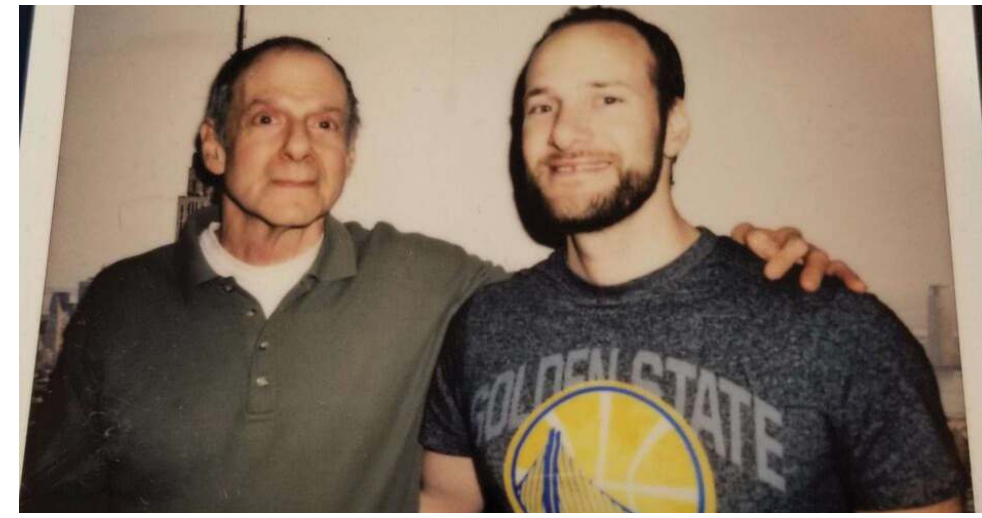
**They are: Eastchester, Yorktown, Larchmont, Ardsley, Somers, North Castle, Mt. Kisco, North Salem, Lewisboro, and Bronxville.**

Three other communities have meetings next month to hear debate and vote on opting out. Dobbs Ferry Oct. 6th. at 7pm, the Village of Mamaroneck will likely place its Opt-out measure agenda in the Fall, and the Town of Mamaroneck is having a public meeting to express your option Sept. 1 and Sept 22.

That would make 13 communities in Westchester who have decided to opt out. Some of the reasons given for opting out include :

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## Cuomo Pardon of David Gilbert Draws Outrage From Law Enforcement Community



David Gilbert, left, with son San Francisco District Attorney Chesa Boudin,

By Dan Murphy

During his final day in office on Monday, Gov. Andrew Cuomo commuted the sentences of four individuals, referred one case to the parole board, and fully pardoned one individual. “The march towards a more fair, more just, more equitable, and more empathetic New York State is a long one, but every step forward we can take it worthwhile and important,” Gov. Cuomo said. “These clemencies make clear the power of redemption, encourage those who have made mistakes to engage in meaningful rehabilitation, and show New Yorkers that we can work toward a better future. I thank all the volunteer attorneys representing clemency applicants for their dedication and service to justice.”

The most controversial commutation was for David Gilbert, who has served 40 years for the Brinks Robbery in Rockland County in 1981. Gilbert was the getaway driver and did not shoot any of those killed in the robbery gone wrong on Oct. 20, 1981 at the Nanuet Mall. One security guard, Peter Paige was killed and another Joseph Trombino was seriously wounded.

Nyack Police chased the car driven by Gilbert before they could escape. When they pulled over the U-Haul Truck, two robbers jumped out and shot and killed Nyack Police Sgt. Edward O’Grady, and Officer Waverly Brown were killed, and two other officers injured at a roadblock near the NYS Thruway.

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## Westchester Remembers on the 20th Anniversary of September 11

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## Westchester Goes Back to School- No Remote Option-Teachers/Parents Want Kids in Class



Teachers across Westchester and New York State are ready to welcome back students to the classroom after Labor Day, without a remote option

By Dan Murphy

As students across Westchester school districts prepare to go back to school after Labor Day, teachers unions, administrators and most parents are supporting plans to return to a normal school year with students in class with their teachers. And as the 2021-22 school year begins, there will be no remote option for the small number of parents who don’t want to send their children into class.

This summer, New York State United Teachers and the NYS American Academy of Pediatrics launched a statewide campaign to highlight the importance of ensuring all students return to in-person instruction in the fall.

“We know the best place for students to learn is in the classroom, and every student deserves access to full-time, in-person instruction this year,” NYSUT President Andy Pallotta said. “We support the health protocols recommended by health experts, including family pediatricians, and state education officials. With a layered, holistic approach in place that ensures the health and safety of everyone in our schools, our educators are here to welcome their students with open arms on the first day of school.”

“Prioritizing in-person education is critical for every child’s social and educational development. As pediatricians, we want parents to understand that this can be done in a safe way when schools layer critical health strategies,” said Dr. Warren Seigel, Chair, NYS American Academy of Pediatrics, District II. “In-person education not only benefits children academically, but also socially and emotionally. Pediatricians are here to help families understand how critical being in school is and how to keep everyone safe.”

Samantha Rosado-Ciriello, President of the Yonkers Federation of Teachers, said “Teachers are ready. We want our students in school. After one year of remote learning, the best place for students to learn is in the classroom with their teachers. We can read the body language of our students, which is important to learning. Some students are reluctant to say I need help, but a teacher can tell when a student needs help by their demeanor or body language. This prompts us to go to the student in a non public way to offer help.”

“All of the social and emotional support programs are in our schools,

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## Mount Sinai Health System Offers Comprehensive BRCA Program



Dr. Ashley Tsang

By Dan Murphy

Last month, Mount Sinai Health System launched a comprehensive BRCA Program for Men and Women. Ashley Tsang, MD, Breast Surgeon, Mount Sinai Doctors-Westchester, and an Assistant Professor of Surgery at the Icahn School of Medicine, explained the program and how genetics plays a role in the likelihood, detection, and prevention of breast cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, the average risk of a woman in the United States developing breast cancer sometime in her life is about 12.5%. This percentage has stayed the same over the decades, but with screenings and early detections, the medical community has been able to catch it earlier and save lives and avoid advanced stages.

A smaller percentage of women who have breast cancer also have a genetic or hereditary predisposition for cancer, through the BRCA genes, 1 and 2. BRCA1 and BRCA2 are two genes that are important to fighting cancer. They are tumor suppressor genes. When they work normally, these genes help keep breast, ovarian, and other types of cells from growing and dividing too rapidly or in an uncontrolled way.

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## Our Forgotten Vice President and His Westchester Farm



FDR, right, with his vice-president Henry Wallace in 1940

By Dan Murphy

Most Americans know that Harry Truman was President Franklin Roosevelt's last vice-president. But do you know who was FDR's VP before Truman? His name was Henry Wallace, who served from 1941-1944.

Known by many historians as our "Forgotten Vice President", Wallace was removed from the vice-presidency in a strange, backroom political deal at the 1944 democratic convention, and replaced by unknown Senator Harry Truman. After running as a third-party candidate for President in 1948, Wallace retired from politics and bought a farm in South Salem which still stands today.

Wallace was America's first true Progressive vice president, and a visionary who fought for Civil Rights, women's rights, peace with Russia, and health insurance for all Americans. With today's democratic party embracing the progressive values and beliefs that Wallace stood for more than 80 years ago, the hope is that Wallace's memory and legacy will finally be realized.

First and foremost, Henry Wallace was a farmer, from Iowa. His father, Harry Wallace, was also a farmer and a republican who served as Secretary of Agriculture under President Harding.

In 1932 Henry Wallace supported FDR in his Presidential bid and was appointed Agriculture Secretary in the Roosevelt administration, where he served from 1933-1940. The Great Depression brought out the best in Wallace, who helped restore order to the failing farm industry. Wallace became one of the stars of the FDR-New Deal administration, which was one of the reasons why Roosevelt picked Wallace as his Vice-President in 1940.

FDR admired Wallace's support of the New Deal policies and his support of aiding Britain during the early part of WWII. FDR's insistence that Wallace serve with him as VP, while unpopular and controversial with some, was enough, and Eleanor Roosevelt's speech at the convention (FDR did not attend), sealed the deal.

For the next four years, FDR's advisors and all Americans understood that Wallace would succeed an aging Roosevelt as our next President. NY Times journalist James Reston dubbed Wallace, "the new Assistant President," writing in 1941 that Wallace's "decisions in the next few months or years will undoubtedly affect your job, your rent, and the price of your groceries. And, what's more important, his decisions may determine the outcome of the war and the basis of the peace."

In 1942, Wallace gave his famous, 'Common Man' speech, which outlined Wallace's vision, to help America's poor and working class after WWII ended. "Some have spoken of the American Century. I say that the century on which we are entering—the century which will come out of this war—can be and must be the century of the common man. There must be neither military nor economic imperialism. . . . International cartels that serve American greed and the German will to power must go. . . . The people's revolution is on the march, and the devil and all his angels cannot prevail against it."

In 1944, Wallace took a good-will mission to Russian and China, where he was welcomed as a partner, with both countries fighting Axis Germany and Japan.

A 1944 Gallup Poll found Wallace the most popular democratic sans FDR, but many democratic party insiders saw Wallace as a dangerous future president, because of what they perceived as his pro-communist, Soviet beliefs, which were never proven. Wallace only wanted to work with Stalin and Russia after WWII, instead of heading into a Cold War that lasted 45 years.

In 1940 FDR insisted on Wallace as his VP. In 1944 an ailing FDR didn't fight hard enough for Wallace, giving the democratic party bosses the chance to steal the vice-presidential nomination for Harry Truman. Wallace served out his term as VP until 1945. FDR died 82 days later; Wallace fell three months short of becoming president and was indeed a heart-beat away from becoming our 33rd President.

Wallace served under Truman as Commerce Secretary for two years. In 1948 Wallace challenged Truman and ran as a third-party Progressive party candidate for President. His platform called for an end to desegregation, civil rights for black and white, equal rights for men and women, a call for national health insurance, and peaceful coexistence with Russia.

Wallace's 1948 Presidential campaign included bravely campaigning in the south, where he denounced racism by registering voters with a multi-racial campaign staff and refused to speak to segregated crowds. He faced threats of violence and was pelted with eggs and vegetables. His running mate, Glen Taylor, was arrested when he tried to use a door marked "Colored."

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## \$1.4 Million Settlement by DuPont & 3 Other Companies for Decades Old Rye Brook Mercury Release



On August 19, US Attorney Audrey Strauss, announced that DuPont and three other companies had settled a lawsuit filed against them for the disposal or treatment of mercury by Port Refinery, Inc. ("Port Refinery"), a mercury refining business in the Village of Rye Brook, New York, which led to releases of mercury into the environment. The consent decree provides for a combined payment of \$1,412,255 by the Defendants for costs incurred by EPA in conducting clean-up activities at the site.

U.S. Attorney Audrey Strauss said: "DuPont, D & D, Oxy, and W.A. Baum contributed to contamination in a residential community by arranging for the treatment or disposal of over 7,000 pounds of toxic mercury, and now each is paying a share of the costs that EPA had to incur to clean up this site. This Office will continue to hold responsible parties accountable for their share of the costs at the site."

EPA Acting Regional Administrator Walter Mugdan said: "EPA is recovering more than \$1.4 million that the Agency spent to clean up mercury pollution released in the Village of Rye Brook, and that is good news for taxpayers as we are holding the polluter responsible for the cost. The funds can be put back into the Superfund to assist with cleanup of other sites. This case shows that EPA can take immediate action to protect people while still holding polluters responsible by recovering some of the money down the road. We don't have to choose between protecting people and taking appropriate legal action – they go hand-in-hand."

Each of the Defendants arranged for Port Refinery's treatment or disposal of used, surplus, or scrap mercury and mercury-containing materials at the Site. Port Refinery's treatment and processing of mercury sent by the Defendants and other parties led to extensive releases of mercury into the environment, necessitating two separate clean-up actions by EPA. In connection with the second clean-up, EPA incurred costs at the Site for investigative and removal activities, including, among other things, excavating and disposing of more than 9,300 tons of mercury-contaminated soil from the site.

In the consent decree filed yesterday, the Defendants admit and accept responsibility for the following:

EPA has determined that from the 1970s through the early 1990s, Port Refinery engaged in, among other things, the business of mercury reclaiming, refining, and processing.

Port Refinery operated in the Village of Rye Brook out of a two-story garage bordered by private residences on its south, east, and west sides.

EPA has determined that Port Refinery took virtually no environmental precautions or safety measures during its mercury refinement process. EPA has determined that Port Refinery released a significant amount of mercury into the environment, contaminating the Site.

EPA has determined that mercury from the Defendants' mercury-containing products was comingled at the Site and contributed to the mercury released into the environment.

Moreover, in the consent decree each Defendant admits and accepts responsibility for directly or indirectly delivering mercury to Port Refinery as follows:

DuPont delivered 3,291 pounds of mercury, which included virgin, unused, scrap, used, and contaminated mercury, to Port Refinery during Port Refinery's period of operations.

D & D delivered 2,150 pounds of scrap mercury to Port Refinery during Port Refinery's period of operations.

Oxy sold 190 pounds of surplus mercury and mercury-containing materials to a third-party scrap dealer during Port Refinery's period of operations, and EPA has determined that those surplus mercury and mercury-containing materials came to be located at the Site.

W.A. Baum delivered 1,425 pounds of "dirty" mercury to Port Refinery during Port Refinery's period of operations.

Pursuant to the consent decree, the Defendants will pay a total of \$1,412,255 in costs incurred by EPA, consisting of \$658,639 to be paid by DuPont, \$430,352 to be paid by D & D, \$38,031 to be paid by Oxy, and \$285,233 to be paid by W.A. Baum.

The location of the Port Refinery was in a residential neighborhood in Rye Brook.

### *students and teachers back in classroom, cont. from pg 1*

when they are at home that is not necessarily the case. We did the best we could with remote learning during the pandemic, but both students and teachers need to go back to a classroom. Many parents also realize the value of having their children in school.

Mayor Mike Spano and the Yonkers Board of Education have mandated that all staff be vaccinated before the first day of school or undergo weekly testing.

Ciriello said that the YFT is currently negotiating all parts of vaccination, ventilation and all back to school issues with the district, she added that while the vast majority of teachers in Yonkers have been vaccinated, there are some who have not been vaccinated for medical or religious reasons. "We want to make sure that vaccines are available to those who want it, but we do have teachers with medical conditions and religious beliefs, and others who are still uncertain. We support vaccinations and encourage people to get vaccinated but we also believe that this is a choice and that they should not be mandated to do something that they are unable to do. And these decisions should not be made without negotiating with the unions."

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## Jacob Burns Film Center Patrons Must Be COVID Vaccinated

## High Holidays Are Early This Year!



*The Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville*

The Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville now requires all patrons to be COVID-19 vaccinated in order to enter the theater. The new policy, effective Aug. 19, was based on “thoughtful consideration of the positive feedback we have received and in recognition of growing concerns about the spread of COVID variants, the Jacob Burns Film Center will now require proof of COVID-19 vaccination paired with valid photo identification.” said the theater in a statement.

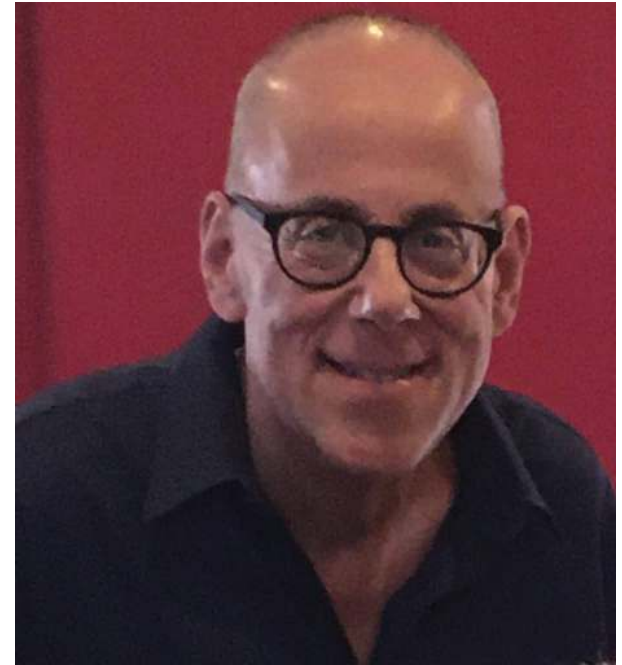
“At the JBFC, our staff working on campus are all fully vaccinated as well. Proof of vaccination may include your vaccination card, a legible copy of the card on your phone, or the New York State Excelsior Pass, paired with your photo ID. Both of these items must be presented for admission in person when you arrive at the theater. Results from COVID testing will not be accepted. Patrons will not be permitted inside the facility without proof of vaccination.

“Please have your proof of vaccination and photo ID ready at the Theater front door for staff to check and grant access to the building. This decision was not made lightly; our community’s safety remains top of mind. As such, we have also updated our mask policy: Masks will be required for all patrons and staff and may be removed only while seated in the Theater. Children under 12 who cannot yet be vaccinated may attend accompanied by a fully-vaccinated adult, and they must also wear a mask.

“We recognize that this limits access for some patrons, but like many other organizations, we are taking this temporary measure to protect our community and ourselves. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we continue to navigate the ever-changing COVID landscape. We’re all trying our best to get to the other side of this.”

Two Westchester restaurants are also requiring their customers to be vaccinated? Blue Hill at Stone Barns in Pocantico Hills, through Sept., 22 will require at least one vaccination shot per customer. After Sept. 22 diners must be fully vaccinated.

Goosefeather in Tarrytown is the other Westchester restaurant requiring vaccination.



*By Eric W. Schoen*

Rosh Hashanah Eve on Labor Day?. That’s something new. Yes friends, the Jewish High Holidays fall early this year. Real early! But then do they ever fall on time? What is on time? The reason why they fall when they do has been explained to me a million times. Do you think I remember the answer. I can always Google it!

The last week in August and Labor Day up until the end of my teens my family would spend at Brickman’s Hotel in the Catskills. As I have told you before, it was like Dirty Dancing on steroids. Imagine stuffing myself with danish, bagels and lox, linguini with ‘perch’ sauce, gefilte fish, stuffed derma and much more than leaving the hotel around noon on Labor Day as busloads of senior citizens pulled in to start their vacations and coming home and expecting mom to have Rosh Hashanah Brisket Dinner on the table? Wonder of Wonder, Miracle of Miracles!

Another year. I have a lot to look forward to this year. My synagogue, Scarsdale Synagogue Temples Tremont and Emanuel-El built a new, state of the art sanctuary for the congregation to pray in. This year, the vaccinated will be able to pray together in the new sanctuary. It is a blessing.

The Rabbi, Cantor and the synagogue leadership did a super job providing services via Zoom during the High Holidays last year and throughout the pandemic. But be it ever so humble, there is nothing better than praying in person with friends and loved ones, people I have prayed with for oh so many years. I look forward to it.

My holiday column is usually upbeat talking about the exciting plans I have and I hope you have for the New Year. This year I can’t be so optimistic as usual. There is such uncertainty in the world right now. Most of it relates to Covid. Will we need booster shots? How often? Some who have taken the vaccine have still come down with the virus. How is this possible?

If I could answer these questions I would be very wealthy. We have to say special prayers this year for the scientists and medical professionals busy looking for a way to bring an end to this pandemic. The doctors, nurses, hospitals and health institutions who do whatever is in their power to protect us and assure us that the end of this terrible plague for lack of a better word is near.

There’s so many people we owe gratitude to this New Year. Everyone from the cashier in the grocery store who has kept us fed to the teachers in our schools who will, we hope return to in person learning children so desperately need. A doctor friend of mine told me a year ago that he was concerned about unvaccinated students playing contact sports. Fortunately in Yonkers, our Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education have set policy that only vaccinated students can play sports. Hopefully other school districts will follow suit.

We will wear masks in synagogue as we pray and we sing. Our school children will wear masks for the time being in class. Hopefully we have learned that the plexiglass surrounding student desks and all the plexiglass that has been put up to

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Westchester County Executive  
George Latimer  
Invites you to Join Us

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## Larchmont-Mamaroneck Lions Donate Cookbooks for the Blind



LM Lion Peggy Rao presents book to Frank Connelly at the Larchmont Library

The Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club donated a Cookbook for the Blind to the Larchmont Public Library. The cookbook holds 125 recipes in Braille published by Vision Services for the Blind, the regional nonprofit that is a beneficiary of many Lion Clubs in the area. Recipes are grouped by a meal's various courses and printed on card stock so that the Braille dots protrude. The pages are conveniently held in two large binders with Tables of Content and an Index. Recipes for the vision impaired are available via e-mail (PDF and text-only Word document) for \$20. To order visit: [www.visionsvcb.org/donate](http://www.visionsvcb.org/donate)

## Westchester Elected Officials Welcome Governor Kathy Hochul



Governor Kathy Hochul, center, at her first meeting with Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, left, and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, right

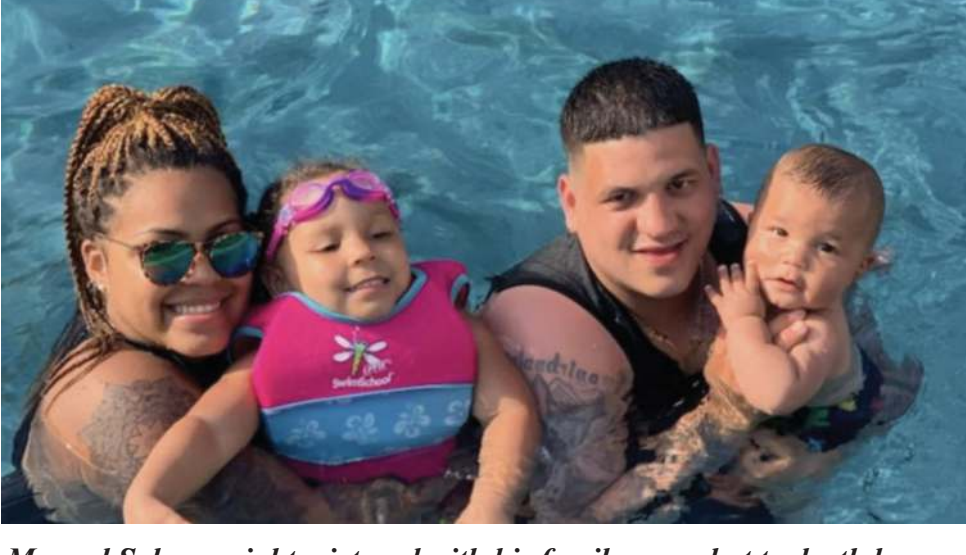
Westchester County Democratic State Senators welcomed Governor Kathy Hochul into office. State Senator Shelley Mayer said, "Today is a new day for the State of New York. Governor Kathy Hochul is smart, tough, determined, with high ethical standards and a strong moral compass. She has served in local, county, state and federal government positions and values the insights and experiences of local leaders – listening before making decisions. Governor Hochul knows New York State well, especially Westchester County. She has been to our cities, towns and villages on numerous occasions – many times with me. She cares about the challenges facing our communities. I look forward to her leadership and a collaborative relationship between her and the members of the Senate and the Assembly, so that we can deliver for the people of New York State."

State Senator Alessandra Biaggi said, "Congratulations to Governor Kathy Hochul, New York's 57th Governor and the first woman to hold our highest office. I am confident Governor Hochul has the opportunity and ability to reinvent the office of the Governor, transform the culture in Albany, and swiftly take the reins to address the pressing needs of this moment. First and foremost, our new administration must address New York's soon to expire eviction moratorium and ensure relief payments from the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program and the Excluded Workers Fund are released in a timely manner. Hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers are still waiting to receive desperately needed relief. Governor Hochul must tackle this crisis with urgency. Additionally, I urge Governor Hochul to prioritize implementing ethics reform to ensure New York State has an ethics and oversight body that holds those in powerful positions accountable, and to strengthen legislation and protections against sexual harassment and misconduct. In order to truly usher in a new era in New York, we must change the culture of Albany and ensure that our government fosters a collaborative and supportive environment that works for the people of New York."

State Senator Peter Hareckham said, "Congratulations and best wishes to Kathy Hochul on becoming the 57th governor of New York, the first woman in history to hold the office. Governor Hochul will lead our state forward through these challenging times, and I will work with her to bring New Yorkers together and ensure a better future for all."

State Senator and Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, "Congratulations to Governor Kathy Hochul on her historic inauguration as New York's 57th governor and the first female Governor of New York. It's a new day for New York! I look forward to working together @KathyHochul."

## Mount Vernon Teen Arraigned in Shooting Death of Sleepy Hollow Resident



Manuel Salazar, right, pictured with his family, was shot to death by Valentin Perez in Sleepy Hollow in June 2021

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that 18-year-old Emmanuel Valentin Perez was arraigned on Monday for the shooting death of a Sleepy Hollow resident. The charges in the indictment include Manslaughter in the First Degree, Criminal Use of a Firearm in the First Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, Attempted Assault in the First Degree, and Assault in the Second Degree, all felonies.

Perez, of Mount Vernon, faces a determinate sentence range from 5 to 25 years in state prison, with 2.5 to 5 years of post-release supervision. On June 28, 2021, at approximately 9:32 p.m., Perez fatally shot 31-year-old Sleepy Hollow resident Manuel Salazar during an argument at Margotta Courts Park in Sleepy Hollow. Salazar was taken to Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla where he was pronounced dead. A second victim, who also sustained a gunshot wound, was also taken to the hospital, treated and released.

Sleepy Hollow Police arrested Perez on June 29, 2021, after interviewing witnesses and reviewing surveillance video. The Westchester County Department of Public Safety and the FBI's Westchester Safe Streets Task Force assisted in the investigation. "These senseless acts of violence that result in loss of life, injury and residents feeling unsafe in their neighborhoods cannot become commonplace. We should not, and will not, stand for that," DA Rocah said. "The District Attorney's Office will continue to work vigorously with our law enforcement partners to eliminate gun violence in our communities."

Salazar formerly lived in Sleepy Hollow and attended Sleepy Hollow High School. His wife, Natalie Salazar, set up a GoFundMe page that has raised more than \$26,000. "Never in a million years I would think I would be doing this. Manny was a VERY LOVING husband, father, brother & son. We lost him young and in a very hurtful way. Unfortunately he fought and didn't make it. Leaving behind so many people that loved and cared for him always. Help me carry the love of my life in a way we will never forget," writes Natalie Salazar.

## Westchester Community College Gets \$50K Metallica Scholars Grant for Technical Educ.

Westchester Community College (WCC) was selected from a competitive field of community colleges across the country to receive \$50,000 to transform the future of students in the community. Funded by Metallica's All Within My Hands (AWMH) and led by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), the Metallica Scholars Initiative was designed to directly support students while also elevating the importance of career and technical education. This work is highlighted at a global level by leveraging the influence of the rock band Metallica who continue to speak out on the dignity of professional trades and community colleges that prepare students. This is WCC's second grant from the program, which last year helped over 250 students to receive training and professional certifications, increasing their employability.

The Metallica Scholars Initiative is now in its third year and has fundamentally improved the earning potential for students who become Metallica Scholars. WCC and Metallica will continue to "Rock the Workforce" by focusing this year's grant on training skilled workers for Westchester's growing advanced manufacturing industry. WCC will prioritize non-traditional students who are looking to re-enter or upskill in the workforce in Advanced Manufacturing fields. At least twenty-four Metallica Scholars will receive curriculum and certifications to qualify for MSSC (Manufacturing Skill Standards Council) certifications or NIMS (National Institute for Metalworking Skills) certifications, leading to employment in middle skill positions. They will be showcased to promote varying skilled trade pathways as a means to economic development.

"By awarding me the Metallica Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which permits me to focus more on the most important aspect of college – education," said WCC student Emma Tollinchi. "Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. Thank you for believing in me, Metallica Scholars."

"WCC is proud to partner again with Metallica's All Within My Hands to develop a new generation of trained middle skills employees," said Dr. Belinda Miles, President at Westchester Community College. "Companies look to WCC to train the advanced manufacturing workforce that helps drive our region's economic engine. This generous grant will help us reach dozens of students who might otherwise never have recognized or reached their full potential."

"The foundation and the band pay attention and follow these programs and students, and there is no doubt that lives have been changed. What makes this work so unique is that in addition to supporting students directly, our goal is not just to change individual lives, it is to unabashedly promote the trades as meaningful and well-paying career pathways," said Dr. Edward Frank, executive director of AWMH.

James Hetfield, Metallica's vocalist/guitarist and co-founder said, "As a touring entity we are in direct involvement with multiple essential career choices along our path. From electrical, professional driving, culinary, mechanical maintenance, public safety, logistical organizers. And that just scratches the surface. Those, along with a multitude of other technical careers, make our touring and our performances possible. We are passionate and grateful to these trades and tradespeople."

For more information on WCC's 2021-22 Metallica Scholars Initiative, please visit: <https://www.sunywcc.edu/about/foundation/fund-for-wcc/metallica-and-wcc-rock-the-workforce/>

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## SPCA Westchester and Yonkers Police Shut Down Pet World for Animal Abuse



**Rabbits, pictured above, and Ducks and other animals were crammed into cages at Pet Worl in Yonkers**

Thanks to a joint investigation by SPCA Westchester Humane Law Enforcement Unit officers, Yonkers Police, Yonkers Building Dept. and the Westchester Health Dept., Pet World, located at 433 South Broadway in Yonkers has been shut down and their license revoked. As you can see from these photos, the conditions these poor animals were living in is heartbreaking. It was a team effort and we are very relieved to know that no more animals will needlessly suffer here.

A police officer was making a call Friday checking a security alarm in a building next door when he walked into the basement and saw the hundreds of birds, ducks, chickens, roosters, and pigeons along with rabbits all contained in the basement.

"It was cramped, it was filthy — keeping birds in a basement, now how they were supposed to be kept," said SPCA Director Ernest Ungaro. Photos released by the SPCA showed "heartbreaking" living conditions for the animals, the organization said.

The birds and rabbits rescued were taken to a local farm. The owner was issued a court summons and they will no longer be allowed to operate in Westchester County. Two years ago, the same store lost its license to sell dogs and cats.

Some residents foolishly told TV news reporters that it was sad that they are closing, while another customer complained about how a \$500 deposit she made for a dog was never returned because the dog died and the owner kept putting her off.

### Forgotten Vice-President, continued from pg 2-

On the campaign trail, Wallace would ask Folk Singer Pete Seeger, "Are you an American? Am I in America?" as the two traveled across the country, and at the end of each day Wallace would ask for what came to be known as the campaigns theme song of sorts. "Passing Through": "I was at Franklin Roosevelt's side, / Just a while before he died, / 'One world must come out of World War Two.'

The same people that Wallace fought to get civil and equal rights for voted for Truman. Wallace received 1 million votes, 2.4% of the vote and finished fourth, behind Truman, Dewey, and segregationist Strom Thurmond.

After 1948, Wallace faded away from political life. Henry and Ilo Wallace bought Farvue Farm, in South Salem, 1946. They made some restorations to the century-old farmhouse and settled into the slower-paced life of South Salem. Henry's real passion in life was the betterment of the world through agriculture. On his beloved Farvue Farm he experimented with chickens and strawberries.

He sought the "perfect" chicken — one that could be raised for its meat and its egg-laying ability. An enormous chicken house became one of the landmarks of the 100-acre farm.

Another pet project of Henry's was the perfection of a strawberry cross between a common berry like the Ozark and the delicate French wild strawberry, a cross that would provide a commercial berry that also tasted good and could be shipped long distances.

Thirty years earlier, in 1922, Henry Wallace was working to increase the quality of corn crops by crossbreeding and inbreeding. Working with a Chinese strain and one supplied by the plant geneticist Donald Jones, Wallace developed what became the first commercially successful hybrid corn, which he turned into Pioneer Hi-Bred, a hybrid-seed company.

Vice President Wallace loved his years in South Salem, where he died in 1965. He was frequently seen in and around town and helped raise funds and contribute to the South Salem library and fire department. He was a true man of the people, a regular guy if any vice president could be. He was also a man of Christian faith.

The Wallace family has kept Farvue Farm as it was 70 years ago, and it remains a 100-acre piece of private green space. Not open to the public, the farm, managed by caretakers, grows some vegetables and trees for sale, but primarily stands as an unofficial museum to a great American, and Westchester resident.

Henry Wallace's history as a progressive democrat 75 years ago should be examined and highlighted more by progressive democrats of today. A great politician, agriculturalist, economist, author, and businessman, Henry Wallace, most of all was a great American.

Henry Wallace deserves his proper place in American history. Perhaps we can get the Wallace family, or someone else, to create a Henry Wallace Center for Progressive studies at Farvue Farm. He was, after all, one of our most famous Westchester residents.

## Join The Hudson Valley Food Waste Challenge And Reduce Your Family's "Foodprint"



Americans throw out between 30 and 40 percent of the food that is produced in the country, which is an economic, social and environmental problem. There are many reasons food gets wasted: on the farms it could be due to bad weather or overproduction, or it could sit too long in the grocery store. But household food waste is a result of overbuying, poor planning, improper storage, and confusion about sell by labels and expiration dates.

The Hudson Valley Food Waste Challenge is an interactive, community initiative to raise public awareness about these issues. Participants will learn how to cut down their "foodprint" with easy strategies that will not only reduce what they are tossing in the garbage, but also save money and time. They will get ideas on how to better organize the refrigerator and store food so that it has a maximum shelf life along with safety tips for preparing leftovers and how to substitute ingredients into recipes so you can use what you have on hand. Learn more at this link: <https://www.hudsonvalleyeats.com/food-waste-challenge>.

The challenge will begin September 20th and last for six weeks. The only things needed to participate are small garbage bags, a small kitchen scale and the desire to feel good about making a positive change in your current waste habits. Through short videos, text messages and emails, participants will stay connected with the community, share their experiences, and see what others are up through hashtags, stories, and live videos. They will also hear from local chefs, farmers, and other food experts on best practices when it comes to shopping, keeping food fresh and creating delicious recipes from what you have in the house. The \$25 registration fee provides access to the online community, a toolkit, and resources to help track your success, a very cool t-shirt, and the opportunity to win great prizes.

"The Food Waste Challenge is a great activity for the whole family to do together, do in your neighborhood or get your school involved in. It will teach kids valuable lessons in protecting the environment, economics, healthy heating and giving back," says Janet Irizarry, Founder of Hudson Valley EATS. "The United States Food Waste Reduction Goal is to reduce food waste by half by 2030, the UN Global initiative is to do it by 2050. As Hudson Valley residents, wouldn't it be great to do our part to support these efforts as best we can? Each one of us by ourselves may feel there is nothing we can do about climate change, but I promise you, together we can make a difference."

Hudson Valley EATS is a community-based website where all are welcomed to contribute to become part of the conversation of "everything" food in the Hudson Valley, from farm to landfill. More information can be found here <https://www.hudsonvalleyeats.com/>

### 10 Westchester Communities Opt Out, continued from pg 1-

The Town of Lewisboro —split their vote—unanimous to opt out of consumption lounges-cafes, but 3-2 to also opt out of dispensaries. Lewisboro Supervisor Peter Parsons made an interesting point during the debate on the Town Board on July 12. Lewisboro residents will be able, at some point to order marijuana for home delivery, so why not allow at least the dispensaries to operate, which will give the Town a share of the tax revenues.

"At the end of the day," he said of marijuana, "I think it will be so available in town that it's a joke to stop it being sold in town. All you're going to do is force business out of the town," by opting out said Parsons, who is one of the few Town Supervisors to vote in favor of dispensaries.

This from the Village of Mt. Kisco, which explains the process. "On July 12, 2021, the Board of Trustees of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco adopted Local Law 4 -2021, entitled "Opting Out of Retail Sales of Cannabis". The local law adopted pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131, is intended to opt out of the licensing and establishing of retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments within the Village/Town of Mount Kisco. The effect shall be that retail sales and on-site consumption establishment for cannabis shall not be permitted within the municipal limits of the Village/Town. This local law is subject to permissive referendum. This process would require a community vote on the subject if twenty percent of registered Mount Kisco voters sign a petition, which must be submitted to the Village Clerk, Ed Brancati, by the end of business on August 11, 2021. The Village would then hold a special election to vote on whether to permit cannabis sales."

No word on Rye yet about opting out. The Village of Scarsdale has drafted Opt Out legislation but has yet to vote or approve it. And residents in the Town-Village of Harrison are waiting for a decision or comment from Mayor Ron Belmont, or members of the Town Board on what they plan to do.

Before the Dec 31 deadline to Opt-Out, there could be 20 Westchester Communities that want nothing to do with legal pot in their communities. 25% of each community will have to sign a petition granting the referendum vote and then a simple majority would have to approve.

If your local Town, Village or City government does not Opt-Out, then they are considered to be opting in. Reports are that the Town of Ossining will not be voting on opting out.

"We don't necessarily want to be a guinea pig, but there may be benefits to being first," Ossining Town Supervisor Dana Levenberg said. More on Ossining and other communities in the weeks to come.

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COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

INDEX NO. 62314/2019

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Plaintiff designates WESTCHESTER as the  
place of trial situs of the real property

**SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS**

**Mortgaged Premises:**  
28 GARIBALDI PLACE PORT CHESTER,  
NY 10573

**District: Section:** 141.43  
**Block:** 1 **Lot:** 34

YVONNE TEDESCO AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF CARRIE CICORIA; JOHN CICORIA AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF CARRIE CICORIA; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF CARRIE CICORIA, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS LLC,

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,

Defendants.

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the

Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

**NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT**

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$645,000.00 and interest, recorded on May 13, 2010, at Instrument number 501303147, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York, covering premises known as 28 GARIBALDI PLACE PORT CHESTER, NY 10573.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

WESTCHESTER County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

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Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.

**YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.**

Dated: August 17th, 2021  
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PATNERS, PLLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff ANKIT MEHTA, ESQ.  
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Notice of formation of iFantasy, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with the SSNY on 6/8/2021. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228 . Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of 8th Street LLC filed with United States Corporation Agents, INC 7014 13th Avenue Brooklyn, NY, 11228 ,USA on 6-29-2021. Office Westchester County. The United States Corporation Agents, INC .Designated as agent off LLC upon whom process against it may be served. United States Corporation Agents, INC shall mail copy of process to the LLC 300 Mamaroneck Ave unit 522 White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose : Any lawful purpose.

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protect those who serve and interact with us is of little use. A study just came out with something we already knew. The best masks to protect us are the N95 and KN95 masks. Wearing a mask is a small price to pay for our safety.

Unless you have a medical reason please get vaccinated. If you were waiting for full government approval of a vaccine the Pfizer vaccine has received it. There is plenty of Pfizer to go around. If you are not getting vaccinated for religious reasons please check with several clergy people of your faith before accepting the opinion of one.

Those who present fake vaccination cards should be locked up in jail. Believe me, there are plenty of fake vaccination cards going around. Be prepared! If a business or restaurant requires you to be vaccinated, find out ahead of time and don't act stupid. You got a card when you received your vaccinations and there are plenty of apps out there that you can put on your smart phone as proof. Take a picture of your vaccination card and put it in the photos section of your smartphone next to the pictures of your loved ones. You are protecting yourself and them.

All but 10 of New York's 62 counties are now at the highest level of COVID-19 spread, meaning masks are recommended to be worn indoors, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Small price to pay for safety.

Many students have not been in a physical school building for over a year. Even students who have been in school are observing the craziness going on in society. We must spend money from the Federal government on mental health services to support children as well as adults. The goings on have been difficult for all of us.

Many people obsessed with Covid have not taken care of other matters related to their health. People have missed routine doctor visits for fear of catching Covid in their doctor's office. At this point doctors know what to do to keep you safe when visiting them. Studies have shown people are coming in with conditions that should have been addressed long ago.

If you have health insurance take advantage of it. You either pay a lot of money for it or receive it because you have worked for a business or government for a long time. It's there to keep you well.

The world is in such an unsettled state. Look at the situation in Afghanistan and the many American lives that were lost all for nothing. Hurricane Ida has made New Orleans a disaster leaving many people homeless. Same holds true for the Haiti earthquake. These are all things in Gods hands. Even more reason to pray these High Holidays.

The European Union is recommending to reintroduce travel restrictions on U.S. visitors. It'll be up to the member states to decide whether or not to impose them. Until things stabilize I would put off that London theater trip. Enjoy the great USA. The number of incidents of flight attendants having conflicts with people who are flying is at an all time high. People need to grow up and behave themselves if they are flying the formerly friendly sky's.

Everyone is tense and on edge. We have to find ways to relax. Meditation programs are available online free of charge. Our libraries (in particular our great ones in Yonkers) offer in person and zoom programming on a range of topics. Gyms are once again safe places with many members masked and hopefully a mandate from Westchester County is forthcoming mandating vaccination for those who workout at gymnasiums. I don't agree often with New York Mayor deBlasio, but vaccinated individuals should have more rights than the unvaccinated.

Keep yourself busy. Do a good deed for someone everyday. Check in on that elderly neighbor. Check in on that family next door who may have lost their jobs. Maybe they need some food, or a maybe you can babysit while they go out for dinner.

Everything is not going to be back to normal for a while. I wish I had my usual, positive jubilant message for you as we enter the year 5782. We are tough. We will get through it!

A Brief Note: The Yonkers Public Schools family lost a 'gentle giant' this week with the passing of Coach Willie Faulkner. He was my gym Coach at Yonkers High School and respected my limited gymnastic talents. He was involved with the Yonkers Police Athletic League and did a lot of community service work both during his tenure with the schools and upon his retirement. We exchanged holidays cards oh these many years after my High School graduation. He will be missed.

**Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers.**

## Mount Sinai, BRCA Program, continued from pg 1-

Dr. Tsang explained that in more than 90% of breast cancer patients, there is no genetic or hereditary cause. But for the 5 to 10% of cases that are due to a genetic mutation, genetic panel testing, which includes the BRCA gene as early as possible is a new recommendation, especially for patients that have a family history of cancer.

“BRCA genes are associated with a 60%-70% likelihood of breast cancer over a patient’s lifetime. That’s compared with only 12.5% of all women having a likelihood of breast cancer. That’s why it’s important for our patients to get tested for the BRCA gene, to see if they are high risk for breast cancer, or if their cancer is associated with the gene since a mutation in this gene is also associated with an increased risk of cancer in the ovaries, prostate, pancreas, and skin.

“The key is to find out early through testing, and then we can offer risk reducing treatments. We can reduce the risk of developing breast cancer by up to 90% with risk reducing surgery, so the earlier women with a strong family history get tested, the better the chances are to prevent developing cancer,” said Dr. Tsang.

When a patient presents with a strong family history of breast or ovarian cancer, especially in first degree relatives, genetic panel testing is recommended. “Before 2013, we only tested for BRCA 1 and 2 because those were the most well know breast cancer associated genes. After 2013, more companies were able to offer genetic testing, and we now test for 8 breast cancer associated genes,” said Dr. Tsang.

Mount Sinai’s Comprehensive BRCA program is targeted towards patients who have already been tested and carry a mutation in the BRCA 1 or 2 gene. Learning that you have a genetic mutation that increases your risk of cancer can be overwhelming. Men and women who carry genes that increase the risk of breast cancer want state-of-the-art, compassionate care. The experts at The Mount Sinai’s Comprehensive BRCA Program offer just that, and provide comprehensive care tailored to your needs and those of your family. Genetic testing can be coordinated for patients who have not had prior testing.

“Our program is focused on BRCA 1 and 2 because they are the most likely to come back positive. The other non-BRCA genes are positive only 10% of the time for the 5%-10% of patients who are high risk.”

Dr. Tsang explained that the primary reason for genetic testing is “if there is a strong family history for breast or ovarian cancer. If that is the case, we recommend that you see your primary care doctor or gynecologist and ask about testing. These genes are passed down from your family.”

How will Mount Sinai’s Comprehensive BRCA Program save lives? “These risk reducing strategies can reduce cancer by 90%. That alone saves lives.”

Dr. Tsang said that she refers patients to other physicians when they are found to carry a mutation in the BRCA 1 or 2 genes. “The BRCA gene is also associated with ovarian cancer, prostate cancer, pancreatic cancer and melanoma, as well as breast cancer in men. I refer female patients to a gynecologist so that they can discuss ovarian cancer screening, and potentially risk reducing removal of the ovaries. I may also refer patients to see a gastroenterologist for an endoscopic ultrasound to screen for pancreatic cancer if there is a strong family history. And for melanoma prevention, we refer to a dermatologist for an annual skin exam.”

Dr. Tsang added that more and more patients are interested in “wanting to know their genetic history and that’s a good thing. The most important part of this program is that it empowers patients with the knowledge about their cancer risk and be able to do something about it. If one of my patients tests positive, I do encourage all their family members to get tested, both men and women.”

“I encourage men with a history of cancer in their families to get tested as some genes are associated with prostate cancer, pancreatic cancer, colon cancer and melanoma. Men can get breast cancer, too,” said Dr. Tsang.

For those with a BRCA mutation that want to learn more about Mount Sinai’s comprehensive BRCA program, please visit [https://mountsinai.formstack.com/forms/brca\\_mutation](https://mountsinai.formstack.com/forms/brca_mutation), to go through a questionnaire.

**Ashley T. Tsang, MD is a board certified, fellowship-trained breast surgeon from Stanford School of Medicine, specializing in the treatment of benign and malignant diseases of the breast and management of patients at high risk for breast cancer. Dr. Tsang is Assistant Professor of Surgery at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery, and a member of the Society of Surgical Oncology and the American Society of Breast Surgeons.**

**Dr. Tsang has offices at Mount Sinai Doctors-Westchester in Scarsdale, 341 Central Park Avenue, (914)-370-5000 and at Mount Sinai Morningside in Manhattan, 1090 Amsterdam Avenue, Suite 10A (212)-523-5222. Visit <https://www.mountsinai.org/locations/westchester> for more information.**

## Cuomo Pardons, continued from pg 1

David Gilbert, 76, was convicted of three counts of second-degree Murder and four counts of first-degree Robbery in 1983. He’s served 40 years of a 75-years-to-life sentence, related to an incident in which he was the driver, not the murderer. While incarcerated, Gilbert has made significant contributions to AIDS education and prevention programs. He has also worked as a student tutor, law library clerk, paralegal assistant, teacher’s aide, and an aide for various additional facility programs. At this time, Gilbert is the only individual still incarcerated with no possibility of parole in his lifetime. He will be referred to the Parole Board for potential release.

### Other Commutations made by Gov. Cuomo were:

Greg Mingo, 68, was convicted of four counts of second-degree Murder, first-degree Robbery, first-degree Burglary, and second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon. He’s served 39-and-a-half years of a 50 years-to-life sentence. While incarcerated, Mingo earned his GED and a paralegal certification, enabling him to assist over a thousand other incarcerated people with their legal cases, and designed an eight-week legal research course he taught for years at Elmira and Great Meadow. Mingo also became a dedicated and respected peer counselor—founding programs focused on fatherhood, family relationships, and domestic violence and abuse—and has facilitated thousands of hours of counseling programs. Upon release, Mingo plans to live with family and work as a full-time counselor helping individuals struggling with addiction, anger, and domestic violence.

Robert Ehrenberg, 62, was convicted of two counts of second-degree Murder, and one count of first-degree Robbery and first-degree Burglary. He’s served 28-and-a-half years of a 50 year-to-life sentence. While incarcerated, Ehrenberg earned an associate’s degree from SUNY Sullivan, and a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Thomas Aquinas College, graduating as valedictorian of his class for both degrees. Ehrenberg worked as a tutor through the Hudson Link College Program, and in this role designed and taught a 16-week pre-college Basic Algebra course. Ehrenberg has also been a leader within charitable groups that raise funds for causes like academic scholarships, childhood cancer research, and animal rescue and sanctuary efforts. Upon release, Ehrenberg plans to continue his education and volunteer work.

Ulysses Boyd, 66, was convicted of one count of second-degree Murder and two counts of second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon for an incident in which he was not the gunman. He’s served 35 years of a 50 years-to-life sentence. While incarcerated, Boyd served as a clerk for the facility branch of the NAACP and as a DOCCS transitional services coordinator for over a decade. Upon release, Boyd will be reunited with his wife.

Paul Clark, 59, was convicted of three counts of second-degree Murder, one count of second-degree Attempted Murder, and one count of second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon. He’s served 40 years of an aggregate 58 years and 4 months-to-life sentence. While incarcerated, Clark earned a GED degree, an associate’s degree, and a variety of vocational certificates. Upon release, Clark will be reunited with his wife.

Cuomo also issued a pardon to Lawrence Penn, 51, who pled guilty to first-degree Falsifying Business Records in 2015 and was incarcerated for two years. A West Point graduate and a veteran, Penn continues to be active in his community and a full pardon will allow him to fully re-engage in a meaningful way with society.

A few of the individuals who were granted clemency by Gov. Cuomo were incarcerated members of the Release Aging People in Prison Campaign (RAPP).

“We are overwhelmed with happiness for the five incarcerated people granted clemency by Governor Cuomo, some of whom are beloved members of the RAPP family. While our heart breaks for those who did not receive good news today, we double down on our commitment to keep fighting for their freedom. Despite what happened tonight, the fact remains that incoming Governor Kathy Hochul will inherit an indefensibly racist and brutal prison system and we are hopeful that she will lead our state toward a more humane system of justice for marginalized New Yorkers by using her clemency powers and championing parole reform,” RAPP Director Jose Saldana said in a statement. “Power to the families of incarcerated people, who shoulder so much of the burden and whose love and labor keep our collective fight alive, as well as the many grassroots activists, attorneys, and the students at the CUNY Defender Clinic, whose unyielding advocacy and commitment to the ideals of redemption and compassion help all of us to build a better world.”

Law Enforcement officials were angered by the commutations. “A Disgraceful move by a disgraced man, and silence from Albany,” wrote the-Affiliated Police Associations of Westchester.

Gilbert was a member of the 1960s revolutionary group the Weather Underground. Two other members of the robbery team have been paroled over the years. Kathy Boudin was paroled in 2003, after spending 23 years in prison after she pleaded guilty to murder and robbery. Judith Clark was released on parole in 2019 after Cuomo commuted her 75-years-to-life sentence to 36 years.

Republican Rockland County Assemblyman Mike Lawler, stated, “Andrew Cuomo’s final act as governor is a disgusting betrayal to the people of Rockland County, the families of Peter Paige, Edward O’Grady, and Waverly Brown, and law enforcement officers everywhere. This year will mark the 40th anniversary of the Brink’s Robbery and rather than stand with the brave men and women in law enforcement, Andrew Cuomo has once again stabbed them in the back. To the Paige, O’Grady, and Brown families, I promise to fight with every fiber of my being to stop David Gilbert from ever being granted parole.” A petition has been started, urging the NYS Parole Board not to grant Gilbert parole.

## Westchester Remembers on the 20th Anniversary of September 11



*The Town of Eastchester will honor the Nine community members lost on September 11, 2001, above*



*The Harrison Library will feature three books about September 11, and their authors this month*

**By Dan Murphy**

Several Westchester communities will hold September 11 remembrances on the 20th anniversary of the day which all of us will never forget. Westchester County will hold its annual event at Kensico Dam Plaza, at the Rising Memorial. This year, Westchester County government will also unveil a memorial to the first responders who lost their lives after September 11, 2001 to related illnesses.

The Town of Eastchester will hold its annual ceremony on Saturday, September 11th, 2021 beginning at 8:35am in front of the Eastchester Town Hall located at 40 Mill Road. In the event of rain, the ceremony will be moved inside and capacity will be limited. The Town of Eastchester lost 9 of its residents 20 years ago, and will again reflect on the events of that tragic day twenty years ago and remember all of the lives that were lost

The Harrison Public Library has two events planned related to September 11. On Wednesday September 1, at 7pm join Artist Donald Sexton for a 9/11 Memorial Art Talk. During this free virtual program, Artist Donald Sexton will be displaying his paintings virtually with the Harrison Library during the month of September and discussing his paintings of 9/11 on September 1. These paintings, one above, were created en plein air from various vantage points around Ground Zero in the two or three months immediately after 9/11. In New York, he lived seven blocks north of Ground Zero and for several weeks put on a mask, carried his paints, and went to Ground Zero.

Register at <https://www.harrisonpl.org/events/harrison/18185>

The Harrison Library will also hold an author Event Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 on Tuesday, September 21 at 7 pm. This virtual author event commemorating 9/11 will feature Middle Grade and Young Adult authors Nora Raleigh Baskin (Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story), Gae Polisner (The Memory of Things) and Jeff Rogers (Eleven). It seems appropriate to host this event on September 21 — International Day of Peace. The entire community is invited to this special program being offered in partnership with the Mamaroneck and Tuckahoe Public Libraries. A Q&A will follow after the panel discussion.

Register for this free virtual program at <https://www.harrisonpl.org/events/harrison/18177>

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