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77 Black & Hispanic Teens Missing In New York State; Many From Yonkers



Nayelis Perez Santiago, left, and Yoxy Zuniga Romero, both from Yonkers and missing
By Dennis Richmond Jr.

Steven Small, 16, went missing less than two weeks ago in New York City. There was no national media coverage for him. Jayden Bethea-Mendez, 17, went missing in Dobbs Ferry last month. I didn't see anything about this on News12. The same month, Toni Boyce, 16, went missing in Pleasantville. Kayla Stewart, 15, and Nashyilah Jackson-Irby, 14, both went missing in Pleasantville within the past year too.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, 77 Black, and Hispanic young adults are missing in New York. Those missing in Yonkers, Nayelis Perez Santiago, Yoxy Zuniga Romero, and Melvin Garay Murillo, are Hispanic. Unfortunately, most Black and Hispanic teenagers that go missing never get national media coverage. A Google search for the name "Gabby" instantly pulls up articles about Gabby Petito. Gabby, 22, is a recently slain white woman. Gabby received national media coverage, but Steven, Jayden, Yoxy, and Nayelis didn't.

"Tens of thousands of Black girls and women go missing every year. Last year, that figure was nearly 100,000. Yet their cases hardly ever grab national headlines," says NPR. "A journalist in California is doing what she can to try to change that, by telling as many of their stories as she can — and hopefully helping them get the justice they deserve. Our Black Girls centers on the often untold stories of Black girls and women who have gone missing or, in some cases, were found dead under mysterious circumstances." The website was created three years ago by Erika Marie Rivers.

Why are Black and Hispanic teenagers specifically targeted? Dr. Umar Johnson and the late Dick Gregory talked about organ harvesting. People are stealing organs from Black and Hispanic people. Illegal activity, such as payment for this process, takes place on the dark web. Some of the cases of these missing teenagers may have a connection to the dark web.

Other than organ harvesting, teenagers are missing due to sex trafficking. A man was arrested for sex trafficking in Detroit as recently as October 14th. A man in Milwaukee, 45, was arrested too. According to FOX6 Milwaukee, some of his

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Council President Candidate Ron Matten: "We are Going to Win on Nov. 2"



By Dan Murphy

Meet Ron Matten the republican candidate for Yonkers City Council President. Matten, who has lived most of his life in Yonkers, is confident about the outcome of the election on Nov. 2, based on the message that he is sharing with voters from all parties across the city.

"I think this election will be a lot closer than people think. I am garnering wide support across the city, and I will be announcing my victory on Nov. 2. I can bring a lot to help fix the ills of the city. We are borrowing way too much money and we are overdeveloping our city."

"My opponent has come out in favor of raising taxes. We need to keep a tight hand on the purse of our city budget before we go back to the taxpayers and ask for more. Higher taxes will force seniors out of their homes, and those who are living on a budget, especially during COVID."

"There are inequities in our schools, but that responsibility falls on the Board of Education. My opponent is a member of the Board of Education. The policy of giving one device per family during the pandemic was a failure. It should have been one device per student."

"We still don't have an Asst. Superintendent for Business. We didn't have one in 2015 when an account clerk booked \$55 Million in revenue that we didn't have, which resulted in a fiscal crisis in the city. The school board has abdicated their responsibilities over these decisions and my opponent sits on the board."

"We need to protect our citizens from a rise in crime and in violent crime. Calls to defund the police are wrong and I'm afraid that the City Council will move in that direction if we don't make sure that our police are properly funded and has the staffing they need."

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Mount Sinai's Dr. Tsang Says Early Detection of Breast Cancer Saves Lives



By Dan Murphy

The announcement by U.S. Senator and former Presidential candidate Amy Klobuchar in September that she had been diagnosed and treated for breast cancer in 2021, is a case that should be shared with women about how early detection and screening can lead to successful treatment, according to Dr. Ashley Tsang, Mount Sinai Doctors-Westchester.

On Sept. 9th Senator Klobuchar, 61, wrote, "In February of this year, doctors found small white spots called calcifications during a routine mammogram. After this was discovered, I had a biopsy and then learned that I had Stage 1A breast cancer."

"After a number of other tests, I returned to Mayo and had a lumpectomy on the right breast which involved the removal of the cancer. In May, I completed a course of radiation treatment, and after additional follow-up visits, it was determined in August that the treatment went well. At this point my doctors believe that my chances of developing cancer again are no greater than the average person," said Klobuchar.

Dr. Tsang said that Klobuchar's successful early diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer should be used as an example and wake up call for women about the importance of how patients can use screenings to maintain their own health, especially during Breast Cancer Awareness month in October 2021.

"We know that one in eight women get breast cancer, and that figure has not changed in decades, despite the advancements in health care and medical research," said Dr. Tsang. "The fact that Sen. Klobuchar had a mammogram in February, and they detected something which a biopsy confirmed was Stage 1A Breast Cancer, shows that for those patients who are found to have something abnormal on a screening mammogram and if it is caught early, like Klobuchar, it can save their life."

"The two most common presentations of breast cancer are a palpable breast mass, or an abnormal screening mammogram. The latter presentation is often early stage, and the earlier breast cancer is diagnosed, treatments like chemotherapy may not be necessary," said Dr. Tsang.

Sen. Klobuchar continued, "I also want to call attention to the fact that many people have been delaying physicals and routine examinations because of the pandemic. I know that because I delayed mine. Studies have found that thousands of people who missed their mammogram due to the pandemic may be living with undetected breast cancer."

"It's easy to put off health screenings, just like I did. But I hope my experience is a reminder for every one of the values of routine health checkups, exams, and follow-through. I am so fortunate to have caught the cancer at an early enough stage and to not need chemotherapy or other extensive treatments. "

Dr. Tsang said, "Those who are at average risk should begin screening mammograms at age 40, according to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American College of Radiology. It is important to know if you are high risk for developing breast cancer, because a screening maybe required earlier, and it may also include an MRI of the breast."

"Women who are considered high risk are those with a family history of breast or ovarian cancer, those who carry a genetic mutation associated with increased risk, and patients who have had a prior breast biopsy which showed high risk

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Councilman Anthony Merante: "The People's Councilmember"

One of the hottest races in Yonkers this election is the City Council race in the 6th District, with Councilman Anthony Merante running for reelection. Merante, a CPA, is proud to run on his record over the past four years of serving as a fiscal watchdog for the taxpayers of Yonkers.

"I am a watchdog over the City's tax dollars, and my job is to make sure that we use all the money efficiently to get thing done without having to go back to the taxpayers. The State collects \$500 Million is Sales Tax and Income Tax Surcharge, and they give back \$450 Million. I want some of the remaining \$50 to come back to Yonkers."

"My opponent criticized me for property taxes going up by 14%, where

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Yonkers Force and Brave Play Two of the Best Teams in High School Football



Yonkers Force running back Ryan Joseph turns the corner against top ranked New Rochelle HS. Photo by DocWszolek

By Phil Foley

Last week the Yonkers Brave and the Yonkers Force played two excellent teams and lost. The Yonkers Force lost to last years State Champions New Rochelle HS 48-8 and the Yonkers Brave lost to a pretty good Scarsdale HS by the score of 48-20. Scoring for the Brave were DJ Holmes and Manny Romero.(on rushing TDs) and Arturo Almengo who recovered a fumble for a touchdown in the end zone.

This Saturday the Brave host Spring Valley HS at Saunders HS Field. Kick off is 1:30 PM.

The Force played a very tough first quarter against New Rochelle HS and were actually leading 8-7 at one point. In the game for the Force the following players played very well according to Coach Anthony Fava: Brandon Sweat had 7 catches for 93 yards. Quarterback Atticus Oelkers ran for a TD and a two point conversion. Ryan Joseph added 68 yards rushing.

The Force travel to Suffern HS this Friday Night. Kickoff is at 7PM

Good luck to our boys this weekend. We know you give your all each week and always give your best efforts on the field. We at the Yonkers Rising are proud of you too!

Yonkers High School Students Develop Passion for the Environment at Untermyer Gardens



YPIE Student Summer Interns plant new garden at the entrance of Untermyer Gardens

In 2019, Untermyer Gardens formed a partnership with Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE) to offer summer internships for students across all Yonkers high schools to assist in beautifying the gardens. These internships have made a life-changing impact on students, deepening their love for nature and desire to give back to their community.

More than 20 YPIE students have interned at Untermyer Gardens. This summer, YPIE students opened up paths across the 45 acres, planted an orchard with apple and pear trees, sifted compost, and added 175 plants to the sloped terrace near the vegetable garden.

As a culminating project on Saturday, October 16th, a group of YPIE Summer Interns planted a selection of native shrubs in a garden near the entrance that will welcome all guests to Untermyer Gardens.

Learn more at YPIE.org

We Endorse: George Latimer for Westchester County Executive



On Election Day 2017, George Latimer, left, was elected Westchester County Executive. Three years later, the COVID-19 pandemic began, with an initial outbreak in New Rochelle. Since then, everything has changed, including what is required from our elected officials. Latimer was forced to lead Westchester through our most difficult time since September 11, 2001. He has done so with a calm reassurance that is needed during times of trouble. He has also been able to encourage residents of our county to wear masks and get vaccinated, not only for their own health and safety, but for their families and community.

Latimer was elected during pre-pandemic politics in Westchester. Now he asks for your vote in a post-pandemic political world, and he has earned that vote.

We endorse Latimer for re-election as County Executive because we have seen results and not just rhetoric from him during a time of crisis.

During the pandemic, County government in Westchester has helped deliver PPE and vaccines to the people of Westchester. Under Latimer's leadership, county government has provided assistance in the form of rent payments, small business assistance and food assistance, providing needed help to keep many residents in their homes, and with food on the table.

Unfortunately, whether someone should get vaccinated has become a political issue in Westchester and across our country. Latimer has called out residents in our county who refused to wear a mask when the pandemic was raging, and has urged county employees and the people of Westchester to get vaccinated. We agree with Latimer, and stand with him and with the medical and scientific community on this issue, which in our view, is critical to get us back to normal.

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Two Local Westchester Judges Look to Make History



Westchester County Executive George Latimer, center, has endorsed Judge Tom Quinones, left, and Judge Christie D'Alessio for State Supreme Court

By Dan Murphy

Two local Westchester Judges are running for election to the State Supreme Court in the 9th Judicial District, (Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Dutchess and Orange Counties). Yonkers City Court Judge Tom Quinones is seeking to become the first Hispanic elected to the Supreme Court from Westchester. Greenburgh Town Justice Christie D'Alessio is the only female candidate for Supreme Court this year in the 9th JD.

Both Judge Quinones and Judge D'Alessio have over 20 years of legal experience in addition to their time on the local bench. First elected to the Yonkers City Court in 2016, Judge Quinones has presided over one of the busiest local courtrooms in Westchester for the past five years.

Prior to sitting on the Yonkers Court, Quinones served for 20 years as a Family Court Magistrate in NY County, where he presided over court proceedings including determinations of support, both contested and uncontested paternity proceedings, and other family court matters. Judge Quinones also served as a Chief Hearing Examiner for the New York City Department of Health, giving him four decades of service to the people of New York in the court system

An active participant in community life in Yonkers, Judge Quinones has served for 10 years on the Yonkers Exchange Club. He is married to his wife of 25 years, Odette, and they have three children.

Greenburgh Town Justice Christie D'Alessio brings more than 20 years of legal service to the people of Westchester, and wants to continue that service as a Supreme Court Judge. Elected to the Greenburgh Town Court in 2018, D'Alessio has served as a Westchester County Assistant Attorney from 2001-2014, and as a court attorney to State Supreme Court Judge Minihan.

A respected jurist with a proven record of experience and integrity, Judge D'Alessio has served on the Greenburgh Town Court since 2018, where she has presided over criminal, civil and small claims matters, and youth court proceedings. Judge D'Allesio has also served as an acting Judge in several local City and Village courts across Westchester, including of Yonkers, White Plains, Elmsford, Irvington, Larchmont, Sleepy Hollow, Tuckahoe and Mamaroneck.

A dedicated wife and mother of three, Judge D'Allesio is known as a Judge who renders justice to the people with compassion, fairness and common sense. "Raised in a modest blue-collar family, I have always followed my parents' example to work hard for opportunities. I have never forgotten my humble roots which keeps me grounded and drives me to serve the community with care. To make a

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Supermarkets Swept Empty



By Eric W. Schoen

What's going on in our grocery stores? It took me visits to 2 supermarkets, Family Dollar and Dollar Tree earlier this week to pick up the things I needed. Store shelves are empty unless you go everyday when shipments come in. Even then you don't know what you will find.

It started a month ago. My sister wanted Cat food, cat litter, plain white vinegar and baking soda for her cat, Sidney (named after my dad who had a belly like Sidney does). Anyone who has a cat knows you don't just change the food or litter on the cat based on what's on sale. Three grocery stores, two in Yonkers and one in New Rochelle to find the correct cat litter and cat food. (Now don't tell me to go online and order. The brands she uses are sold out online.)

My sister uses the vinegar and baking soda to keep the cat litter fresh. Vinegar is used by many to clean as it is inexpensive. They had a few bottles of the expensive Heinz Vinegar, but none of the store brand vinegar. Same with the baking soda. Since many of the store brand products are made by the same companies who make the name brands, are manufacturers only shipping the more expensive name brands so we have to pay more?

Could there be so many of the store brands waiting to be shipped at the ports in California? A sales clerk told me the lack of vinegar is because people are eating salads. All of a sudden people are eating salads with white vinegar on them? Don't people buy the 100's of brands of expensive vinegar like the Balsamic from Modena on store shelves?

Let's talk about my trip. Remember I am 1 person. I wanted deli made tuna salad (I know I am nuts paying \$10 a pound) which Stop and Shop had none. I wanted high protein, low calorie, high fiber frozen pancakes. Out of stock for weeks. I wanted pocket frozen sandwiches from Sandwich brothers. Egg and Cheese, Cheeseburger, all they had was Sausage and Cheese. Little Table Talk sugar free \$1 apple pies. None. I did see a brand of low calories, high protein, high fiber sandwich rolls. It was October 15. They were dated October 14. Covered with green mold.

I needed Vicks Vapor Rub for a chest cold I felt coming on. \$9? My father who swore that consuming a spoon full of vapor rub when you were sick killed anything would roll over in his grave if I spent that much. I ended up purchasing Dollar Tree vapor rub which when put on your chest does the same thing as the \$9

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Join the Conversation

Westchester County Requests Your Participation at the 2021 Westchester County Budget Public Input Sessions

Before the 2022 Westchester County budget is finalized, come and share your priorities for County programs and services. This year's information is as follows:

Monday, October 25

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Senator Mayer Holds Forum on Antisemitism



Westchester State Senator Shelley Mayer held an online discussion on October 6 titled, Combating Antisemitism, Addressing and Preventing the Rise in Antisemitism. Panelists included Westchester DA Mimi Rocah, Scott Richman Regional Director, ADL, NY-NJ, and Tejash Sanchala, Executive Director, Westchester County Human Rights Commission.

Senator Mayer started off the discussion with an overall comment about the rise in antisemitism in Westchester County, New York State and across the country. "As a Jewish elected official, I believe this is an American problem. It's not only a problem that Jews are targeted. It's a problem when hate is so prevalent in our communities and exhibited through acts of violence, intimidation or anything else that gets in the way of our diverse communities."

"Jews have been very much on the receiving end of anti-Semitism, but it has gotten much worse this year. This has caused me to say that we need to actually confront this and speak up, and find effective solutions to reduce anti-Semitism, and make clear that it is unacceptable," said Sen. Mayer, who is Chair of the Senate Education Committee.

"We have a challenge to educate our children about anti-Semitism and all forms of hate, and we have not done a good job of that. NYS Education guidelines state that students must be taught about the inhumanities of genocide, slavery, and the Holocaust. They must be taught in school and students are to be taught at an early level. In Yonkers students are taught by hearing from Holocaust survivors. We need to make sure that these stories are told, and students have a personal connection, before a generation leaves us," said Mayer.

Scott Richman explained that the ADL, Anti-Defamation League, tracks cases of Anti-Semitism and Hate Crimes. "We are living in a time of fear in the Jewish community and a rise in anti-Semitism. We began to see an uptick in 2011. In 2013, there were 1,000 antisemitic incidents; that number has doubled to over 2,000 in 2020. You would think that the number of incidents would have dropped significantly because of the lockdown, it did not. Why is this the case? Because antisemitism morphed, and found a way while we were in lockdown to spread through social media and became virtual," said Richman, who said that 2019 had the highest number of antisemitic incidents in our region, and in 2021, incidents have risen by 75% due to the Israeli-Hamas conflicts in May.

"We have seen a marked increase in antisemitic incidents, and we are responding to each incident by reaching out to victims, law enforcement and government officials. There are 30 antisemitic incidents reported every week. And while these incidents are impacting the Jewish community, they are really impacting all of us. Hate impacts all of us, and if you tolerate one form of hate then you are tolerating all forms of hate," said Richman who added that the ADL has tracked incidents of white supremacist propaganda in Westchester last year that included stickers and flyers placed across the county, including one incident where 200 flyers were dropped which read, "Have a Very White Christmas."

The ADL also holds a program with local schools titled No Place for Hate, in which schools that engage students and staff in dialogue and active learning on the topics of bias, bullying and inclusion are given a banner to put outside their school.

Tejash Sanchala, explained the work of the Westchester County Human Rights Commission. The county recently passed a bill that expanded the scope of the human rights law to include discrimination against many aspects of daily life, including neighbor on neighbor harassment and street harassment. The Westchester Human Rights Commission will now be charged with the power to investigate and adjudicate the new law.

Sanchala outlined violations of the human rights law would include if an employer has a 'no head covering policy' or if an employee is subject to antisemitic comments in the workplace. "At the commission, we champion the message that viruses don't discriminate. It has been reported that 15% of Jewish Americans under the age of 30 are black, Hispanic, Asian or multiple, non-white races. If you see an antisemitic or hate incident, the most important thing to do is report it to us, or the ADL, or the DA's office."

Westchester District Attorney Mimi Rocah explained that personally, "my father and his parents were Holocaust survivors from Romania. My office has not received a spike in the numbers but any one incident that happens creates an environment of fear. But it also creates an opportunity in law enforcement to show the positive side and support victims and the community and help build trust."

"Acts of hate, and hate crimes are not necessarily the same thing. Hate crimes are some of the hardest crimes that we as prosecutors face to get enough evidence to prosecute. We need evidence that a crime occurred, but we also need to demonstrate that the perpetrator intentionally committed the crime because of a heightened element of intent."

"In most of these cases, the victim can feel they were targeted but the evidence of showing and proving that isn't as straight forward. We need to show the perpetrators bigoted beliefs. It's hard to do but its our job to try and do it," said Rocah.

Two recent instances that were not included in the forum, but we have reported on include antisemitic incidents in the Yorktown Department of Public Works when Eric DiBartolo was Superintendent that included Swastikas and the Nazi salute in front of a Jewish employee of the Town.

And in Briarcliff Manor recently, The Proud Boys, which have been identified as a Hate Group by the Southern Poverty Law Center, held a protest rally in support of former President Donald Trump. And the founder of the Proud Boys, Gavin McInnes, lives in Larchmont.

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did he get that number from? Over four years, we raised taxes twice, for 2% and 6%, and I wasn't happy about it. The Mayor signed contracts with the unions and we never got the money from the state that was promised. I will take that one on the chin, and I will try to take control of this \$2 B monster called the City of Yonkers budget.

"If I weren't on the council, how high would the tax increases be? I look at the numbers and I understand how budgets work. I'm constantly monitoring the Finance Department to look at our economically sensitive revenue. We have too many for lease signs up, and we need to fill them up and have people spend more money in Yonkers.

My focus is on keeping taxes down but also on paving our streets. We have put in about \$18 Million to pave our streets, which is a critical part of our quality of life. We also have an infrastructure problem with our sewers and water mains. I encourage homeowners to get insurance coverage which will pay if there is a water main break.

I also work to make sure that we are safe and that the police and fire departments are fully funded, staffed, trained and equipped to keep us safe when we have to call 911. People have a right to come home at night and feel safe and know that help is on the way if needed. Some of our crime issues have to do with state policy, and the police are having troubles with repeat offenders.

I think we have done a good job over the past four years, and I want to continue the work and serve as the people's councilperson. To me, its all about protecting the people and the taxpayers. I'm here to save our neighborhoods."

Merante, a republican, stressed the need to have two party's co-existing in Yonkers. "I'm here to save Yonkers from itself. You need to have different voices in government. I'm campaigning hard and speaking with a lot of people. They want to stay in Yonkers, and that's my job. To make our city safe enough, and affordable enough, so that people stay the rest of their lives."

Merante responded to his opponent, Tim Hodges, comments that not everyone in the 6th District knows that Merante is their councilman. "The people know that I'm always there if they have a problem, or call my council office. That is my job and I take it seriously. People are numb to politics and they are tired of the mailings and the knocks on the door from the right and the left. 23% of voters in Yonkers are independent and don't like to get involved until election day. But if they need me, I'm a phone call away and I will be there to help."

Merante challenged Hodges and asked, "What is his platform? I haven't heard of anything except Coyotes. I'm here to take care of city problems, controlling taxes, fixing our streets, taking down trees, preparing for the next storm, this is a serious job."

Merante also said, "I'm the true conservative in this race," and challenged Hodges to explain how he could be running on both the democratic and conservative party lines. "He claims to be a conservative democrat, that's an oxymoron. He hasn't established any policies that make him a conservative. He was a republican and then he switched parties. I am the true conservative and I'm asking for their vote. Look at my record on spending and taxes. I'm a CPA located in Yonkers."

"Will the real Tim Hodges step forward? I am focused on what the people want in this district. I won as a republican in 2017 during a Blue Wave. I didn't receive any union endorsements and I don't expect any this time, even though I stepped up in the budget to save union jobs."

"I am influenced by none, and I'm funding my own campaign. and can't be bought. I am beholden to no one except my constituents," said Merante.

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Serial Groper Gets Three Years in Jail for Yonkers Sexual Assaults

A Yonkers man who sexually abused a woman as she was entering her apartment in the City of Yonkers, and was later identified in three other forcible touching incidents, was sentenced to prison on Oct. 12, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced.

Andre Degree, 26, was sentenced, after pleading guilty to Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, a felony, to three years in state prison, with 10 years' post-release supervision. Upon his release from prison, he will be required to register as a sex offender.

On September 24, 2020, at approximately 8:50 a.m., Degree approached a woman from behind who was entering her building in Yonkers, forced her pants down and sexually assaulted her. A struggle ensued and Degree fled the scene, with the woman chasing after him for several blocks while on the phone with the Yonkers Police Department until she lost sight of him.

Yonkers Police arrested Degree on October 1, 2020, after reviewing surveillance videos. Following his arrest, Degree was later identified in three separate forcible touching incidents that took place in the same area on August 3, 2020, September 4, 2020, and September 23, 2020.

The case was before Judge Susan Cacace in Westchester County Court and was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Marissa Morra-Wynn.

Kudos to the woman who fought back, chased down the defendant and called Yonkers Police. And to the Yonkers Police for making the arrest.

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What are the voters telling you as you campaign? "That we need to work on our infrastructure. We had a large storm recently, and residents lost their cars and had other damage. Our sewers and storm water drains need to be better maintained. I'm also hearing from homeowners that their water meters aren't recording properly, and they are getting hit with excessive fees for their water service. Taxes and roads are also on their minds.

Matten's key issues are quality of life, overdevelopment, funding the police department, and have more financial transparency. "We require safe streets, quality neighborhoods, and fiscal stability. We are overdeveloping Yonkers. We need to have a master plan for development and sit down with our local neighborhood associations and understand their concerns. We must be much more transparent in our development projects before the community can sign on.

Matten added that he believes that the overdevelopment of the downtown has resulted in "displacing families from affordable housing. We need that affordable housing and that is part of the reason for the lack of it."

"Police Commissioner Mueller testified in Albany recently about the failures of bail reform and recidivism. The recent spike in crime is fueled by gang activity. The long-term solution is working with our community anchors to provide engaging youth programs. The near and middle term solution is funding and supporting our police. We also need to have a 10-year financial plan for our city budget, instead of a 12-month plan, so we can see the direction we are going."

Ron Matten grew up on Beale Street in Yonkers and lived in Valentine Gardens. After his dad had a stroke, his mom worked minimum wage jobs and cleaned houses on the weekends to make ends meet. Matten attended Sacred Heart High School and went on to get his bachelor's degree in Finance and his MBA in Public Administration. He currently works as the Assistant Vice-President for Finance at NY Medical College.

Matten serves on the Board of the Yonkers YMCA, "one of the important organizations in my life," and on the Yonkers Schools Construction Board. Why did he stay in Yonkers? "After college, I bought my first house on Nepperhan Avenue, in Nepera Park, and I owned a business on Lockwood Avenue. Yonkers is a great community. It is now the third largest City in New York, but it feels like a small town. I can reach out to my elected officials, and they get back to me. It's not congested, and New York City is close by. We have trees and the waterfront but everything else you find in a small community."

Matten is making his first run for elected office but has been a Yonkers republican for all his life. "We need a voice from both sides of the aisle to temper each other. I have been able to draw broad democratic support in this race, which helps me keep my message and views well rounded.

Matten has the support from the Yonkers GOP and from former republican Mayor's of Yonkers, Phil Amicone and John Spencer. Matten supports Project Labor Agreements, PLA's, which require union labor to be hired for development projects that use taxpayer dollars, like IDA projects. Matten says that this is one of many things that he and Collins-Bellamy disagree on.

"My opponent has changed her message throughout this campaign. She's trying to figure out her message, while I'm running on my experience and competency. I'm ready to lead on day one. And I'm not running for another office. I'm planning to win this race and serving all the people as council president

Matten is also running on the Common Sense Party line with fellow republicans Councilman Anthony Merante and County Executive candidate Christine Sculti "Based on my experience, competency, and vision for Yonkers, I am asking for your vote. "I have seen the city at its best and its worst. With your vote, I can continue to build consensus and a better Yonkers.

Matten who is vaccinated, quoted Benjamin Franklin who said, "If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail."

On This Day in Yonkers History...



W.C. Handy, The Father of the Blues

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

Monday, October 25th

October 25, 1915: Police Headquarters came up with a new definition of intoxication. They booked a homeless man on the charges when William Daxon, NY Central RR Special Agent, informed police he spotted the gentleman standing near the tracks and lobbing spuds at the windows of trains pulling into the Yonkers Train Station!

October 25, 1949: Yonkers composer Vic Kenmore of Saw Mill River Road, heard his recently released tune "My Love Song," performed in Yonkers in the vaudeville program at Loew's Theater. Besides being heard in Yonkers, Peter Ratonda, the orchestra leader at the Stork Club, not only introduced the song at the world-famous club, but also played it nightly. Kenmore, a pianist at Riptide on South Broadway, had the song published by Yonkers resident Fred Mayo, head of the Mayo Music Company. Not to rest on his laurels, Kenmore also was hard at work "perfecting luminous plastic drumsticks," patent applied for.

Tuesday, October 26th

October 26, 1776: American light horse and infantry companies took overnight possession of the Manor Hall on their way to the Battle of White Plains.

October 26, 1944: Casper DiMaggio of Ash Street, returned home from war with pictures that thrilled his parents. Both of Di Maggio's parents were born in Altofonte outside Palermo. While stationed at Palermo, he paid the town a visit. As soon as he set foot in his parents' hometown, he ran smack into aunts, uncles and an assortment of cousins! They liked him so much, he was invited to spend the remainder of his free time with the family, coming for special meals and just getting to know them. When he got home, he filled his parents in on all the news, and illustrated his stories with the dozens of pictures he took!

Wednesday, October 27th

October 27, 1919: Public Safety Commissioner Maurice O'Keefe announced "bone-dry" war time prohibition would be in effect until Washington authorities lifted the ban; federal law stated no beverage with more than 1/2 of one percent alcohol could be sold.

October 27, 1944: Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal sent a Navy Day commendation telegram to the men and women of the Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Company for their role in the war effort. "The patriotic support of our working forces at home has been a major factor in our successes... it seems appropriate, therefore, on this day when America pays tribute to her fighting Navy, to tender a salute on behalf of the fleet to the men and women who are backing up the Navy in the war plants."

Thursday, October 28th

October 28, 1927: The Waring mansion at 92 South Broadway was "knocked down" to John Stone of 315 South Broadway for \$10 by City Clerk John Kettell's in his City Hall office. That hammer sounded the knell for the old home that once was among the city's show places.

October 28, 1943: Seventy-year-old William C. Handy of Chester Drive took a serious fall while waiting at the 146th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue subway station, fracturing his skull. Known as the Father of the Blues, he was one of the most influential songwriters in the Country. His best-known compositions are "St. Louis Blues" and "Memphis Blues."

Friday, October 29th

October 29, 1924: Upholding the contention Yonkers is just as suitable to make movies as France, the NY Supreme Court handed down a decision awarding John E. Kellard \$772. Kellard signed a contract to make a film for a New York concern in the "suburbs of Yonkers." Instead, the company filmed in France. Kellard, unable to go to France, sued for his contractual agreement to be honored.

October 29, 1934: In a race against time, John Gullikson, Jr., became Yonkers' first "taxi baby!" Mrs. Gullikson called for an ambulance, but it never arrived. In desperation, she called Central Taxi Company. Dispatcher William Wall fielded her call; he had no cabs so he grabbed a car and rushed to the woman himself, then sped non-stop from Gullikson's Walnut Street home to the hospital, but the wee baby had another idea. John made his entry into the world at Nepperhan Avenue and School Street. Doctors reported mom and baby were doing well.

Saturday, October 30th

October 30, 1934: Socialist US Senatorial candidate Norman Thomas spoke at a rally in Eagles' Hall on South Broadway; he garnered more than 200,000 votes statewide. Thomas also ran for NY governor in 1924, mayor of NYC in 1925 and 1929, NYS Senate in 1926, NY alderman in 1927, and ran for US President six consecutive times beginning in 1928, all on the Socialist ticket.

October 30, 1944: Yonkers mourned when it learned Private First Class Gerald

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Azzinnaro of Seminary Avenue was lost when a heavy bomber he was on crashed in Florida. His sister Antoinette called the base to confirm. She was told her brother was on leave. Unfortunately, the officer was wrong, and Gerald had perished along with eight other crew members.

Sunday, October 31st

October 31, 1912: Mrs. Corinne Knickerbocker presented a life-size bust of George Washington to Mayor Lennon for the City of Yonkers. Created by the late Wilson MacDonald, it was a replica of Houdon's life mask of Washington, molded directly from Washington's face in 1785. MacDonald numbered the castings he made, writing on the back, "This is a mathematical reduction of the original Life Mask Bust of Washington, sworn to by Wilson MacDonald, Copyright 1899, Menry-Bonnard Bronze Co, Founders NY 1899."

October 31, 1946: Yonkers PAL held its first Ragamuffin Parade. More than 3000 costumed youngsters marched without squabbling or injury. Adult PAL members, uniformed police officers and fire fighters marched with the boys and girls; fifty prize winners each received silver dollars!

Questions or comments? Email YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com.

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charges include "interstate transportation for prostitution" and "interstate transportation of a minor for criminal sexual activity." Dozens of Black and Hispanic teens are going missing, and there's no outcry. Where is the national media attention?

I don't know if any of the missing teenagers in New York are victims of organ harvesting or sex trafficking. The hope is that the families and friends of all these victims find their loved ones. That could only happen when more people start talking.

Visit <https://www.missingkids.org/home>, to learn more about the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Dennis Richmond, Jr., is an author and journalist focused on the Black, Latinx, and LGBTQIA+ Community. He has covered HBCUs periodically for six years at Yonkers Rising. Richmond lives in Yonkers. Follow him on Twitter @NewYorkStakz.

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product. Don't worry, I didn't consume a spoon full (note: PLEASE DON'T) but I do know other people whose parents believe in the magical affects of consuming vapor rub!

I went to Shoprite. They had the store made tuna fish. \$10.99 a pound. I'm worth it! They had 1, yes 1 box of the high protein pancakes. Is there some kind of run on Kodiak Cakes flapjacks? Plenty of kodiak cakes waffles in all varieties (Note Target has been out of the pancakes for weeks!). They didn't have the Sandwich Brothers pocket sandwiches. But they did have an item I had a \$9 off coupon for so I was a happy camper.

I like Mountain Dew Energy Drinks. It's only 80 calories, and I drink half the can at a sitting. \$1 to \$1.25 each. I know that if I go to the Family Dollar Store in the old library in Getty Square Square on a Sunday night (they are open to 9) I will find the Fruit Punch Mountain Dew Energy Drink I want. Not at Acme. Not at Stop and Shop. Not at Shoprite. Only at the Family Dollar store in Getty Square will I find them.

For right now, sadly the days of finding everything you want in one store are next to impossible. What day should you shop when the stores will have the largest stock of Merchandise. There is no answer to that question. I really feel sorry for families with children who are limited in what they will eat. Check store circulars weekly for items on sale but again that's no guarantee the store will have the product you want when you arrive. Sale on Cozy Shack sugar free rice and tapioca 4 packs. Sale at Stop and Shop started Friday. I went Friday. Manager said they never came in. Target Circle, Target's discount app had the Sandwich Brothers items at 25% off. Frozen food manager said they never came in. I notice the same lack of product with many Target Circle items.

What can I say? Buon Appetito!

HOT TOPICS:October 15 is the day the landlord must supply heat if the temperature is below 55 degrees. Heat or hot water complaints in Yonkers. Call the very kind Joanne at City Hall at 377-6560 or her supervisor, Pat Losco at 377-6527.

Talk in the Journal News about burying power lines underground to prevent outages. At a cost of millions of dollars per mile do you ever think it's going to happen. Keep dreaming.

When will they ever learn? Political signs are illegal on public property. They are legal on private property only with the permission of the property owner. Kudos to Yonkers Public Works employee Steve Squig and his crew who collect the illegally placed signs and return them to their rightful owners. Do they have to do that? No. Should the City of Yonkers enforce the laws on the books and fine candidates for illegally placed signs? Certainly would greatly enrich city coffers.

Congratulations to the Westchester Black Women's Political Caucus on their 45th Anniversary Celebration this past weekend. This organization and its members supplied the support monetarily and grass roots for many women in leadership roles today. We need many more political groups to help candidates from all backgrounds navigate our complex political system!

Gas prices keep going up and up. Who can we blame it on this week? Gas Buddy, Waze, AAA Mobile, Gas Guru, Mapquest, and GetUpside are some of the apps you can get on your iPhone that will connect you with the cheapest gas. Paying by credit card can add 10-20 cents per gallon so be careful. Look for shops that don't charge you more to pay with your credit card. As for me I hate pumping gas. Believe it or not many service stations that pump gas for you are cheaper than those where you have to pump gas yourself. And who wants to get their hands all messy.

Everyone knows what great libraries we have in Yonkers and Westchester. Many people have computers, iPads, iPhones, laptops and desktops sitting collecting dust. Yonkers Public Library has Tech Workshops for Seniors Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m.-12 Noon at the Will Library Computer Room. Tech Drop In for all ages where you can learn everything from setting up an email address to installing one of the apps I mentioned above takes place Wednesday and Thursday from 12-3 at the Riverfront Library. The doors of the Yonkers Public Library are wide open with a wonderful staff who can help you and magnificent resources for everything from preparing your resume to preparing your next vacation to preparing dinner! Visit www.ypl.org or call the library at 914-337-1500 for a wealth of information! So much is available for free online!

Many of you know that I am the long time President of the Friends of the Yonkers Public Library. For over 25 years prior to Covid we have presented live musicales attended by thousands of people. We had to lay low during the pandemic but I am happy to inform you that live music presented by Friends will be back at the Will Library in November. A little tickler. We have a Salute to ABBA featuring Larger than Life on November 14. You will have to be masked and we will only allow 100 attendees., No dancing in the aisles, but it will be wonderful to have live music for all to enjoy!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisonyers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen and Dan Murphy 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.

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timely decision backed by reason and compassion and rooted in law. This is my goal every single time I take the bench," said Judge D'Alessio.

As with every non-presidential or non-gubernatorial election, turnout will be the key. for As one Westchester democrat said, "Our biggest opponent right now is apathy, so we need to do all we can to make sure everyone knows how important voting is in local elections."

The five democratic candidates for State Supreme Court in the 9th JD are Judge Quinones, Judge D'Alessio, sitting State Supreme Court Judge Robert Berliner, and attorneys Tom Davis and James Hyer. They are actively campaigning across Westchester County to earn your vote. Don't sleep on this election. Early voting starts on Oct. 23 and election day is November 2.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK –

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Plaintiff designates WESTCHESTER County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is: The location of the real property being foreclosed. BANK OF AMERICA, NA, Plaintiff, against UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF MARY A. DAVIS A/K/A MARY DAVIS A/K/A MARY A PICKNEY A/K/A MARY PICKNEY A/K/A MARY PICKNEY DAVIS A/K/A MARY TEMPLE DAVIS, if they be living and if they be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant(s) who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Defendant(s). To the above named Defendant(s): 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(s) within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); 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.

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable David F. Everett, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Westchester County, granted on the 3rd day of August, 2021, and filed with the Verified Complaint and other papers in the office of the County Clerk of Westchester County. The object of this action is to bar and forever foreclose of and from all right, title, interest, claim, lien and equity of redemption in and to real property situated in the County of Westchester being known as and by 12 RISLEY PLACE, NEW ROCHELLE, NY 10801, bearing tax map designation Section: 4 Block: 1320 Lot: 0038, which is more fully described in the Schedule "A" attached to the Verified Complaint. Aldridge Pite, LLP. Attorneys for the Plaintiff, 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 Our File 1395-241B

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY

INDEX NO.: 58848/2019

BONITA WEST LLC v. 164 ELM REALTY CORP., et al., Defendants.

Pursuant to Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, dated January 22, 2020 and entered on January 24, 2020, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in the Courtroom 200 of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, White Plains, New York on the 19th day of November, 2021 at 2:30 P.M., the premises directed by said Judgment to be sold, being in Section 1, Block 455, Lot 6 on the Tax Map of the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester, and known by the street number 164 Elm Street, Yonkers, New York.

Approximate amount of Judgment is \$23,431.15 plus interest, costs, attorneys' fees and advances. Said premises will be sold subject to the provisions of the filed Judgment and the Terms of Sale.

FRANCIS APICELLA, ESQ., Referee.

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Section 3 Work Opportunity

MDG Design + Construction is currently seeking construction Section 3 eligible applicants for a moderate rehabilitation project, Calcagno Homes Located in Yonkers, NY.

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For more Section 3 information: <https://www.hud.gov/section3>

Eligible applicants must have an active Osha 30 card. If interested in applying, please send a resume with the position desired to:

Jeffrey Goritz; jgoritz@mdgny.com

Notice of formation of Sosa Cleaning Services LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/10/2021. Office location: 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, 40 Post Street, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Tint Skincare, LLC filed with the SSNY on 8/23/2021. 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, 137 Alexander Street, #2269, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Latimer for County Executive, continued from pg 2-

Latimer’s leadership of Westchester County and its people through the pandemic is the primary reason we endorse his re-election. In times of crisis, leaders emerge and help us through our most difficult times. Latimer has done that, and we wonder how our county would have been without an experienced hand, and a leader willing to listen and work with everyone.

Latimer’s opponent, Christine Sculti, has argued that county government has gotten too big and is spending too much money. But in a time of crisis, this is the time that the people of Westchester need their county government even more. And on the issue of taxes, Latimer has reduced the county portion of a homeowners property tax bills in two of his four years, a major accomplishment for any county executive, regardless of party.

Sculti has criticized Latimer for raising other county taxes, but the big problem with taxes in Westchester, as most homeowners know and understand, is that we pay the highest property taxes in the United States. Latimer has worked to address that issue, and as a democrat, he has taken away one of the republicans most effective arguments. And Westchester County’s Bond Rating has improved during Latimer’s tenure.

Over the past four years, Westchester County government has also been able to complete projects that remained unfinished for years. These nuts-and-bolts issues may not be politically sexy, but to those affected they are meaningful.

Under Latimer’s leadership, the Sprain Ridge Pool opened, the County resolved its affordable housing lawsuit and has built more affordable units than ever before, rebuilt the Family Court in New Rochelle, rebuilt the historic Miller House, and much of the county’s auto and bus fleet are becoming electric.

The people of Westchester are safer now under County Executive George Latimer. Crime is down across the county, and there are no calls to defund the police.

The longtime argument from republicans that Westchester residents are fleeing the county because of taxes cannot be found in recent census figures, which have Westchester reaching one million residents for the first time. People are indeed yearning to live, work and raise a family in Westchester, and those of us who have lived here all our lives, like Latimer has, understand why.

For Westchester homeowners, the prices of their homes have also increased at a dramatic rate under Latimer, and even more so during the pandemic, where families needed space for their children to learn remotely.

Latimer has checked all the boxes, and all the metrics and issues, that an elected official is measured by, have improved, or been resolved under his leadership.

We applaud Christine Sculti for challenging Latimer at a time when no other republican would step up and do so. It is important for voters in Westchester to have a choice when they go to vote for County Executive, and we commend Sculti for giving voters that choice. But Sculti’s decision not to debate Latimer was a mistake, in our view. It denied giving the voters of Westchester a chance to see her in action, sharing her issues of concern with them. In fact, much of Sculti’s campaign has been much to do about things that county government has no control over, like federal immigration policy and the curriculum taught in the more than forty different Westchester school districts.

Part of Sculti’s campaign focuses on education in Westchester’s many school districts, and the diversity equity and inclusion curriculum being taught in some of those schools. Her mother is the co-founder of Save our Schools in Westchester and Putnam. Latimer has steered clear of the issue, in part because it doesn’t fall under the purview of county government. Beyond that, we haven’t found a lot of substance in Sculti’s campaign. When we look for alternative proposals to what Latimer has done from Sculti, we haven’t found any. But we have found a lot of rhetoric and a philosophy that follows an ideology that resulted in a Blue Wave of democratic support in Westchester in 2017 that elected Latimer and many democrats.

There’s not much room in a Westchester residents’ life for rhetoric when you are locked down in a pandemic and in fear of your future and your family’s health. We endorse George Latimer for re-election as Westchester County Executive. He has served the people of Westchester well during a difficult time and has earned your vote.

Dr. Tsang, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, continued from pg 1-

lesions such as atypical ductal hyperplasia, atypical lobular hyperplasia, and lobular carcinoma in situ. “

“High risk screening would include an annual MRI of the breast and an annual mammogram alternating every six months. Women who have dense breasts may also have increased risk for breast cancer as it is often difficult to evaluate for small masses within the dense breast tissue.

NYS law requires women are notified if they have dense breast tissue, and those women should consider supplemental ultrasound along with their screening mammogram every year,” said Dr. Tsang.

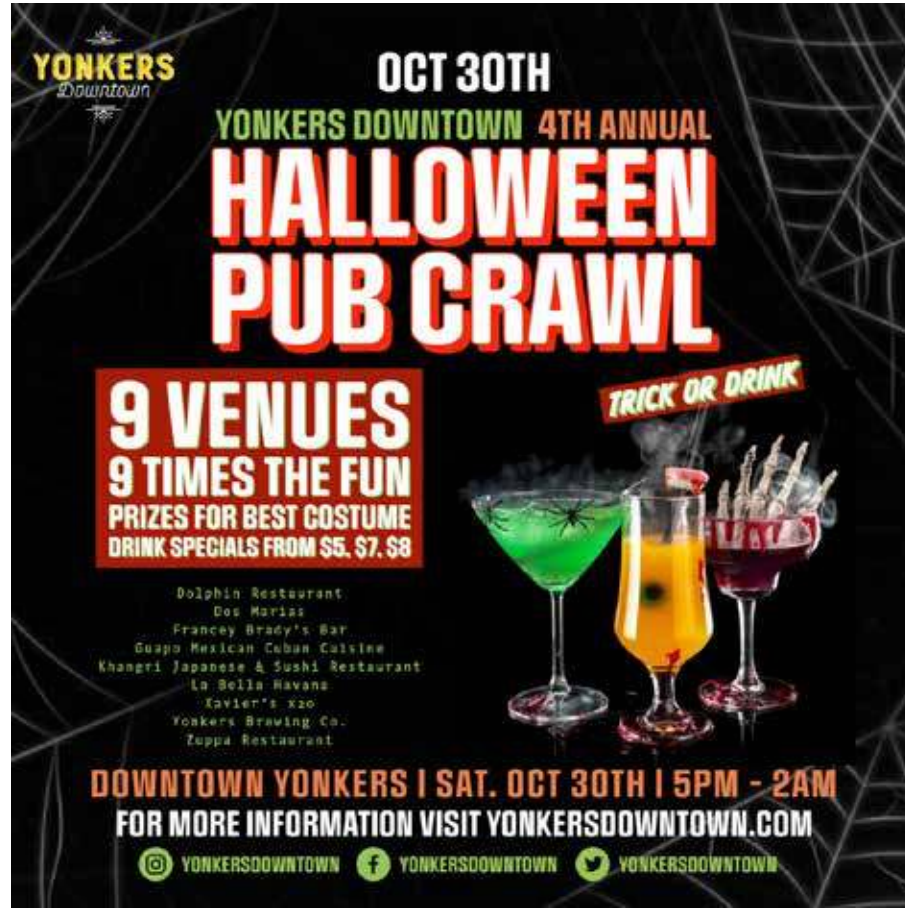
Senator Klobuchar and Dr. Tsang also agree on the fact that some patients have put off their medical testing and screenings because of COVID, but now is the time to catch up.

“Some women have been diagnosed at a later stage because the pandemic has delayed their annual screenings. It’s important not to forget to continue your testing and screening routine at this time. Now is the time to catch up and get tested,” said Dr. Tsang.

Florida First Lady Casey DeSantis also shared her breast cancer diagnosis during Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the hopes that it will inspire more women to get tested.

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. Visit <https://www.mountsinai.org/locations/westchester> for more information.



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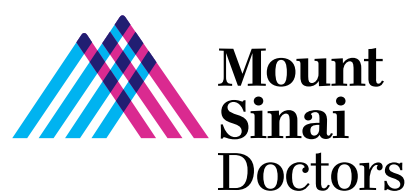
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