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



*Rabbits, ducks and other animals were found stuffed into cages at Pet World*

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.

## Don't Worry, Sprain Lake Will Refill Once Again



*A recent photo of Sprain Lake, which is filling up after completed repairs*

By Dan Murphy

Over the summer, we received the following letter from Nicholas. "I was just fishing in the Sprain Reservoir and the water level was significantly lower than it was the last time I fished there which was about 8 weeks ago. The water level is getting lower and Elm Trees are over six feet tall. I'd like to point out that these trees are where 8 to 12 feet of water should be 20 to 25 yards from where the old shore line used to be. The obvious question is if the gates have been repaired and closed why isn't the lake filling up again?"

City Councilman Anthony Merante, who represents the area around Sprain Lake, has been checking the progress with City of Yonkers Engineer Paul Summerfield, who wrote, "I am pleased to inform you that after significant preparation of the Gate House lower shaft walls, the 5th and final sluice gate was installed on Thursday, August 19. The gate's control spindle still needs to be installed, however, the sluice gate opening and all other gates remain closed and the reservoir will begin to finally start filling up. The new roof on the Gate House will be installed in the next few weeks."

Summerfield explained the work earlier this year: "Repairs to the dam controls were started 18 months ago to make the dam system functional again, in order to meet NYS DEC safety requirements to be able to drain the dam within 14-days. This renovation project would restore the banks of the reservoir, the spillway and spillway channel that feeds into Grassy Sprain Brook; remove the existing non-functioning 48" diameter drain valve below the dam embankment and install a new valve; replace 5 cast iron gates housed in the stone gatehouse in the reservoir; and restore the valve house and gatehouse. The dam and associated structures were built in stages between the late 1800s and early 1900s and so the aged gates and the valve needed to be custom fabricated - a lengthy process. The valve itself was lowered 30 feet down into the valve chamber and assembled in place. The dam system also prevents excess water from spilling on to Tuckahoe Rd. The \$1.6m project was funded largely by a grant from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. The reservoir supplied drinking water to much of Yonkers before it was decommissioned in the 1970s. Yonkers now obtains its water from the NYC reservoir system in the Catskills."

Councilman Merante said, "Its welcomed news that Sprain Lake is filling up. Its natural beauty will be ready to be enjoyed by everyone from golfers at Sprain Lake Golf course, to fishermen or just travelers on the adjacent parkway enjoying a water view."

## Yonkers Teachers: We Want Our Students Back in School; Student Athletes Must be Vaccinated



*Salvation Army Yonkers Lt. Neekenson Fils-Aime with happy students and their new backpacks*

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.

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, 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, adding 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"

In other YPS news, the district announced that all students participating in fall sports and coached must be vaccinated. "This fall, student athletes have the opportunity to participate in Varsity and Junior Varsity Football, Soccer, Volleyball and Swimming. The district is requiring two

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## Mount Sinai Health System Offers Comprehensive BRCA Program



*Dr. Ashley Tsang*

By Dan Murphy

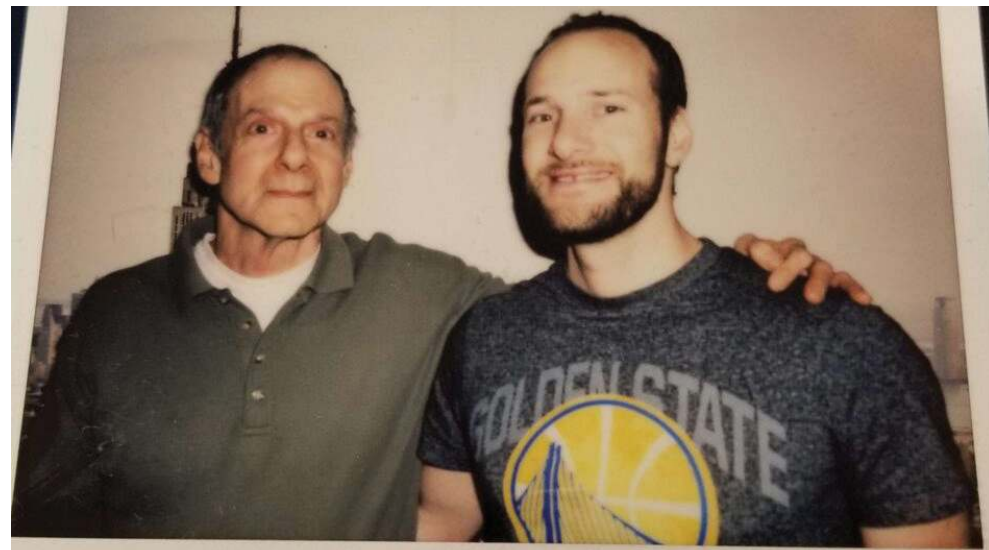
Last month, Mount Sinai Health System launched a comprehensive BRCA Program for Men and Women. Ashley Tsang, MD, Breast Surgeon, Mount Sinai Doctors-Westchester, and an Assistant Professor of Surgery at the Icahn School of Medicine, explained the program and how genetics plays a role in the likelihood,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

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.

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.

### 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.

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.

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.

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.

## 1,300 Backpacks Donated in Three Collection Drives:

Mayor Spano, Council President Khader & Salvation Army Give Kids a Back to School Gift



Left: Mayor Mike Spano, with a student and her new backpack at MLK school.

Below: City Council President Mike Khader, with Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada with a large pile of backpacks at School 21.



As the first day of school approaches for students in the Yonkers Public Schools, 1,300 students will have a new backpack, filled with school supplies, thanks to the efforts of Mayor Mike Spano, Council President Mike Khader and the Salvation Army, who each held successful backpack drives.

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano joined with School Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada, Board of Education Trustee President Rev. Steve Lopez, Yonkers City Councilmembers, Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy’s Principal Dr. Sandy Hattar and sponsors to present 600 backpacks (filled with school supplies), face shields and classroom supplies to students at Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy as part of the Mayor’s annual “Backpack to School” Drive on Aug. 26.

Mayor Spano’s annual donation drive now has distributed nearly 11,000 backpacks and school supplies to public school students, non-profit organizations, churches and clients of the Westchester County Department of Social Services in the City of Yonkers over the past 10 years. Donations were provided by Yonkers residents, city employees, and local corporate and nonprofit sponsors including: Heavenly Productions Foundation, Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts, Master Chef Nikko, First Group, Castle Royale, Precision Concierge, Rock & Rod’s Collector Car Club, Ridge Hill and Elite Investigations.

“The continued success of our “Backpack to School” Drive speaks volumes to the strength of our community and sponsors,” Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano said. “This year we were able to collect over 1,200 backpacks and over 4,000 supplies. I am proud of the positive impact our city can provide for our students.”

“Our public school families and the community are excited for children to resume full in-person instruction,” stated Board of Education President Rev. Steve Lopez, “Mayor Spano’s annual Backpack Drive is the best way for our children and families to begin this extremely important school year.”


Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin M. Quezada added, “A caring supportive community is exceedingly important this school year as 26,000 children resume full in-person instruction for the first time in a year and a half. The Mayor’s annual Backpack to School Drive demonstrates to our learning community that their city, the City of Yonkers, is a caring and giving community. These generous donations alleviate a significant financial burden that affects so many of our families. Mayor Spano is a valued member of this year’s District’s campaign – Restoration, Renewal and Hope for Yonkers Public Schools and our City.”

Chairwoman of Heavenly Productions Foundation, Dr. Kathy Reilly Fallon (joined by Executive Board Member NBA Player John Wallace of the NY Knicks) added, “On behalf of Heavenly Productions Foundation, we are thrilled to support Mayor Mike Spano’s Backpack Outreach and donate 600 backpacks with school supplies, reading books, 600 face shields and classroom supplies. This year we dedicate our donation to Martin Luther King Jr. Academy in memory of Audrey M. Fallon, who attended Yonkers Public Schools and taught Chess and Monopoly to Yonkers Public School students.”

On Aug. 30, City Council President Mike Khader, along with PCNY In the Streets, Ecolab, Staples, and R&E Security donated more than 200 supply-stuffed backpacks to students at School 21. This is the council president’s fourth annual school supply drive, created to honor the memory of his late nephew Jonathan Maldonado.

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Done in cooperation with Mayor Mike Spano, and the Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation. Funding is received from ArtsWestchester with support from Westchester County Government, the City of Yonkers, Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Senator Shelley Mayer, Assemblymember Nader Sayegh, Empire City Casino by MGM and our loyal arts patrons.



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On This Day in Yonkers History...

High Holidays Are Early This Year!



**The Glenwood Lodge**

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

**Monday, September 6th**

September 6, 1934: Former Fordham Tennis Team Captain, South Yonkers Tennis Club star Eugene McCauliff of Fairfield Place lost to William Allison while competing for the National Singles Championship at Forest Hills. Although Allison was ranked second in the country, the tall Yonkers man, a protégé of tennis phenom Vincent Richards, battled through many sets of fast volleying, forcing the game to 5 sets before he lost.

September 6, 1975: Tawny Elaine Godin, an 18-year-old pianist from Yonkers, was crowned Miss America 1976.

**Tuesday, September 7th:**

September 7, 1904: Hundreds of Yonkers people gathered daily to watch the progress of the construction of the Philipsburgh Building on Hudson Street. It was being built largely from ferroconcrete, with the floors and column made of that material. Early twentieth century ferro-concrete was a relatively new system, applying reinforced concrete, mortar or plaster over layers of metal mesh and closely spaced thin steel bars.

September 7, 1924: The B. F. Keith Vaudeville Exchange, drawn by her beauty and spirit, off Florence Kreisler, Miss Yonkers of 1924, a contract to appear in a vaudeville show with Miss America of 1924, Ruth Malcomson.

**Wednesday, September 8th**

September 8, 1943: Patrol service of the US Coast Guard Reserve Auxiliary, which had been working out of Ludlow for two years, was suspended by the Coast Guard district office. They had obtained enough boats for regular patrol, and did not need the hundreds of private yachts and boats, painted battleship gray and wearing Coast Guard numbers. These privately owned boats had seen active duty, with owners and crew serving as uniformed Coast Guardsmen. Many of these men were taken into the Coast Guard Reserve to serve on the regular Coast Guard patrols.

September 8, 1951: Joe Golding, backfield star for the New York Football Yankees, was a guest at the Rockledge Manor Hotel (35 Wellesley Avenue). Owner Gordon French hosted many celebrities in the early 1950s, espe-

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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 Elected Officials Welcome Governor Kathy Hochul



**Governor Kathy Hochul, and Lt. Governor Brian Benjamin**

Westchester 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 Harchkham 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."

### Yonkers Man Arrested in Connecticut with 4 Pounds of Fentanyl

Norwalk officers arrested a Yonkers, New York man for being involved in large fentanyl trafficking in the greater Norwalk area at 2:30 pm on Thursday, August 26.

After a long investigation, police found the suspect, Orlando Jimenez, with 4.4 pounds of pure fentanyl and large sums of money. The total street value in Jimenez's possession was approximately \$80,000. Norwalk Police Department Special Services Division had help from the New York and Connecticut Field Divisions of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and the Danbury Police Department Narcotics Unit.

Police say that fentanyl is a dangerous drug in all communities. Even if a small amount were to be inhaled or touched can be deadly. Anyone who comes in contact with this drug, including the first responders, can be at risk.

Jimenez is being charged with possession with intent to distribute controlled substances. He is being held on bond.

## Yonkers Resident, Veteran, Charged with Attempted Murder in NYC Hachet Attack



**Aaron Garcia**

Aaron Garcia, 37, a Veteran of the US war in Iraq and a resident of Yonkers, has been charged for attempted murder for a hatchet attack on an innocent man in a Manhattan bank-ATM. The incident occurred on August 15.

A detailed story from the Daily Mail details how Garcia lived in a Northwest Yonkers multi-family home and "terrorized neighbors, sneaking into the apartments of females, and chasing the landlord when he asked for the rent. Garcia could not be evicted because of the recent moratorium."

The link to the story here, also shows the disturbing video of Garcia attacking a man at the ATM. <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9908621/NYC-hatchet-attack-suspect-Aaron-Garcia-terrorized-tenants-Yonkers-apartment-building.html>

Yonkers cops had also been seeking to arrest the suspect Garcia, for an unspecified Feb. 15 incident and on four bench warrants for failing to appear in court. Garcia had prior arrests from 2020 incidents of harassment, aggravated harassment, stalking and criminal contempt.

Garcia is being held at Bellevue Hospital for psychiatric observation. The bloody victim of the attack, Miguel Solorzano, was not seriously injured, and did not know Garcia, adding that "He didn't even rob me. He took nothing. Nothing. He was crazy."

Relatives of Garcia told the Daily News that after his service in Iraq, he was never the same. "He was a little off-center. He was in combat. All he would say is 'I saw dead bodies,'" the relative said. Garcia lived with his mother for a period of time but moved into the multi-family home last year. Family members said that he began to get more rude and disrespectful, but they were shocked at what video footage shows him doing to someone he did not know.

We hope to get more information on Garcia from the Yonkers Police Department and on the location of his Yonkers apartment. Anyone with information can contact us at [dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com](mailto:dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com)

We reached out to the Yonkers Police Department, who responded by stating that "At the time, he (Garcia) had four (4) active bench warrants and (1) active arrest warrant. Charges include Criminal Contempt 2, Harassment 2, Aggravated Harassment 2, and Stalking 4."

"It appears all these charges are domestic in nature and stem from prior arrests and an incident on 02/15/21. He was previously arrested on 07/21/20, 06/04/20, and 03/15/20."

### YONKERS MAN FOUND GUILTY IN BRIBERY AND KICKBACK SCHEME WITH CHAPPAQUA SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE

A Yonkers man who paid a Chappaqua Central School District employee over \$5,000 in bribes and kickbacks has been found guilty following a two-week jury trial, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced.

Ricardo Jimenez, 57, was found guilty on August 26 of Bribery in the Second Degree and Rewarding Official Misconduct in the Second Degree, both felonies. Jimenez faces a sentence range from a conditional discharge to a maximum of 5 to 15 years in state prison.

Between November 2014 and August 2017, Jimenez paid a Chappaqua Central School District maintenance employee over \$5,000 to ensure district-related maintenance projects were awarded to a company Jimenez owned, RJ Summit Services, Inc., and approve each invoice Jimenez sent to the school district. When the District paid RJ Summit Services, Inc., Jimenez kicked back portions of the payment to the district employee in cash and checks made out from another company.

The Westchester County District Attorney's Office's Investigations Division launched its investigation in 2017 after being contacted by both the Chappaqua Central School District and Johnson Controls, Inc. Jimenez was also an employee of Johnson Controls, Inc., a vendor to the school district.

"Bribery and kickback schemes like this one take money out of the hands of hardworking public employees and everyday workers and this kind of corruption won't be tolerated here in Westchester," DA Rocah said. "I thank the Chappaqua Central School District and Johnson Controls, Inc. for alerting the District Attorney's Office of this fraudulent activity so justice can be served."

The case is before Judge David Zuckerman in Westchester County Court and is being prosecuted by Deputy Bureau Chief Brian Fitzgerald. Jimenez is scheduled to be sentenced on November 29.

*Teachers Welcome Students, continued from pg 1-*

COVID-19 vaccination for all players 16 years and older, and weekly COVID surveillance testing.

"Student athletes must have at least one dose of the Pfizer vaccine, which the FDA has approved for individuals 16 years and older, by September 21.

"Testing will be required for all student athletes, and will be administered by district nurses. It is not optional." wrote the YPS.

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## 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 of Marijuana Dispensaries, Cafes



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 :

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.

### Backpacks for students, continued from pg 2-

Returning to school this year, after all our children have been through, means a great deal to our community," said City Council President Mike Khader. "For me, being able to help students and families in need, especially when so many have suffered major financial setbacks due to the pandemic, fills me with great joy and gratitude. With this supply drive, we are alleviating some of the financial burden many families face at the beginning of each school year. I want to extend a huge thanks to Yonkers BOE, PCNY In the Streets and Ecolab for their support year after year."

BOE President Lopez said, "President Khader's Backpack Drive contributes to the excitement in the school community for our children and staff as we resume full in-person instruction this week."

Superintendent Quezada added, "President Khader's support for Yonkers children and families and the generous donations received through his campaign alleviate a significant financial burden that affects so many of our families. A caring supportive community is exceedingly important this school year as 26,000 children resume full in-person instruction for the first time in a year and a half."

The Salvation Army Yonkers Corps held their backpack drive and on Aug. 27, donated 500 backpacks filled with essential school supplies to children, aged elementary to high school, around Yonkers. Lieutenant Neek Elie Fils-Aime joined with students who happily accepted their backpacks. "It is always such a blessing to serve children and families throughout the year, especially during this back-to-school season with much needed school supplies. These children will lead this community into the future, and we must be committed to meeting their needs. For my wife and I, serving in Yonkers has been an incredible and humbling experience, and The Salvation Army continues to meet needs, change lives, and save souls for whoever comes to us for help."

**Classifieds**

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**Eric Schoen, continued from pg 3-**

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 thistooisyonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers.**

Notice of Formation of 475 Sierra Vista Lane, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed on 07/23/2021. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 20 Skywood Court, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 394 Sierra Vista Lane, LLC. Arts. of Org filed on 07/23/2021. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 20 Skywood Court, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Notice of Public Real Estate Auction**  
City of Yonkers, New York

Notice is hereby given by the City of Yonkers (the "City") of the public auction of the surplus City properties listed below (the "Properties"). All Properties are located in Yonkers, NY.

The public auction will be held Friday, September 10th, 2021 beginning at 10:00 am in the Community Room AB of the Yonkers Riverfront Library located at One Larkin Center, 2nd Floor, Yonkers, NY.

The auction and sale of the Properties will be conducted in accordance with certain terms and conditions (the "Terms and Conditions"); by participating in the auction, participants agree to be bound to the Terms and Conditions. The Properties may be offered for sale subject to certain express terms, conditions or restrictions imposed by the City, which will be disclosed prior to the auction. The Terms and Conditions, will be available prior to the auction at [www.williamsauction.com/Yonkers](http://www.williamsauction.com/Yonkers).

**THE PROPERTIES**

SECTION	BLOCK	LOT	ADDRESS
1	451	10	70 Yonkers Ave
1	6050	371	70 Sweetfield Cir
2	6050	65	78 Sweetfield Cir
2	3215	27	13 Suffolk Trl
2	3215	25	17 Suffolk Trl
2	3215	23	21 Suffolk Trl
2	3270	192	1212 Saw Mill River Rd
2	211	110	240 Oak Street
1	461	76	146 Oak Street
2	2089	2	43 St Josephs

For online bidding, the Terms and Conditions, and more information, please visit: [williamsauction.com/Yonkers](http://williamsauction.com/Yonkers) or call 800.801.8003.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENT TO ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF YONKERS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned has applied to the City Council of The City of Yonkers for an amendment to the Zoning Map of the City of Yonkers to change the zone district classification of the property located at 612 E. Grassy Sprain Road, Yonkers, New York, also known as Block 4391, Lot 435 on the Tax Assessment Map of the City of Yonkers from "S-100" to "S-60," and that, pursuant to Section 43- of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Yonkers, a public hearing on such application will be held by the City Council on September 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chamber, located at 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York. Those interested in speaking at the public hearing should contact the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Yonkers for instructions to speak at the hearing.

Dated: Yonkers, New York, August 20, 2021  
612 SPRAIN BROOK LLC, Applicant  
By: \_\_\_\_\_

Joseph E. Royce, Managing Member  
BLEAKLEY PLATT & SCHMIDT, LLP  
Attorneys for Applicant  
One North Lexington Avenue  
White Plains, NY 10601

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) #2021-07**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR SECURITY GUARD SERVICES AT BUILDINGS OWNED OR MANAGED BY THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF YONKERS**

The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers ("MHACY") hereby solicits proposals from qualified firms for the provision of Security Guard Services for MHACY at various locations specified in the Request for Proposals ("RFP").

This RFP package contains submission requirements and terms and conditions and other pertinent information for submitting a proper and responsive proposal. This RFP is the only information provided to prospective bidders (hereinafter "Responders") and is available online starting September 8, 2021 at [www.mhacy.org](http://www.mhacy.org) under the "About" section.

The RFP questions deadline is September 24, 2021 at 3:00PM Eastern Standard Time (EST). Any and all questions must be emailed to [procurement@mhacy.org](mailto:procurement@mhacy.org) by the deadline. No telephone calls and/or written communication sent via mail will be accepted.

Proposals must reach MHACY no later than 3:00 PM (EST) on October 4, 2021. Late submissions will be handled in accordance with the provisions in Form HUD-5369B.

Proposals will be evaluated on the criteria stated in the RFP. Negotiations may be conducted with contractors who have a reasonable chance of being selected for the award. After evaluation of the proposal revision, if any, the contract will be awarded to the responsible firm(s) whose qualifications, price and other factors are considered to be the most advantageous to MHACY.

MHACY reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive any irregularities or informalities if it is in MHACY's best interest to do so. MHACY reserves the right to cancel this RFP or to reject, in whole or in part, any and all proposals received in response to this RFP, upon its determination that such cancellation or rejection is in the best interest of MHACY.

MHACY is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, sexual orientation, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, or family status. MHACY solicits and encourages the participation of minorities and small businesses in procurement.

Contact, related to this procurement, with members of MHACY's Board of Commissioners, or MHACY's officers and/or employees other than the contact person show above, during the procurement process could result in disqualification of a proposal.

Wilson Kimball President, CEO, Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers, 1511 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10710, Project No. RFP 2021-07

## Report Finds 14.2% of Yonkers Residents Live in Poverty

A new report from Self.Inc, based on the most recent poverty data from the U.S. Census Bureau shows that 19.1% of Yonkers children—and 17.7% of Yonkers minorities—live in poverty. Overall, 14.2% of the Yonkers population lives in poverty, compared to 12.3% for the U.S. as a whole.

To find the cities with the highest poverty rates, researchers at Self analyzed data from the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey. Researchers examined poverty rates for all cities with at least 100,000 residents and collected data on both the percentage and number of people living in poverty overall and for children and racial or ethnic minorities.

The analysis found that 19.1% of Yonkers children—and 17.7% of Yonkers minorities—live in poverty. Overall, 14.2% of the Yonkers population lives in poverty, compared to 12.3% for the U.S. as a whole. A summary of the data for Yonkers finds:

Overall poverty rate: 14.2%  
 Child poverty rate: 19.1%  
 Minority poverty rate: 17.7%  
 Total residents below the poverty level: 27,999  
 Total children below the poverty level: 8,895  
 Total minority residents below the poverty level: 24,156

The same statistics for the entire United States are:  
 Overall poverty rate: 12.3%  
 Child poverty rate: 16.8%  
 Minority poverty rate: 17.3%  
 Total residents below the poverty level: 39,490,096  
 Total children below the poverty level: 12,000,470  
 Total minority residents below the poverty level: 22,138,000

For more information, a detailed methodology, and complete results, you can find the original report on Self’s website: <https://www.self.inc/blog/cities-with-the-highest-poverty-rates>.

## Yonkers History, continued from pg 1

especially star football players.

### Thursday, September 9th

September 9, 1933: Ben Dwight, former Yonkers Recreation Commissioner and Chairman of the National Lawn Tennis Umpire’s Association, officiated at the US Open at Forest Hills. Englishman Fred Perry beat Australian Jack Crawford to win the international competition supervised by our Yonkers man!

September 9, 1950: Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Amazon, the latest owners of Glenwood Lodge at 390 North Broadway, completed a \$35,000 project to renovate and modernize the fifty-room hotel. The Amazons had purchased the lodge from Annie Booth, sister-in-law of General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army.

### Friday, September 10th

September 10, 1935: David Hutchison, the Yonkers artist who painted the Ivanhoe mural in the Children’s Room at the Yonkers Public Library, revealed the subject of his second mural, Native Americans on top of the Palisades watching the Half Moon as it sailed up the Hudson past Yonkers. Although there was no funding for the second one, Hutchison volunteered to continue working if the library gave him a model and the cost of his materials.

September 10, 1964: Yonkers director, writer and filmmaker Michael Roemer won the City of Venice Prize and the San Giorgio Statuette in the Venice Film Festival for Nothing But a Man; the San Giorgio was awarded to films considered especially important for the progress of civilization. The independent drama starred Ivan Dixon and Abbey Lincoln; it focused on the story of African-American railroad worker Duff Anderson’s efforts to maintain his dignity in a small town near Birmingham, Alabama. The US National Film Registry selected it for preservation in the Library of Congress in 1993 because it was “culturally, historically or aesthetically significant.”

### Saturday, September 11th

September 11, 1941: Six Yonkers companies received government contracts. Cameo Curtain was to manufacture Mosquito Bars and Campbell Hat Company’s contract was for Army hats. Otis Elevator Company’s contracts were for gun recoil mechanisms, elevators, steel castings and plane engine parts. US Industrial Chemicals contract was for ethyl alcohol and the NY Guild for Jewish Blind received a contract to make more than \$53,000 worth of pillowcases!

September 11, 1944: Colonel John Stilwell stepped down from the presidency of the National Safety Council to serve as chair of the organization’s new policy making organization. To celebrate his new office... and to show his gratitude to his former staff, he threw a luncheon in their honor at the Sherman Hotel, one of the best hotels in Chicago. Two hundred fifty people arrived to find had only bowls of fruit and paper cups set on the tables; this later was augmented by some cheese sandwiches. Apparently the dishwashers had gone on strike, so there were no dishes for the luncheon! Stilwell’s comment on the snafu? “At least when I was president, there was better food!”

### Sunday, September 12th

September 12, 1945: Because the official surrender of Japan lifted naval censorship, the vital part Yonkers played in the war effort was revealed, including the US Coast Guard citation awarded to the Yonkers unit! The Temporary Reserve Unit, Flotilla 203, Lower Hudson Division, US Coast Guard at Yonkers NY, headed by Chief Boatswain Mate H. George Pierpoint, was awarded the honor for using their own boats to patrol the lower Hudson, checking all boats on the river, including the freighters anchored at various moorings in our area. Men over draft age and youths under the draft age manned the unit. At the formal review attended by all the units from New York City north to Poughkeepsie, the unit received both a citation and the Security Shield of Honor “For important contributions to the Port Security program of the United States Coast Guard, thus making possible the safe and uninterrupted flow of our country’s manpower and war materials to the battlefronts of the world and hastening the Day of Victory for the United Nations.” Admiral R. R. Woesche, Commandant of the US Coast Guard, signed both presentations.

**Questions or comments? Email [YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com](mailto:YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com). For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, please visit our website [www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org](http://www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org), call 914-961-8940 or email [yhsociety@aol.com](mailto:yhsociety@aol.com).**

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.

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 Joyful Ventures LLC. Filed with the SSNY on 06/07/2021. 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, 145 Valentine Lane apt#4E, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of SUHANA HOLDINGS LLC. Filed with the SSNY On 05/10/2021. 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, 27 Ravine Avenue, Apt. 2B, Yonkers NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of The Vision Junkie LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/14/2021. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The Vision Junkie LLC, 100 Riverdale Ave., Apt. 8C., Yonkers, NY 10701 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of We R.I.S.E. New York, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 7/3/21. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 309 North Broadway, #3C, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

## Yonkers Rising

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## 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.

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