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# **TOO CUTE TO EAT** Shelter saves South Korean canines from becoming cuisine

#### BY COLIN MIXSON

It's taking puppies off the menu.

A Kensington animal rescue is saving dogs destined for South Korean dinner tables by taking in pups rescued from foreign meat farms and finding safe homes for them in Brooklyn, according to its owner, who blasted the Asian country's canine-cuisine business.

"It is a brutal industry," said Sean Casey, who owns Sean Casey Animal Rescue at 153 E. Third St. "The meat industry in general can be pretty brutal, and when you add that it's companion animals, they're definitely in our hearts."

The shelter welcomed six dogs from the Asian country on Sept. 1 and 2, the latest of about a dozen to arrive since it started rescuing them last month.

Thousands of South Korean slaughterhouses butcher the animals annually. In 2016, 240,000 pooches were killed according to a report in the Guardian, but some estimates put the number of deaths closer to 2 million each year.

Man's best friend is served in a variety of dishes, including the popular *Bosintang*, a dogmeat soup that is said to enhance virility and cure other ailments, according to a South Korean native and founder of a Queens-based Korean-dog rescue.

The country's meat farms are similar to American puppy mills and poultry plants, where animals are stuffed into cramped, dark cages and brood hounds birth litter after litter of pups destined for a brutal death, she said. The dogs are intentionally tortured before they *Continued on page 12* 



**SPARED:** Sean Casey, center, and Gina Lori, right, welcomed Argentinian mastiffs from South Korea to Casey's Kensington shelter on Sept. 1.



# 50 years of Carnival

A reveler sports a feathered headdress and native flag at the 50th-annual West Indian American Day Parade in Brooklyn on Sept. 4, where millions of people from across the world swarmed a stretch of Eastern Parkway to watch masqueraders march to the tunes of steel drum bands. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

# Murder victim sunk at marina

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#### **BY JULIANNE CUBA**

Police recovered the body of 35-year-old Carmine Carini Jr. from a Mill Basin marina on Sept. 2.

The medical examiner determined that Carini died from blunt force trauma to his head, the Daily News reported, but police said the investigation is still ongoing.

Carini was the son of the elder Carmine Carini, a mobster who did 0 years in prison for a murder prosecutors later learned he wasn't involved with, according to the News.





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# **PRIMARY GUIDE 2017**

Brooklyn's next **District Attorney** will be chosen from a pool of six Democrats in the Sept. 12 primaries, because no Republicans are running for the seat in the deep-blue county. Acting District Attorney Eric Gonzalez — who was appointed to the office less than a year ago by his now-deceased predecessor, Ken Thompson — has racked up the most endorsements in the competition, but some say the race is still up in the air. Get to know the men and women vying to oversee Kings County's criminal justice system with our guide before casting your vote.

•Married with a daughter and son,

District Attorney.

started after serving as the chief of

Civil Rights in the Brooklyn District

• If elected, he would be

•Runs his own civil

Brooklyn's first openly gay

rights and criminal de-

fense practice, which he

and lives with his father in Bay Ridge.

Marc Fliedner

Attorney's office.

#### Ama Dwimoh

•Unmarried with no children and lives in Prospect Heights.

•Serves as the special counsel to Borough President Adams.

•An assistant district attorney for more than two decades,

Dwimoh founded and was the chief of the Crimes Against Children Bureau in the DA's office before joining Adams's staff.

#### **Vincent Gentile**

•Unmarried with no children and lives in Bay Ridge, where he's served as councilman for the last 14 years — a seat he must give up due to term limits.

•Was a prosecutor for 11 years in the Special Victim's Bureau of the Queens District Attorney's office prior to joining the Council.

•Currently involved in a lawsuit brought by a former staffer, who has Asperger's syndrome and accused Gentile of harassment.

#### Eric Gonzalez

•Brooklyn's acting district attorney since October 2016, when the late Thompson named Gonzalez his successor before dying from cancer.

•Lives in Williamsburg with his wife and three sons. •A native Brooklynite, he grew up in East New York and Williamsburg, and is Kings County's first Latino top prosecutor.

•Joined the District Attorney's office in 2011 and served as the borough's trial bureau chief in Flatbush, Sunset Park, Midwood, Sheepshead Bay, and Coney Island before being named chief assistant in the fall of 2014.

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### **Pat Gatling**

• Moved to Brooklyn from Manhattan — where she lived for nearly two



decades and her husband still resides — less than a year ago, according to an Observer report.

•Is an attorney at Windels Marx Lane and Mittendorf.

•Began her career as an assistant district attorney under former Kings County top prosecutor Elizabeth Holtzman.

•In 2002, Mayor Bloomberg named her the head of the city's Human Rights Commission, a post she was booted from in 2014 after accusations of being an alleged do-nothing.

•Appointed by Gov. Cuomo to serve as the deputy secretary for civil rights for New York state in 2015.

#### Anne Swern

•Born in Flatbush, Swern is married with a son and daughter and lives in Brooklyn Heights, where she serves as a district leader.

•A member of the Independent Neighborhood Democrats.

•Most recently worked for Brooklyn Defenders Services, but resigned to campaign in December 2016.

•Has worked with four different Brooklyn district attorneys.

•In 2012, was implicated in a Department of Investigation probe for working on then-District Attorney Charles Hynes's failed reelection campaign on taxpayers' time.

#### Issues

Reforming the criminal justice system has taken center stage in the race, as competitors vie to position themselves as the most progressive prosecutor. The candidates have stressed the importance of overturning wrongful convictions, making low-level first offenses such as possession of marijuana civil and not criminal, and moving away from a cash-bail system. Acting District Attorney Gonzalez, the incumbent who many see as a front-runner, has also come under fire throughout the campaign for not living up to the legacy of Thompson, his predecessor.

## **VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**



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# **43RD DIST. COUNCIL RACE**

Nine candidates are vying for the major-party lines on the November ballot to replace term-limited Councilman Vincent Gentile and represent Bay Ridge, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, and Dyker Heights on the Council. Five Democrats and four Republicans are going head to head in the Sept. 12 primary. Here's a rundown:

### DEMOCRATS

#### **Justin Brannan**



•Married, lives in Bay Ridge, no children.

•Previously toured in a punk band to more than 50 countries and across five continents; currently owns a children's art school in Bay Ridge with his wife.

• Previously worked as chief of staff to Councilman Gentile and spent two years as the deputy director of intergovernmental affairs at the Department of Education.

### **Kevin Peter Carroll**



•Unmarried, lives in Bay Ridge, no children.

•Made history in 2010 when he became Brooklyn's youngest-elected state committeeman as the District Leader of the 60th District, re-elected to lead newly drawn 64th District two years later.

•Worked as staffer to Councilman Stephen Levin (D-Brooklyn Heights) since January 2011 before taking a leave of absence to campaign.

### Vince Chirico



•Married, lives in Dyker Heights, one daughter and one son.

•Emigrated to the U.S. with his family at seven years old and has never been elected to public office; spent his career working as a lawyer instead.

•Member of Community Board 11 for more than 20 years,

serves as chairman of the Committee on Health, Social Services and Seniors and previously served on the Committee on Law, Public Safety, and Transportation.

### **Rev. Khader El-Yateem**



•The Palestinian-born pastor of Salam Arabic Lutheran Church in Bay Ridge, lives in Dyker Heights, married with three daughters and son.

•Would become the city and state's first Arab-American elected official.

 ${\boldsymbol \cdot} Backed$  by the Democratic Socialists of America and was inspired by Bernie Sanders, but did not vote for him in

the 2016 primary.

### Nancy Tong



•Married, one son, lives in Bensonhurst.

•District leader for the 47th Assembly District, lives outside of the 43rd Council district, but pledged to move if she wins the primary.

•Worked for Assemblyman Bill Colton (D–Bensonhurst) for the last eight years.

•Would become Brooklyn's first Asian-American elected.

## REPUBLICANS

#### **Bob Capano**



•Married and lives in Bay Ridge, no children.

•Manager of a Gristedes supermarket and adjunct professor of political science, he ran for the same seat in 2009. •He previously worked for Democratic former Borough President Marty Markowitz and Rep. Bob Turner (R–Brook-

lyn). •Already guaranteed a spot on the ballot in November as the Reform Party candidate.

### Liam McCabe



•Recently popped the question to his girlfriend and is now engaged, lives in Bay Ridge and has two sons. •Worked for Rep. Dan Donovan (R-Bay Ridge) and his

predecessor Rep. Michael Grimm (R–Bay Ridge), before resigning to work as an Uber driver while campaigning. •Originally a registered Democrat, he switched to the

Conservative Party after becoming friends with state party chairman Mike Long when he worked in his Fifth Avenue liquor store.

### John Quaglione



•Married, lives in Bay Ridge, two daughters.

•Joined state Sen. Marty Golden's staff in 1998 and worked as his deputy chief of staff and press secretary until taking a leave of absence on Aug. 1.

•Interned in the U.S. House of Representatives and with NBC's "Meet the Press" while studying political science in college.

### Lucretia Regina-Potter



•Married, lives in Bath Beach, two daughters.

•Owns Bari Tile and Ceramics in Bensonhurst, where she works as a design consultant.

•Republican district leader of the 46th District, ran unsuccessfully as a Republican for the 46th District Assembly in 2012, 2014, 2015, and 2016.

### The Issues

There are several hot-button issues in the 43rd Council District, including illegal home conversions, the possible arrival of Citi Bike in parking-bereft Bay Ridge, trash-collection problems on private streets, an increase in homelessness, and the opioid epidemic.

# VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

# **AY RIDGE 2017 COUNCIL RACE BUTTING HEADS** MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL IN THE 43RD DISTRICT

Editors and reporters from Community News Group will sit down with all the candidates for the highly contested seat, including (in alphabetical order), Justin Brannan, Bob Capano, Kevin Peter Carroll, Vincenzo Chirico, Khader El-Yateem, Liam McCabe, John Quaglione, Lucretia Regina-Potter, and Nancy Tong. In this week's edition, we talk with Republicans John Quaglione and Lucretia Regina-Potter, and Democrat Nancy Tong (see page 10).



# **John Quaglione**

Republican Bay Ridge Council candidate John Quaglione met with the editors of Community News Group on Aug. 25 to discuss his campaign for the party's nomination for the Ridge Council seat. The lifelong Bay Ridge resident gained political experience early, interning in the U.S. House of Representatives while studying at American University in Washington, D.C., and beginning his career working for state Sen. Marty Golden in 1997, during Golden's Council campaign for the same seat he's seeking now. Quaglione ran unsuccessfully for the 43rd district Council seat in 2013, winning the Republican primary but ultimately losing to incumbent Vincent Gentile. This time around, however, he is confident that his political experience and career of public service in the district make him the best candidate to win the seat for the Republicans. Quaglione said he would build more public middle schools and push the Department of Buildings to crack down on illegal home conversions. He also criticized the Department of Sanitation for the garbage-collection issues plaguing the district, and expressed interest in a political future beyond the Council. Quaglione is running against three other candidates in the Republican primary, and promised to back whoever wins the party's line.

#### On his qualifications:

Quaglione said his political experience, along with the district's "rampant" anti-DeBlasio sentiment, make him the best candidate overall in the race, and he also said he

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believes he is the only Republican who could flip the seat. He said he has campaigned on quality-of-life issues and promised to bring participatory budgeting to the district. Continued on page 18



# **Lucretia Regina-Potter**

Republican Bay Ridge Council candidate Lucretia Regina-Potter sat down with Community News Group editors on Aug. 18. The lifelong Bath Beach resident, who owns a tile and stone company in Bay Ridge, is no stranger to campaigning: she served as the Republican district leader of the 49th Assembly District from 2006 until 2012, when the district was re-apportioned. She was then elected to lead the newly drawn 46th Assembly District in 2013, a post that she still holds today. She also ran unsuccessfully for the Assembly in 2006, 2008, 2012, 2014, 2015, and 2016. Regina-Potter praised the diversity of the 43rd Council District and promised to be an active Council member. She said she feels that securing the Council seat would allow her to have more impact in the community than would an Assembly seat, and promised to tackle illegal home conversions through strict enforcement and promoting legitimate affordable housing. She also called for expanded school choice to ease overcrowding in the district's schools and said there needs to be more education and support to solve the opioid crisis. Regina-Potter did not say whether or not she would support the Republican nominee, instead pledging to mirror her own contentious past history within the party: "I will give them the same support I've received in the past," she said.

#### **On her qualifications:**

as the only Republican woman perience she has amassed as a in the race, her close ties to grassroots-supported the community as a small-busi-

ness owner and lifelong resi-Regina-Potter cited her status dent, the political clout and exdistrict Continued on page 20



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# THE RACE FOR MAYOR 2017







VISION QUEST: Democratic mayoral candidate Sal Albanese outlines his vision for the city in an extended interview with the editors of Community News Group.

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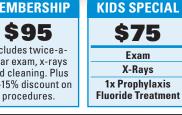
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# Sal Albanese The Community News Group interview

#### **BY JULIANNE CUBA**

Former Bay Ridge Councilman Sal Albanese has thrown his hat into the ring for mayor for the fourth time. The Italianborn self-described political outsider, who now lives on Staten Island, met with the editors of Community News Group and NYC Community Media on Aug. 31 to discuss his Democratic primary challenge of Mayor DeBlasio. Albanese, who was a public school teacher for more than a decade before getting into politics, lost his bid for the Democratic mayoral nod in 1997, dropped out of the 2001 race when he couldn't raise enough money, and lost the nomination to DeBlasio in 2013.

On his qualifications and why he's running:

Albanese, who immigrated to America when he was 8-years-old, is now an attorney and was previously a financial consultant. He also once ran for seats in Congress and the Assembly. Known for his trailblazing support for gay rights and passing the city's first living wage law, which required companies doing business with the city to pay their employees \$12 an hour, Albanese said he believes he has the gusto and the merits to oust the incumbent.

"I was elected to the city Council in 1982 from Bay Ridge, which at the time was one of the most conservative districts in the city. I beat a Republican incumbent, it was a major upset. And on the city Council, I'm proud of a couple of votes — one is the Gay Rights Bill of 1986, which was pretty contentious at that time, I was one of the swing votes. I also passed the city's first Living Wage law in 1995. I'm proud of the fact I had a reputation for independence and integrity, no one ever questioned that I was certainly an outsider. I'm running because I think that under this mayor, the city has become less livable. We also have, in my opinion, one of the most corrupt periods in the city's history since Ed Koch.

#### On why he keeps running for mayor rather than another office:

This election will be the third time Albanese's name is on the ballot for mayor, since he dropped out of the 2001 race before Election Day. But he said

his previous losses aren't deterring him because it's his passion to lead the city.

"I don't want to be a governor, I don't want to be a president — I can't anyway because I'm an immigrant bottom line is I just want to be a mayor. The difference this time is I think people are tired of business as usual, and I think my proposals are very sound, and also people are beginning to realize that DeBlasio is a failed mayor and they are looking for an alternative."

#### On his relationship with Gov. Cuomo:

Albanese worked with Cuomo back when he was a district leader and Cuomo was the campaign manager for his father's 1982 gubernatorial race. He said he certainly does not agree with everything the governor has said and done, but believes establishing a cordial and respectful political relationship, unlike DeBlasio's, is the key to successfully running the city.

"It would be part of my job to get along with Cuomo — you can't make this stuff personally — it's business you really have to get along with the governor, that doesn't mean you have to do everything that he says. I would be respectful, but very assertive. I think the relationship is toxic with De-Blasio."

#### **On police-community relations:**

Albanese criticized DeBlasio's relationship with New York's Finest and said he unfairly politicizes the force. Continued on page 16

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#### **63RD PRECINCT**

MARINE PARK-MILL BASIN-FLATLANDS-BERGEN BEACH

#### Phone swipe

Sticky-fingered thieves stole five phones from an Avenue U mobile phone shop on Aug. 26.

Police say an unknown number of crooks entered the store near E. 55th Street around 4:33 pm, and as they were being assisted by clerks they picked up the phones from the display case and took off, according to the report.

### **Quick grab**

A sneaky crook lifted a woman's bag in a department store on Avenue U on Aug. 27.

The bag's owner told police that she was trying on shoes at the store near E. 55th Street around 4:50 pm when she placed it down next to her. Authorities say minutes later she discovered that it was gone. According to police, the thief was later reported to be using a debit card the victim had inside the bag in at the store and other several nearby locations.

### Goniff was fueled

A perpetrator broke into a car parked on E. 51st Street on Aug. 22.

The vehicle's owner told cops she left her car between Avenue K and Flatlands Avenue around 1 am, and the next morning found it broken into. The victim said that her ridesharing fuel card was taken, which she cancelled to prevent further use, according to police.

### **Phantom thief**

A brigand robbed a parked vehicle in a parking lot on Ralph Avenue on Aug. 22, cops said.

The car's owner told police that she left her car near Avenue K and had stuffed her purse and other items under the driver's and front passenger seats around 11:30 am. When she returned to her car around 12:30 pm, she found that the debit cards, credit card, and several identification cards that were in her bag were missing. Police say there was no sign of damage to the car.

### Shopping cart grabber

A bandit took a purse from a woman's shopping cart in department store on Ralph Avenue on Aug. 23, police said.

The woman said that she was shopping at the location near Flatlands Avenue around 2:50 pm, and around 3:10 pm noticed her bag was missing from her cart, according to cops. Police say the bag contained her smartphone, and debit and credit cards.



## Smash and take

A crook invaded a car near E. 55th Street and Avenue K sometime overnight on Aug. 25.

The owner of the car authorities he had parked his car around 2:33 pm and the next morning found that his driver's side window had been broken into. Cops say the thief got away with a half dozen debit cards and his driver's license.

—Alexandra Simon

#### 68TH PRECINCT

BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

### **Bad reception**

A degenerate cab driver stole a cellphone from his customer after they got into a dispute on Shore Parkway on Aug. 29, police said.

After the pair fought over directions, the female rider asked the driver to pull over at Bay 8th Street around 3:30 pm, according to the report. When she exited the car, the perp followed her and caught up quickly enough to hit her BLU Vivo XL cellphone out of her hand before snatching it and driving off.

### Hold the phone

A sleepy subway rider had a rude awakening after a miscreant stole her handbag, various identification documents, and about \$300 while she was sleeping on the R train near the 77th Street station on Sept. 1.

After she visited a friend in Manhattan, the woman boarded a Bay Ridge-bound R train at Rector Street around 4 am. She soon fell asleep, and when she awoke just before her 77th Street stop, she realized her handbag was missing, along with her Social Security card, state ID, birth certificate, credit card, and \$300 cash, according to the report.

### **Crown jewels**

A crook burglarized a home on Ovington Avenue while the homeowner was at work on Sept. 1 and stole \$500 worth of custom jewelry, according to police.

When the woman returned to her home, between 10th and 11th avenues, from work at around 2:20 pm, she saw that her front door was pried open and soon learned the good-fornothing had taken hundreds worth of custom jewelry. Police are reviewing cameras in the area.

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#### 62ND PRECINCT

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

# Drop-off rip-off

A thief stole hundreds in cash, credit and debit cards, and a driver's license from a rental car after the renter dropped it off at a Shore Parkway dealership and forgot his wallet inside on Aug. 29, according to police.

When the renter returned to the dealership at Bay 38th Street around 3:20 pm to retrieve his possessions from the car, they were gone. Police are reviewing surveillance cameras in the area.

### **Box office**

A brute threatened to kill his coworker before slicing him on his chest with a box cutter on McDonald Avenue on Aug. 30, according to police.

The double whammy threat-andassault took place near Avenue P around 11 am, and the victim was in considerable pain and bleeding heavily, police said.

### Purse strings

A good-for-nothing threatened a woman with a knife and tried to steal her purse on W. 10th Street on Aug. 31.

The perp approached the woman between Avenues U and T just after 10:30 pm, flashed a knife and ordered her to hand over her purse. The woman quickly ran to a lighted area and screamed, scaring the bandit off. He fled in an unknown direction and investigators said they are reviewing video of the incident.

#### **60TH PRECINCT**

CONEY ISLAND-BRIGHTON BEACH-SEAGATE

### Phony phone call

A fraudster swindled a woman out of \$1,000 in an Aug. 28 phone call to her Ocean Parkway home during which the crook claimed to be a Con Edison employee and told the victim her power would be shut off if she did not transfer the money, according to police.

The woman received the call at her residence near Neptune Avenue just before 11 am. The perp told the woman she had to pay the sum in the form of a MoneyPak. She did so, and alerted police after she had made the payment.

### Shots fired

A gunman shot a man four times on W. 33rd Street on Sept. 2.

Police responded to a call of shots fired just after 1 am between Neptune and Bayview avenues. Although the victim told police he had been shot in the leg and back, he had actually been shot in four different places. He was taken to NYU Langone Hospital for treatment, and police are reviewing cameras in the area, according to the report.

## Nobody home

A thief broke into a Brighton 7th Street home through the kitchen window on Aug. 28 and made off with hundreds of dollars worth of cash and possessions, including a watch, a pair of glasses, and an iPhone 6, police said.

The homeowner told cops he had left for work from his home near Brighton Beach Avenue at 4 pm and returned later to find his kitchen window open and his phone, money, and the other possessions missing. *— Julianne McShane* 

#### **61ST PRECINCT**

SHEEPSHEAD BAY-HOMECREST-MANHATTAN BEACH-GRAVESEND

### Three against one

Three ruffians stole a woman's purse and phone on E. 14th Street on Aug. 28, police said.

The 30-year-old woman told police she was walking to the store near Shore Parkway over the pedestrian overpass at about 10 pm when the trio of loud-talking goons came up to her from behind and one of them, a man, grabbed her bag. But when the victim didn't let go, the two other brutes, who were women, choked her until she gave it up, according to authorities. The trio of bruisers then ran down a nearby flight of stairs and fled in a dark sedan with the woman's purse, which contained her wallet, she and her husband's Social Security cards, and a pricey iPhone, investigators said.

### Some sandwich!

Cops cuffed an man who went on a tirade and began breaking items in a Nostrand Avenue grocery store on Aug. 30.

The worker told police the 25year-old suspect became irate over the price of a sandwich in the bodega near Avenue W at about 10 am and started breaking hundreds of dollars worth of items. According to investigators, the suspect hurled a glass bottle at a store worker and lunged over the counter to grab cash from the register, which led to a tug of war over the cash before cops arrived to make the arrest.

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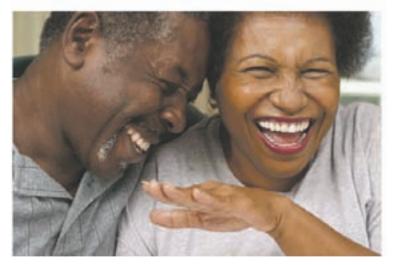
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MAKING HER PITCH: Nancy Tong shares why she wants to be the nextcouncilwoman for the 43rd Council District. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

# **Nancy Tong**

#### **BY JULIANNE CUBA**

Democratic Bay Ridge Council candidate Nancy Tong met with Community News Group editors on Aug. 28 to discuss her campaign to replace term-limited Councilman Vincent Gentile. Tong, who immigrated to America from Hong Kong at the age of 7, has already made local history as the first Asian-American woman to serve as a district leader in Brooklyn. If elected, she would become both the first Asian-American elected official in Brooklyn, and the first woman to hold the Ridge seat. After eight years as a constituent services liaison for Assemblyman William Colton (D-Bensonhurst), Tong said she wants an opportunity to help even more people from City Hall. But Tong, who currently lives outside the 43rd Council District, cannot even cast a vote for herself in the Sept. 12 primary, though she said she would move to the district if she wins. She also pledged to back whomever gets the party's nod.

On her qualifications and desire to run for the open seat:

Tong said that through her eight years of work at Colton's office, and years as an unpaid volunteer before that, she has grown to love helping constituents, and that made her want to run for the open seat in bay Ridge.

"I help see constituents who have problems that come to us, and we try to solve the issues. I've seen many, many issues, and I love what I do. And sometimes I get more satisfaction than the constituent, themselves Working for the assemblyman doesn't give me

the opportunity to go and fight for issues. But as a council person, I think it would be a lot better. So that's why, when I saw there's an open seat, I wanted to run for this office because I love what I do, I want to work for the community."

#### On not living in the district:

Tong acknowledged that she doesn't live in the district she's running to represent, but said it shouldn't matter, because her main goal is simply to help people — though she did promise Continued on page 34

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# Neigh it ain't so! Stables won't be sold to city

#### **BY COLIN MIXSON**

This deal fell off the horse. The bankrupt owners of Kensington Stables will not sell the barn to the

city, instead choosing to seek a more profitable deal at auction that could potentially spell the end of horseback riding in Prospect Park, according to their lawyer, who claimed the owners need to pay their creditors.

"My client has an obligation to pay her creditors, so she understands that selling the property at the best price is in her best interest at this point," said Marc Yaverbaum.

The stables on Caton Place between E. Eighth Street and Coney Island Avenue are owned by the Blankenship family, with son Walker Blankenship managing their operations under his mother, who actually owns them.

The family planned to relieve debts accrued by Blankenship's now-deceased father by selling the property to the city's parks department, which would ensure it remained open to the

community as a public riding facility. The long-time owners hoped to continue managing the barn by entering a bidding process that they assumed would take about a year, during which they were prepared to pony up around \$250,000 for the horses' care, according to the attorney.

But the deal crumbled after the family realized it could take as many as three years for a manager to be selected, which would require them to pay upwards of \$1 million on horse care while the city determined the winning bid. Those expenses would be in addition to barn renovations required by whomever got the management contract, and the total sum became too costly for the cash-strapped family, Yaverbaum said.

"Financially it wasn't going to work," he said. "The debtor was not ready to spend in excess of \$1 million to maintain the horses for three years, and then go into the facility and fix up the stables."

# **DOG FOOD**

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are slaughtered in order for them to produce adrenaline, which is said to boost their meat's curative properties.

"It's important to rescue these dogs because of the torture that's involved in the process of slaughtering them," said Gina Lori, owner of Korean K9 Rescue. "The people who consume dog meat and the butchers who kill the dogs believe that the more the dog suffers, and the more the dog is tortured, the higher the adrenaline level in the meat that's produced."

But not all South Koreans eat dog meat regularly, and there are many activist groups in the country dedicated to stopping the industry and saving its victims.

Lori's group works with those foreign rescue organizations, which recover dogs destined for meat farms, and foots the bill to fly them to the United States, where the pooches are placed with foster families until permanent homes are found. Korean K9 Rescue's



OFF THE MENU: This Argentinian mastiff was saved from becoming dog-meat soup by Kensington shelter owner Sean Casey, who is hosting the rescued pooch until it is adopted. Photo by Zoe Freilich

however, so its founder teamed up with Casey's shelter, which has room to host about a dozen Asian hounds — in addition to many local mutts — until they can be adopted.

Slaughterhouses trade in breeds that include "everything from mastiffs to Pomeranians," Lori said, although most of her group's rescues are Jindos, a small, handsome, good-natured Korean vafoster network is limited, riety that fit perfectly in most Brooklyn abodes.

"They're not just great dogs, they're great for New York City apartments," said Lori. "They're under 30 pounds, sweet, and make great companions."

Anyone interested in adopting a rescued South Korean dog can visit Sean Casey Animal Rescue (153 E. Third St. near Fort Hamilton Parkway in Kensington, www. nyanimalrescue.org) for more information.

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# Estate planning: Properly preparing for your death

# BY ISAAC YEDID, ESQ. AND RAYMOND ZEITOUNE, ESQ.

Summer has come to an end and now is a great time to take a few minutes and think about the most important legal documents you should have prepared for the end of your life. We should all review our estate planning documents to ensure they are up to date and reflect exactly what we want to have done and the individuals on the receiving end are still supposed to be the receivers. If you don't already have your estate planning documents, now is the time to have them prepared by an estate attorney.

Your estate consists of everything you own. The most commonly known tool used in estate planning is a Last Will and Testament. Trusts are also commonly used, which can be either Revocable or Irrevocable. Both kinds of trusts avoid probate. Properly drafted Irrevocable Trusts can also shield some assets from long-term care expenses such as nursing home care costs (also known as Medicaid planning). Additional estate planning documents include a Power of Attorney and a Living Will or Health-Care Proxy.

An estate plan allows you to

appoint someone you trust to manage your assets and make health care decisions for you, if you ever become incapable of doing so, rather than leaving such decisions up to someone you did not select, and may not trust.

Estate planning is the process of addressing issues relating to the management and preservation of your assets during your lifetime, and then, ultimately, the transfer of those assets to your chosen beneficiaries. Many questions and issues are addressed in the estate planning process, including the following:

•If you are incapacitated for any extended period of time, who will pay your bills and manage your assets for you?

•Who will make your health care decisions during any period when you may be unable to make them for yourself?

• If you need long-term care such as a nursing home, how will the cost of your care be paid?

•Do you wish to do any asset protection planning, such as transferring your homestead and other assets into an asset protection trust, sometimes known as a "Medicaid qualifying trust," so that at least some of your assets are protected from long-term



#### care costs?

•Do you want your heirs/ beneficiaries to receive their inheritances under a Will, which is subject to the oversight of your local Surrogate's Court, or do you want to avoid the Probate process by transferring your assets into a Revocable (Living) Trust? Note: Such a trust avoids probate, but does not give you any asset protection benefits.

•If you own any business interests, what plan do you have in place to transfer ownership and control of those interests to those who will take over the business? For closely held businesses, the use of "discount valuations" for minority interests and marketability discounts can significantly lower estate tax liabilities. •Do you expect any Will challenges from your heirs, or do you want to disinherit any of your closest heirs? Such circumstances strongly suggest the use of a Living Revocable Trust, to reduce the chance that your directives might be subject to challenge.

•As of April 1, 2017, if you are a New York resident and your taxable estate will be more than \$5,250,000, you will need to give strong considerations to the idea of minimizing or at least reducing possible estate taxes. Such analysis involves the balance between maintaining control of assets versus relinquishing some control in order to reduce the amount of taxes that ultimately must be paid by your estate. Failing to do so can be a very expensive omission.

•In formulating your estate plan, you must select executors, trustees and agents for your Will, trust(s), power of attorney and healthcare proxy documents.

• If you have minor children, you should consider naming a legal guardian to make healthcare and other decisions for your children, in the event that you are unable or unavailable to do so.

Having an efficient estate

plan in place not only ensures that your assets will be managed and distributed according to your wishes and directives, but also alleviates burdens on your family members and reduces the likelihood of disputes. An efficient estate plan can ensure that your surviving spouse is adequately provided for; protect your assets from any creditors to whom your beneficiaries may owe money; and can shield assets from your heir's spouses and divorced spouses. May we all merit living long, happy, and healthy lives. Amen!

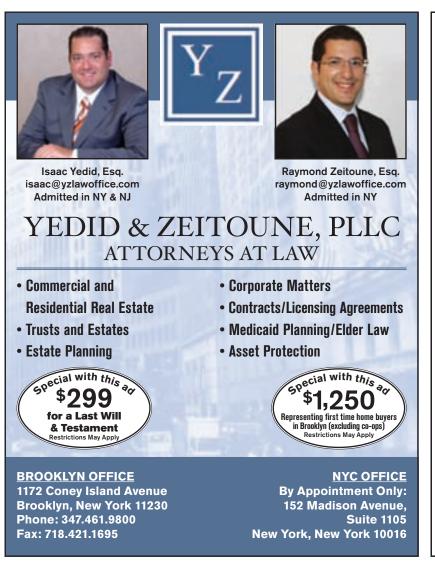
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# **Coney cares**

# Sandy-stricken businesses unite to raise funds for Hurricane Harvey victims

#### **BY JULIANNE MCSHANE**

They've been there before.

After Hurricane Harvey slammed Houston with historic rainfall, the Alliance for Coney Island — a neighborhood devastated by Hurricane Sandy five years ago — quickly launched "Coney Cares," a local fund-raising effort to help victims of the Texas storm. The initiative, organized with local sports teams and businesses, was inspired by the national outpouring of support that Coney Island and the rest of the city received after Sandy, according to the alliance's executive director.

"Being a community that was hard hit by Sandy, I think we just deeply sympathize, and wanted to reach out to the Houston community," said Al-

these businesses really empathize with the issues that the affected communities are facing, and will face in the next few months and years."

Baseball fans can contribute by taking in a game on Sept. 7 between the Cyclones and the evil Staten Island Yankees at MCU Park. Anyone who purchases a ticket using the code "RELIEF" will contribute the full price of their purchase to Minor League Baseball Charities' relief efforts.

Soccer fans can help by going to four different New York Cosmos games throughout September at MCU Park. The Cosmos will donate 50 percent of all endline seat sales purchased with the code "HOUS-TON" for the matches on Sept. exandra Silversmith. "I think 13, 17, 20, and 23 to the Greater



HITTING HOME: The flooding inflicted on Houston by Hurricane Harvey reminded many Coney Islanders of the Associated Press / David J. Phillip devastation Sandy wrought in 2012.

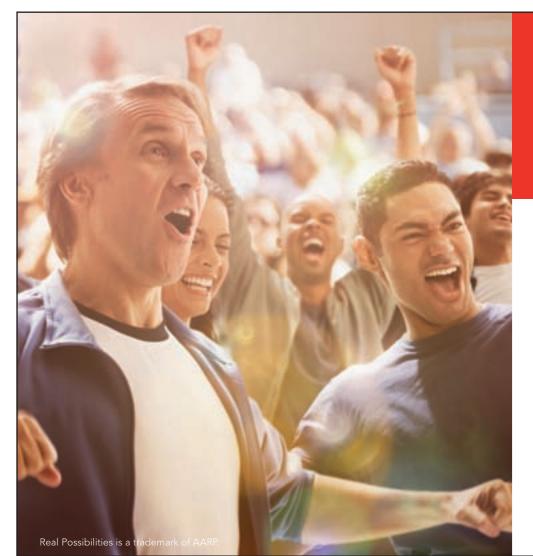
Houston Community Foundation's Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. And the team will also contribute 100 percent of profits from raffle-ticket sales at those games to the same fund. But Saturday will be the

big day for Coney Cares. Several restaurants and other local businesses will do-

nate proceeds from their sales on Sept. 9 to the fund. Both Nathan's Famous Coney Island locations will donate \$1 of every sale to it, as will Coney Island Brewery.

Luna Park will donate 10 percent of its Saturday ticket sales, and the Applebee's on Surf Avenue will also donate 10 percent of the evening's profits.

Deno's Wonder Wheel Amusement Park, Gargiulo's Italian Restaurant, and Totonno's Pizzeria Napolitana have all committed a portion of the day's profits to the fund, too. And Paul's Daughter will donate \$1,000 to it as well.



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# ALBANESE

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He said making sure that the men and women in blue look like the communities they are serving is crucial, and he proposed sending trained mental health professionals with officers to handle cases of emotionally disturbed persons, where recently too many victims are being shot and killed.

"The police force is majority minority now, which is great. But we need more African-Americans, it's still not high enough. I think what the police officers resent about the mayor is the way he's politicized policing. He's demoralized the force. There are a number of people who suffer from mental illness in the city. I also want to explore the possibility of having civilian mental health workers respond to Emotionally Disturbed People incidents. I'd like to see a team of mental health workers respond to some of the jobs and have the cops as a backup — I don't think the average police officer has the knowledge to deal with the EDPs, and there are people with mental health backgrounds who can go in and defuse these situations."



UPLIFTING: Democratic mayoral candidate Sal Albanese explains how he plans to raise up a sinking city. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

#### On affordable housing:

Albanese wants a piedsà-terre tax — taxing luxury second homes in the city that are not a primary residence, as opposed to DeBlasio's failed proposal for a "millionaires tax" — to fund more affordable housing. He also pointed to one of Comptroller Scott Stringer's 2016 reports, which found that the city owns more than 1,000 parcels of vacant land that could be developed into affordable housing.

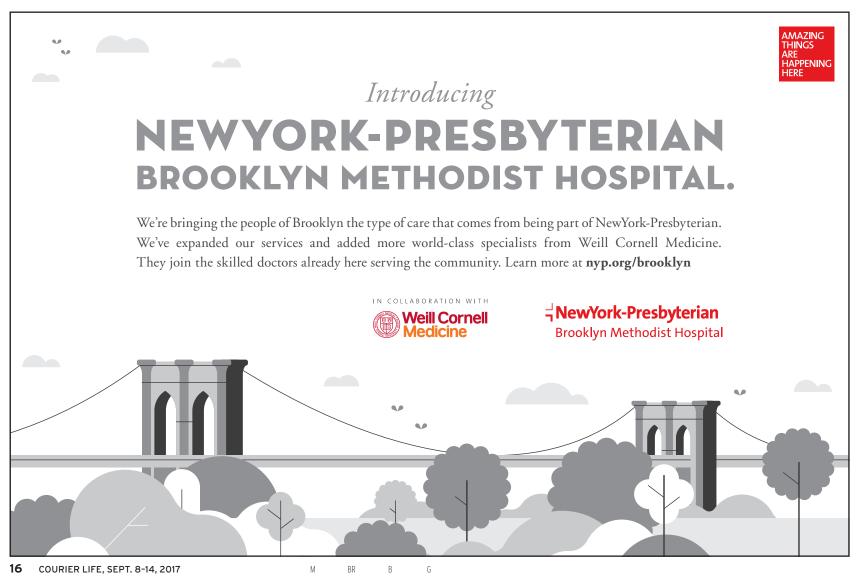
"I want to build true affordable housing that the people in these neighborhoods can afford. The city owns 1,000 parcels of land. I want to use those parcels as the affordable housing. We can build about 67,000 affordable units, true affordable units. DeBlasio's tax-the-rich scheme doesn't work because he's rolled that out three times and it impacts thousands of New Yorkers. I'm also willing to spend capital dollars to get that affordable

housing built because it's so important to the city."

#### **On transportation:**

Albanese called the subway system the lifeblood of the city, but said it's crumbling, and New Yorkers are suffering. He supports the MoveNY initiative — which includes congestion pricing in Lower Manhattan and tolls on all East River bridges, and which Hizzoner opposed — to generate revenue for subway repairs.

"We have a number of major issues that [DeBlasio] has not addressed, one is mass transit. I want to be the mass transit mayor when I become the mayor. For three-and-ahalf years, this mayor has basically ignored mass transit. What I want to do is have a mass transit summit when I get elected and bring all the stakeholders together and really plan short range and long range on fixing the signal systems and expanding parts of the subway service to parts of the city. We have to get people out of their cars. Traffic congestion is the worst ever, I support MoveNY by the way, which DeBlasio doesn't, which would generate another billion dollars into mass transit roads and bridges."



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# QUAGLIONE

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"If I make it through the Republican primary, I see myself as the person that's able to separate left and right, conservative and liberal, and look at the neighborhood issues. There's nothing in [my platform] political or big spectrum — it's all local, quality of life, crime solving, getting rid of graffiti, cleaning up the parks, involving the neighborhood in figuring out how your tax dollars are spent. This is all common sense stuff."

#### On the opioid crisis:

Quaglione said he does not support creating safe spaces for heroin users, suggesting that the city and the district should dedicate funds to building more schools and senior housing rather than safe-injection centers. He called on the city to work with non-profits that are dedicated to eradicating drug use in the community.

"It is a level of crisis, as the president said, and we've worked with Sen. Golden and with various community groups. The city needs to up their ante and commit to these nonprofit organizations that are out there and doing what needs to be done."

#### **On education:**

Quaglione said that the district is not seeing enough construction of new middle schools to keep up with the pace of the construction of new elementary schools and pre-K classrooms. He promised to tackle that issue on day one, but dismissed charter schools, insisting that they are unnecessary in the district and hurt the neighborhood's public and parochial schools.

"They are finding any location they can to put a school for the pre-K, and that's the same theory they need to adopt for the elementary and middle schools. But they are building elementary schools at a very rapid rate, so when all these kids get to fifth grade, we're going to have another problem — they're not going to have the middle schools that we need. When I win, we're going to go into the conversation of building middle schools, first and foremost. I'm honestly not a fan of charter schools. I think they work in certain situations, I just don't think in our district we need them. We have very good public schools. If you throw charter schools into this district, you're going to kill Catholic education in the district."



AN ASPIRING CANDIDATE: Bay Ridge Council contender John Quaglione is seeking the Republican nomination in the Sept. 12 primary Photo by Stefano Giovannini

#### On his political insider status:

Quaglione said he is proud of his career spent in public service and that he believes it makes him the best candidate in the race.

"To become a good elected official you definitely need government experience. I'm proud of my record of 19 years. I think I know the district better than anyone else in the race, Democrat or Republican."

#### On the Council's vote to raise members' pay:

Quaglione said he opposes the raise that the Council recently gave itself when voting

to make the position full-time, in part because he thinks the Council should have deferred the pay hike to the next round of elected officials.

'The fact that they gave themselves a raise, not the next membership — I think that was pure arrogance on their part to vote themselves a raise. And then there's the ones that opposed the raise but they're taking it. Making it full-time for that salary is a no-brainer, that's the least you could do."

#### On illegal home conversions:

Quaglione criticized the Department of Buildings for not being tough enough on the landlords who are contributing to the district's overcrowding. He said he would investigate the department's current protocol and urge them to be more aggressive with inspections. He also floated the idea of changing building codes to increase the mandatory minimum size of bedrooms to make splitting houses into apartments more difficult. He said that if he wins the Council seat, he would like to serve on the Committee on Housing and Buildings to more directly tackle the issue

"I want to see exactly where

these building inspectors are, how many there are. What is the Buildings Department really doing? You get on these committees, you grill the commissioners, you grill the assistant commissioners, and you get answers, and that's how you get results, and that's how you can craft legislation."

#### On Citi Bike coming to Bay **Ridge:**

Quaglione insisted that he would not welcome Citi Bike in the district unless there Community Board 10 received both early notice of the locations of the docking stations as well as an assurance that the bikes would not take up parking spots. He suggested the 69th Street Pier and on sidewalks near parks as acceptable spots for docking stations.

"You can't take parking spots. If you take parking spots there will be a revolution."

#### On his political aspirations:

Quaglione said he is focused on his family and his Council run, but would not rule out a future beyond the Ridge seat.

"For me, the Council would be the place where I'm ready to throw myself in and give it Continued on page 22



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# **REGINA-POTTER**

Continued from page 4 what's going on in the community, and I see we've been neglected in southern Brooklyn for a long time. I am one of the most active district leaders in Brooklvn. I have raised the Republican enrollment in my area by 30 percent. I am the only Republican woman running and I am the only one out of all the Republican primary candidates that has never worked for an elected official."

#### On illegal conversions:

Regina-Potter criticized the Council for not doing enough to curb illegal conversions or accommodate the growing population in the area. She called for holding utility companies accountable for furnishing illegally converted homes with too many meters. She demanded better enforcement by the Department of Buildings but also called for recognition of the plight of tenants who suffer from the area's housing crisis.

"First and foremost the utility companies need to be held accountable for why they're writing off and al-



MAKING HER PITCH: Republican Bay Ridge Council candidate Lucretia Regina-Potter talks to the editorial team at Community News Group in the Downtown office on Aug. 21. Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

lowing a one- or two-family homes to have 16 and 17 gas and electric meters. The only thing they have been doing is shutting these buildings down and throwing the people out. Again, it's going back on the poor people who are trying to make a better life for themselves here. The Council, I feel, has been very lax on this issue. They're more concerned about giving illegal immigrants court-appointed fees than they are taking care of the people that really need them. We've

grown in Brooklyn, we have more people here, and they're not keeping up with the infrastructure. A lot of people want to blame the tenants that live there, but I can empathize as the daughter of an immigrant — people have to have some place to live. They don't choose to live there, but financially, economically, they have nowhere else to go, because there is no more affordable housing in Brooklyn."

On the Council raise and owner did not participate whether a Council seat in the city's taxpayer-fi-

#### should be a full-time job:

Regina-Potter said she would make the seat her full-time job, and serve a full term. She said she does not support the raise since the new salary is more than what most constituents make, and instead advocated devoting those funds to constituent service.

"I would definitely make it a full-time job. That's the type of job that I would do, from early in the morning to the evening. I would be one of the most enthusiastic, raring-to-go councilwomen you've ever seen. As for the salary, I wouldn't have voted for the raise. I'm a business owner, so my main concern is putting it back into the system, and maybe giving someone else a job, for things that need to be done. Have someone go around and make a list of all the traffic problems in the community or where the turning lights are, or how come this house with illegally converted apartments hasn't been addressed in three or four years?"

#### **On campaign finance:**

The small business

nanced matching-funds program, and she chided her opponents both for taking matching funds and for paying workers to collect signatures on their ballot petitions.

"I'm not participating in the matching funds program, because I don't believe that taxpayers should pay for my campaign. I believe over \$750,000 was allocated to the 43rd Council District. I think that \$750,000 could be better spent enhancing the community and tackling some of the issues. Don't forget, I've been out there so many times that people know who I am. I petitioned myself on the ballot, basically. I mean, I know my opponents — especially my Republican primary opponents — some of them spent over \$50,000 just to get on the ballot."

#### **On education:**

Regina-Potter praised the district's schools but also said the overcrowding issue is to due a lack of foresight. She characterized herself as a school-choice advocate and called for developing shuttered parochial schools and other available proper-Continued on page 31

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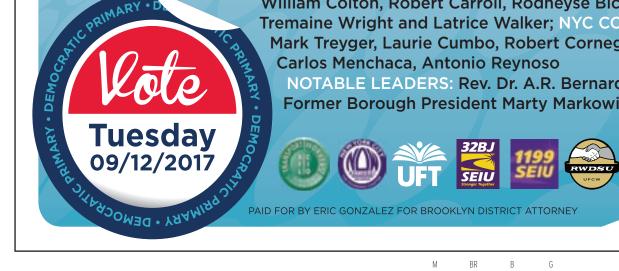


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my all. So you can continue to have the best of both worlds, serve the people and keep in tune with your family. If I do well in the Council, who knows? I wouldn't say no — you never say no in politics — but people are saying to me that I should be running for mayor, because they believe that this guy's so bad, and they like what we're saying. Obviously I'm not ready for mayor, but if I get a term in the Council and I get reelected and I do eight years as a Republican Council member, you never know."

# On sanitation issues in Bay Ridge:

Quaglione cited the Department of Sanitation's new organics collections trucks as the source of many garbagecollection problems plaguing the district, from the city's sudden refusal to collect trash on four private Ridge streets, to general complaints about bulk pickups. He said he supports the private-street residents who are suing the city and would like to see a restoration of service.

"I think Sanitation should come to their senses and put the smaller trucks back that can go down the route and pick it up. No lawsuit, and just resume the old ways. Again, it comes down to right and wrong. It's wrong for the guy who lives on the corner to have 25 houses' worth of garbage in front of his house, but it's right to have your garbage picked up because you're a taxpayer."

#### **Lightning Round:**

At the end of the meeting, Quaglione answered a quick series of questions.

•Favorite restaurant: Gino's.

•Favorite movie: "Mystic River."

•Last book you read: "Mookie: Life, Baseball, and the '86 Mets" by Mookie Wilson.

•Main source for news: City&State, BrooklynDaily, NY1.

•Does global warm-

ing exist, and if so, is it caused by humans burning fossil fuels?: "Global warming definitely exists. The cause of it, I think, is part of the fossil fuels, parts with the melting of the glaciers have a lot to do with the rising of the water."

•Fracking in upstate New York?: "When the study is completed that proves it's safe, I believe it can happen. Until then, it should be a nonstarter."

•Should Fort Hamilton Army Base rename the streets within it named after Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson?: "The streets are named after history. Do they symbolize hatred? Have they been there forever? The conversation about what they are and what they mean are two different things. If we continue to broadcast the misgivings of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, all we're doing is continuing to inflame a society that allows and supports hatred. So I am not sure about those streets, I'm not going to lie to you. I have not really had a decision on it."

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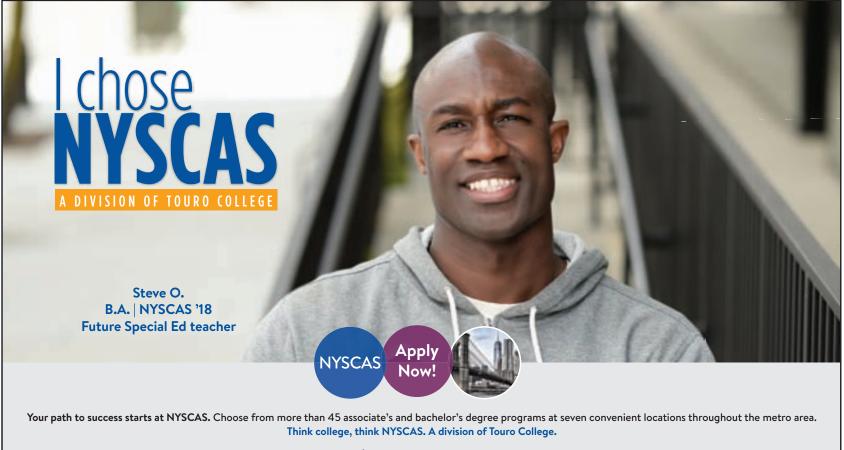
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# **Golden Carnival shines**

#### **BY NELSON A. KING**

A few miscreants did not rain on this milestone march.

Millions of spectators swarmed Kings County on Sept. 4 to celebrate the 50thannual West Indian American Day Parade, which snaked along Eastern Parkway as costumed participants marched to the tunes of mas and steel bands. And neither a pair of non-fatal violent attacks nor an ubiquitous police presence prevented at-

technicolor procession, which united the Caribbean-American community, according to onlookers.

"Our culture brings people together," said Latoya Jeffers, a native Antiguan who has played mas at the event for the past four years. "I'm having fun, enjoying my culture, meeting my people, enjoying life. This is my culture."

The festivities, which concluded five days of Carnival

tendees from reveling in the celebrations inspired by this year's theme "From a Dream to A Legacy," erupted along a three-and-a-half-mile route through Crown Heights, from Buffalo Avenue to Grand Army Plaza.

A 22-year-old man was shot in the torso near the parade's path at 4:47 pm, and a 20-year-old man was stabbled along the route around 6 pm, police said. The injuries were not life-threatening and both victims were taken to Kings



ALL SMILES: Mas band members showed their happiness and pride in their Caribbean culture. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

County Hospital for treatment the celebration's Caribbean following their attacks, cops said.

But the violence — which occurred hours after the event's 11 am start time was restricted to isolated incidents and did not overshadow

pageantry and artistry. according to spectators.

"We love it," Flatbush residents Angela Battle and Kimmi Campbell said in unison. "It's good for the culture. It's good for Brooklyn."

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# **Rolling Stones gather new home**

#### PARK SLOPE

It's a Standing O for granite. During excavation near Sixth Street and Eighth Avenue, the site for **NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital's** new **Center for Community Health**, about 30 large boulders were removed from the ground and donated to the Prospect Park Alliance, where plans are underway for them to be used in the Parks without Borders initiative.

According to **Christian Zimmerman**, vice president of capital and landscape management for the Prospect Park Alliance, the Parks without



Borders plan includes adding a new entrance to Prospect Park on Flatbush Avenue, where the boulders will find a new home.

"The boulders donated by the hospital are an exact geological match for the rocks in Prospect Park because they come from the same terrain and appear identical aesthetically to what has been in the park for 150 years," he said.

NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital has a longstanding partnership with the Prospect Park Alliance. **Lyn Hill**, vice president for communication and external affairs at the hospital, explained: "In the 1990s, the hospital provided a geological transplant when boulders were sent to Prospect Park during excavation of the hospital's current Medical Office Pavilion on Seventh Avenue. Those boulders were used in Prospect Park's Woodlands Project."

Standing O like a rock.

NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital [506 Sixth St. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 780–3000].

#### MARINE PARK

#### Seeing clearly now!

Huzza, huzza to **Dr. Salvatore J. Shakir**. The winning eye-guy was among 58 optometrists throughout the United States who have received the **American Optometric Association 2017 Continuing Optometric Recognition Award.** 

This award is presented to doctors 338–0988].

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L'CHAIM: Getting together at Trump Village to celebrate Ethel Berkowitz's 100th birthday are, standing, from left, Eva Kogen, Mark Hunter Berkowitz, family friends, and Leila Hammer. Seated, from left, Sofya Dukler, Andrea Herskowitz, Ethel Berkowitz, and Councilman Chaim Deutsch. Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

# Hundred pennies and counting

#### BRIGHTON BEACH

b-day wishes for Ethel Berkowitz. The swinging senior turned the magical age of 100 last month and celebrated the auspicious day with son Mark Hunter Berkowitz; Jewish Association for Services for the Aged staff members **Andrea** Herskowitz, Naturally Occuring Retirement Community program director; Eva Kogen, and Sofya Dukler, and long-time friend and peer senior Leila Hammer. Ethel was treated with a gift of 100 cents on a plaque and a special visit by Councilman Chaim Deutsch (D-Brighton Beach) who presented Ethel with a proclamation honoring

her longevity.

She has been a member of JASA It's cheers, applause and lots of lay wishes for **Ethel Berkow**. The swinging senior turned e magical age of 100 last month d celebrated the auspicious day

When asked about her long life, she said the secret is about making choices.

"I never smoked, I never drank, I always volunteered, did for others, I worked until I was 87 years old," she said. "Don't let anything bother you."

Standing O agrees, and wishes Ethel many more birthdays.

JASA Trumps United [458 Neptune Ave. at Ocean Parkway in Brighton Beach, (718) 372–8815].

#### **PROSPECT LEFFERTS GARDENS**

#### Take a chair!

Dr. Carlos N. Pato, dean of the College of Medicine at State University of New York Downstate, let the O know that Dr. Rainer Gruessner has been named as the new Chairman of Surgery.

Dr. Gruessner is a nationally renowned surgeon and clinical innovator, a prolific academic, a committed educator, and a successful and experienced department chairman, having most recently served as chairman of surgery at the University of Arizona and later as chief of transplantation at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

At SUNY Upstate, Dr. Gruessner doubled the transplant case volume, launched a successful pancreas transplant program, and laid the founda-



#### **CLINTON HILL**

#### Welcome

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Pipsqueak offers a full selection of toys, books, and baby care items (diapers, wipes, bath and body care) — and now, even shoes! The one-stop emporium even provides families with home goods and haircuts in its car-inspired mini salon.

Independentowner **Alejandro** teamed up with Bedford-Stuyvesant native **Jon Vazquez** and together they worked to revamp Pipsqueak's image and carefully curated a selection of brands and specialty items to cater to the diverse community of kids and parents living in the borough.

Alejandro a young creative entrepreneur of Mexican descent, grew up on Myrtle Avenue, and spent the last six years working in the toy store industry. He feels his experience made him uniquely qualified to open up this branch to provide the best for the residents in Clinton Hill.

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tion for islet and liver transplant programs, as well as introduced robotic and minimally invasive procedures throughout all Department of Surgery sub-specialties. Dr. Gruessner was the first surgeon to perform all abdominal organ transplants (kidney, pancreas, liver and intestine) from living donors.

Dr. Gruessner's academic accomplishments include more than 330 published manuscripts, and as many review articles, book chapters, and published abstracts.

SUNY Downstate Medical Center [450 Clarkson Ave. at New York Avenue in Prospect Lefferts Gardens, (718) 270–1000].

of optometry who have completed 50 credit hours of continuing education in their field during a one-year period, and, in addition, have previously received the Initial Optometric Recognition Award. More than 1,752 of the nation's 44,000 practicing optometrists have earned the Initial Optometric Recognition Award. Recipients must complete 150 hours of continuing education in their field over a consecutive three-year period.

President **Dr. Andrea P. Thau**, of Manhattan, congratulated the honorees and presented the Continuing Optometric Recognition Awards during an event held on June 22 in Washington, D.C.

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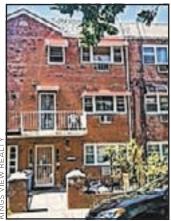
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These days, Canarsie is a quiet, suburban-like area bounded on three sides by water: Jamaica Bay, and the Fresh Creek and Paerdegat Basins. Yacht clubs dot its Paerdegat shore, and picturesque adjacent streets, known locally as the Paerdegats, are lined with orderly rows of attached redbrick homes, many of them able to accommodate two families, like our featured property, a large brick duplex listed at \$735,000 that offers space and amenities, including:



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House of the Week itself is the neighborhood that surrounds it, a district that is home to many workers in the muncipal and health care industries.

At the southeast end of area is Canarsie Pier on Jamaica Bay, long a popular fishing spot and recreation area. On the pier -part of Gateway National Recreation Area — the sounds of stereos and gulls mix with the ubiquitous jingle of an ice cream truck, and fishermen catch fluke and bluefish while families picnic or set out on park ranger-led paddle trips to the nearby island of Canarsie Pol.

If shopping is your goal, the busy Rockaway Parkway is lined with bakeries, eateries, and cellphone stores. Not far away is the Canarsie Plaza mall on Avenue D, and the area has the Brooklyn Terminal Market that sells plants, fruit and produce.

Canarsie Park, 132 acres by Just as inviting as our the waterfront, offers a fitness

trail with exercise stations; a cricket field where the Mayor's Cup Cricket Tournament finals have been held: and a skate park that has been a venue for YouTube skateboarder videos.

Transportation-wise, many Canarsie residents board the L train, the area's only subway, at its terminus at Rockaway Parkway, near the northern edge of the neighborhood. Some residents take an express bus, which reaches Lower Manhattan in about an hour. The Belt Parkway hugs the southern edge of the neighborhood. Drive times are about 45 minutes to Downtown Brooklyn and an hour to Lower Manhattan.

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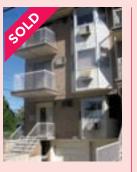
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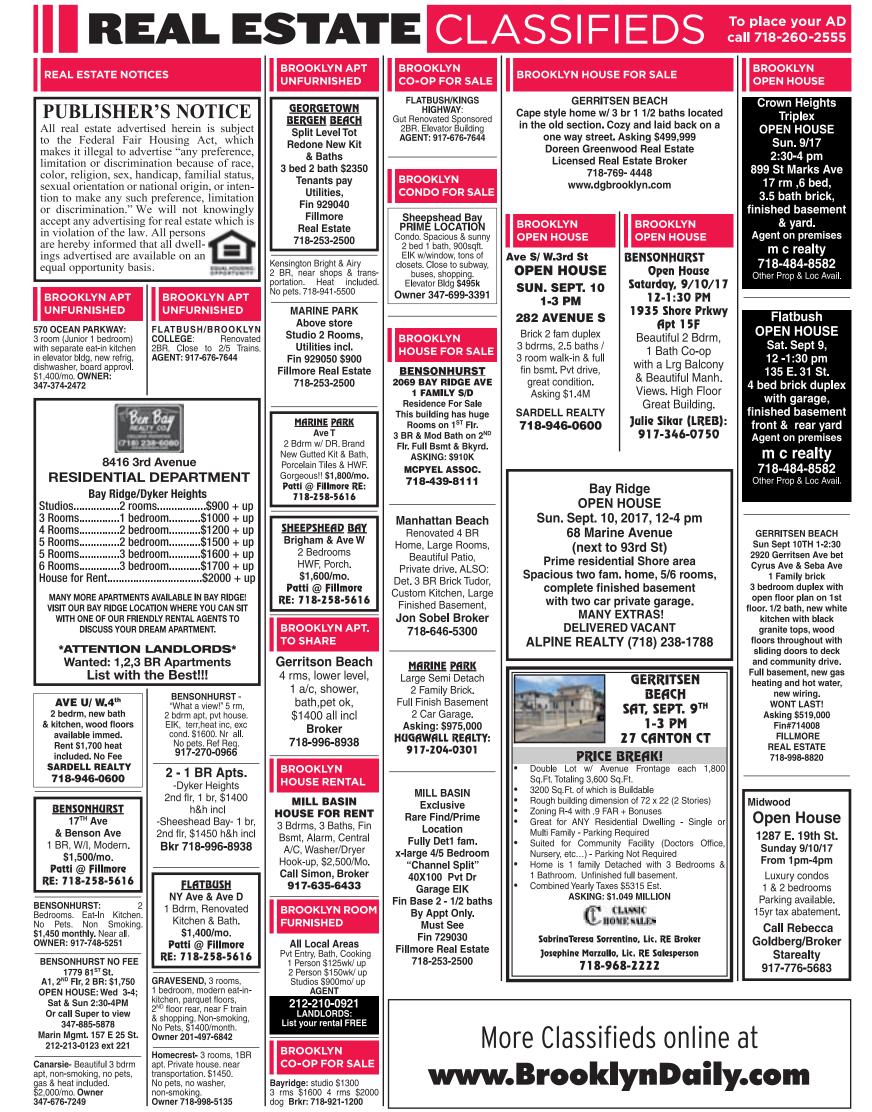


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ties into new schools. She also called for an increase in arts and vocational programs in the district, along with programs to accommodate students in special education and gifted and talented programs.

"I think it's crowded for the simple fact that we overlooked a lot. I like charter schools and we overlooked that issue. A lot of the parochial schools in the neighborhood closed, which was a good opportunity to have people in the neighborhood go in — and it's not affordability, because charter schools are covered under the public school system. And maybe take over some of these parochial schools, like they're doing now, and make them charter schools. There are properties in the district that could be developed."

#### On Citi Bike coming to **Bay Ridge:**

Regina-Potter said she does not support Citi Bike coming to the district because it would limit parking. She said she would sup-

port docking stations and biking along the shoreline, but also called for improved accessibility to the area.

"Not a fan, because it's so overcrowded, the parking is atrocious as it is. So instead of double-parked cars, we're going to have triple-parked cars. A lot of the streets are very small and narrow — you can barely have a bike go up and down 69th Street, and if there's a double-parked car, everything is stuck. That's why we need to fix up the shore, there are great bike paths there, but they've never really been fixed since the hurricane. And also access to that bike path. There's certain areas in Bath Beach where children and families have to literally cross a highway to get over and get to the shore."

#### On the sanitation issues in Bay Ridge:

She said she does not support the new policy halting garbage collection on four private streets in the area, and criticized the new organics collection program, which she said creates too much pollution and was not discussed widely enough in the community. She called

for community-led, at-home composting instead.

"I think we might have people how to compost for themselves. If they live in a building, they could create a little community garden, and make it self-sustaining. This organics program, I think it's creating more pollution, because trucks have to come back now and pick up the bulk. It's just creating problems for people, especially the senior citizens on those little side streets."

#### On the opioid epidemic:

**Regina-Potter** does not support the proposed \$100,000 study safe-injection spaces, and instead called for more transitional medical support to help opioid addicts kick the habit, more drug-prevention education in schools, and greater community support for families dealing with addiction.

"I think that we should open up the medical facilities and tell them, come on in. And I think more should be done to get them off the drug. And more help to the families of the people. Unfortunately, some families enable it because they're

afraid that they're going to go off [the drug] and hurt them. But teach the famibeen better off instructing lies how to deal with it, and try to wean these people off these drugs, and try to put them into some sort of normal environment so they can live a better life."

#### On her political aspirations beyond the Council:

Regina-Potter said that after her time on the Council, she would gladly return to her district leader position and work to get more young people into politics.

"I would always love to be the district leader, because that's a real grassroots position. I want to get more young people involved in politics, especially the women. I will always be a community activist.'

#### **Lightning Round**

After the interview, Regina-Potter answered a short series of questions.

 Favorite restaurant: "My kitchen or my mom's kitchen. There's nothing better than a home cooked meal made with love.'

• Favorite movie: "Titanic."

•Last book she read: A repeat it."

James Patterson novel.

• Main news sources: "Everywhere. Print, digital, radio, TV. And that's real news, not fake news."

• Is the media fair to politicians? "Depending on the politician. I don't think the media gives a lot of credence to female candidates

 especially the Republican women. They never try to find the good, they always try to create a dig and create a diversion away from the issues as to why that person is running."

•Does global warming exist, and if so, is it caused by humans burning fossil fuels?: "That remains to be seen. We don't know. I can't say yes, I can't say no. I don't think we're going to be living long enough to find out. I believe that we over-pollute the environment."

• Fracking in upstate New York?: "Yes, if it's done correctly, because there are many ways to frack."

·Should Fort Hamilton Army Base rename the streets within it named after Robert. E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson?: "Absolutely not. Those that do not know their history are doomed to

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to move into the district if she wins the primary.

"They say that I don't live in their district, but there's no rule saying I'm not allowed to run. I'm a 47th Assembly District leader, which coincides with the 43rd city Council district. And also with the constituents, I see a lot of them, they come to our office, I service them, so I don't think there's a problem with me not being in the district right now. Part of the 43rd is in the 47th so I do service those constituents. Now there's an open seat, and because I don't live in the 43rd Council District, that means I cannot run for it? Once I win my primary, then I will move.

#### On Citi Bike coming to Bay **Ridge:**

Tong said Citi Bike can help ease congestion in the neighborhood, but that it cannot replace parking spaces. She also called for instructional lessons before riders take off on the two-wheelers. Tong should ask Ridgites if they want Citi Bike before imposing it.

"Actually Citi Bike is very good, for the congestion with

the traffic and all that, but we should have instructions for people who ride the Citi Bike for safety. This is very important, just like when we drive our car. And also now where are you going to put the Citi Bike? Bay Ridge is very crowded and you're going to take up their parking spaces, so you really have to see where you can find that place. They should have a poll and ask the residents do you want the bike there."

### **Bay Ridge:**

Tong blasted the lack of trash pickup on the private streets as unfair to those taxpayers, but said that it could easily be solved by getting smaller trucks to navigate the narrow alleyways.

"I don't understand why the sanitation trucks cannot go through those private streets, they've been doing it all along, why all of a sudden can't they do it? The trucks are too big — couldn't they have a smaller truck then, a special truck just to go by there? They all pay taxes even though it's a private street, they all pay the same taxes, so they are supposed to get the benefit."

On cracking down on ille-

On the sanitation issues in

LAYING THE GROUNDWORK: Nancy Tong explains why she wants to represent the 43rd District on the city Council. gal home conversions: Tong said the problem of illegal home conversions is one

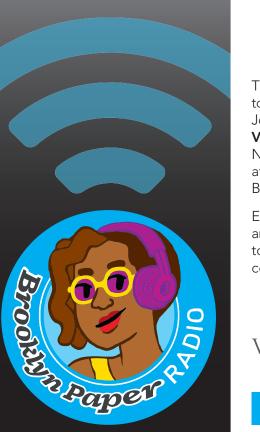
of the most pressing in the district. She applauded Gentile's legislation imposing harsher fines for violations, but said more needs to be done. She said the real solution is to provide more legitimate affordable housing options.

"It is a very, very big is-

sue and something needs to be done. A lot of things need to be done, they can't just say fine the landlord, once you fine the landlord, you know what happens with those illegal conversions, all the people have to move out and that's where the homelessness comes from. What I would do to solve the problem is give them more affordable housing, we don't have enough affordable housing. This has to be addressed, I'm sure they don't want to live in those illegal conversions if they can really afford it. It's very important that we deal with illegal conversions not just by fining the landlord, it's not going to help, they pay the fine, you think they are not going to do it again? I'm sure they would do it again."

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#### On school overcrowding:

Tong said the need to build more schools is obvious, but it's not practical simply because of how long it takes. She argued that the city should instead provide extensions to existing schools.

"They keep saying 'build more schools, build more schools.' Who doesn't know that? Everyone knows you should build more schools, but is it going to be in time for the kids to build a new school? It takes a long time. My suggestion is we should find space where we can do an extension — this is a better way of solving the issues because building a school we know takes years. So we should find a place where we can have an extension."

#### On the opioid epidemic:

Tong is against providing injection facilities where heroin addicts can safely use the drug, and said that addicts should instead have access to more treatment and counseling centers.

"We should not have a place where they can legally inject. What I suggest is they should have an office where they teach those opioid addicts to how they can stop — and they should go after the ones who are pushing those opioids. Opening a center just for them to put the injections is not going stop it."

## On her rather quiet campaign:

Tong said it's simply not her style to blast out press release after press release. She's confident the community has all they need to know about her and her dedication to the constituents.

"When you say I haven't had a lot of press releases, I don't like to advertise, I just like to work and do what's right, so that's why you have not heard a lot about me. I only like to work for those who need help, why do I need to advertise? I want to service my people so that's why when you ask me, how come you don't see any press releases, that's not Nancy Tong. I really just want to work for the people. I do knock on doors — I do like to do it myself, knocking on doors to introduce myself to them, and a lot of the time they know me too from coming into the Assemblyman's office."

# On the lack of women in the city Council:

Tong said both women and Asian-Americans in her would-be district are not well represented in City Hall — out of the 51 members, there are currently just 13 women, and that number could drop even lower after the 2017 election.

"There are so many Asians there, but they are not represented. Not only are the Asians underrepresented — you know no woman has ever taken that seat, the 43rd Council district. Women are underrepresented — we are underrepresented women and also Asians."

#### **Lightning Round**

At the end of the meeting, Tong answered a quick series of questions.

•Favorite restaurant: Howong on Bay Parkway

• Favorite movie: Harry Potter

•Last book you read: "Flowers in the Attic" by V. C. Andrews

•Main source for news: 11 pm news, TV

•Is the media fair to politicians?: "I don't think so."

•Does global warming exist, and if so, is it caused by humans burning fossil fuels?: Yes and yes

•Fracking in upstate New York?: No

•Should Fort Hamilton Army Base rename the streets within it named after Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson?: In one of Tong's few press releases sent out she said she supports keeping the statue of Christopher Columbus in Manhattan, but doesn't know how she feels about renaming the streets at Fort Hamilton Army Base "I have not read about that — if I don't know, I wouldn't comment."

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#### Daydreaming

Many people will admit daydreaming behind to the wheel or looking at a person or object outside of the car for too long. Per-

haps they're checking out a house in a new neighborhood or thought they saw someone they knew on the street corner. It can be easy to veer into the direction your eyes are focused, causing an accident. In addition to trying to stay focused on the road, some drivers prefer the help of lane departure warning systems.

#### Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

chewing gum at the same time may want to avoid eating while driving. The majority of foods require a person's hands to be taken off of the wheel and their eyes to be diverted from the road. Reaching in the back seat to share some French fries with the kids is also distracting.

Try to eat meals before getting in the car. For those who must snack while en route, take a moment to pull over at a rest area and spend 10 minutes snacking there before resuming the trip.

#### Reading

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Time to put the summer behind and build healthy habits for the new school year.

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# Build healthy habits for the school year

ells are ringing across B the country as kids set-tle into classrooms for a year full of fun, friendship and plenty of learning.

While exciting, adjusting to new school schedules is a hectic time. Healthy habits are often forgotten as the focus shifts to studies, assignments and extracurriculars.

"Parents and caregivers can make a big difference in helping kids lead a healthy lifestyle during the back-toschool season and beyond," says Deanna Segrave-Daly, a mom and registered dietitian. "A few proactive steps can set kids up for success in and out of the classroom."

Segrave-Daly offers six easy ideas you can try to help encourage your kids to build healthy habits that last a lifetime:

**Prioritize sleep** 

lies often sacrifice due to busy schedules.

Remember, kids need significantly more sleep than adults to support their rapid mental and physical development, according to the National Sleep Foundation.

School-age children should strive for nine to 11 hours of sleep each night. Establish a nighttime routine and prioritize sleep every night.

# Eat breakfast

We all know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day - especially for our kids. Help them jump-start their day with a quick breakfast of healthy foods like fruit, eggs and whole-grain cereal.

For those busy mornings, grab fridge-free, GoGo squeeZ YogurtZ, made with real low-fat yogurt and fruit, for a wholesome option they Sleep is something fami- can easily eat in the car or

bus with a banana, toaster waffle or whole-wheat toast.

# **Encourage exercise**

Kids should do at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Hopefully some of this physical activity can take place during the school day, but there are lots of easy ways to build healthy activity into daily life at home.

Make a habit of going on a family walk after dinner (a great chance to unwind and reconnect) or challenge kids to bring their books up the stairs or to another room one at a time. Take 10-minute "dance party" breaks during homework or see who can jump rope the longest.

### Manage screen time

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lies to be mindful of screen lunchbox addition! time for kids. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends kids ages 2-5 limit screen use to one hour per day of high-quality programs.

For children 6 and older, place consistent limits on the time spent using media and monitor the types of media used.

# Snack well

Kids love to snack, and it's important to keep nutritious options on hand for when hunger strikes - it helps them avoid emergency vending machine stops. Stock your pantry with healthier snacks like GoGo squeeZ applesauce pouches.

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# Adjust the attitude

Mental wellness is part of overall wellness. Keep in mind the power of a positive attitude toward education. Encourage kids to look at issues from different angles, appreciate diversity and be resilient.

Have conversations with children and truly listen to their concerns to build trust and solve problems.

Finally, it's the adult role models in a child's life that really set them up for success.

"If you model healthy habits, your child is likely to follow your lead," says Segrave-Daly. "Try to routinely eat well, sleep well, exercise and have conversations about the good and bad parts of your day. Your kids are paying attention even when it seems like they aren't!"

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# **EDUCATION** How to make going back to school a success

ummer days are getting shorter. Summer fun is winding down for the season. Bedtimes are starting earlier. And parents seem to be oddly excited.

Back to school is right around the corner. For most kids, the thought of going back to school can be a drag. But it doesn't have to be.

founder of #1000BlackGirl-Books, knows a thing or two about balancing extracurricular activities and back-toschool readiness.

According to Marley, preparing for back to school is the key to success. "Tweens know, going back to school can be stressful and to conquer it with a smile takes guts," said Dias. She offers these seven simple tips for parents to help make a smooth transition back to school.

# Get back to a routine

A healthy routine is essen-

back on schedule. A week before school starts, the family should wake up early and eat a healthy breakfast, lunch and dinner. For that week, everyone should try to go to bed at a reasonable hour.

# **Power your inner** potential

Seventy percent of the im-Marley Dias, 12-year-old mune system is located in your gut. I take a daily probiotic like Renew Life Ultimate Flora Kids Probiotic to stay healthy and operate at my best. Probiotics help keep my gut healthy, which improves my sleep, mood and memory, all important aspects to being a good student, especially during the first few weeks when you still feel sluggish from summer.

# **Reconnect with** friends

Your kids' friends have been away at camp, on vacation or visiting relatives all summer long. Chatting with friends gets kids excited tial to getting your body clock about the new school year



These simple tips can help make the transition back to school a successful one. FatCamera

and helps avoid the back-toschool jitters.

# Set goals

Having your kids set goals helps them attack the school year with purpose. Challenge them to improve at a subject, try a new sport or make a new friend. Ask them to write down their social and academic goals; you can't get anywhere without a plan!

# Shop!

Indulge in a new outfit or cool locker supplies for your kids. Buy those fun items, but also the functional ones that last throughout the year.

# **Getting organized** at home

Getting organized now helps them tackle all of those upcoming assignments. Help them review old work to jog their memory. Plan outfits the night before. Pre-pack lunches and snacks. Post all assignments and activities in a visible spot in the house. And lastly, set up a home homework space. Kids need a dedicated place to focus.

# Pick a place to just breathe

Pick a peaceful spot at home where kids and parents can practice deep breathing and relaxation. The school year is a hectic time. Take a moment to push pause on all electronics. This quiet moment will help each member of the family prep their mind and body for everything the school year brings.

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February 2018	Response cards back to high schools – high school notification letters will include information relative to the date on which a student should return his/her acceptance letter to the high school of their choice.

# **OPEN HOUSE DATES**

DATE	TIME	SCHOOL
September 2017		
Sat. 30th	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Cathedral Christ the King
October 2017		
Sat. 1st	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Christ the King
Thurs. 5th	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	St. Saviour
Sat. 7th	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	McClancy
Wed. 11th	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Bishop Loughlin
Thurs. 12th	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Bishop Kearney
Sat. 14th	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	St. Agnes St. Edmund St. Francis St. John
Sun. 15th	12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Bishop Loughlin Mary Louis Molloy Xaverian
Thurs. 19th	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Nazareth
Sat. 21st	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Fontbonne
Sun. 22nd	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m 4:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Cathedral Holy Cross St. Saviour
Tues. 24th	7:00 p.m.	St. Edmund
Thurs. 26th	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Nazareth St. Joseph
Sat. 28th	12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Nazareth
Sun. 29th	12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Bishop Kearney
November 2017		
Thurs. 9th	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Cristo Rey
January 2018		
Thurs. 18th	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	St. Agnes

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# Bring back 'good sports' to sports

nally found something we both agree upon — the mess that professional baseball and other once-respected sports have become. It seems to me that, as the salaries of professional athletes keep going up, their morals keep going down and violence both on and off the field keeps increasing.

You and I. Mr. Greenspan, grew up in an era when professional athletes were admired for their honesty and decency as well as their skills. As a Brooklyn Dodger fan, I had players I could look up to, especially Jackie Robinson, who had the courage to take whatever risks were necessary to break the color barrier in professional baseball, and Gil Hodges, who was known and admired as much for being a gentleman as a skilled first baseman and, later, a beloved manager of the new Mets. If these gentlemen were still with us, they would be horrified by what is happening in baseball today.

I sometimes wonder whatever happened to team loyalty. I knew the names of almost every player on the Dodgers and the Yankees because the same players stuck with their teams year after year, often until they retired. Now, since salaries have reached the millions, most athletes will go from team to team, playing for whatever team gives them the best contract and the highest salaries.

The Brooklyn Dodgers didn't take performance-enhancing drugs. They learned their skills through years of practice and hard work. Today's athletes take steroids and other drugs, sometimes risking their lives, to improve their performances. Back in the days of the Brooklyn Dodgers, I never heard of professional athletes arrested for drunken driving, wifebeating or shooting someone they disagreed with. The old-time athletes tried to set good examples for children and young people. Today's children do not have athletes they can admire. They have coaches who feed them steroids and push them through endless practices until some of them collapse and even die on the field.

I think that both professional and children's sports need to be over-

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# SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

hauled and completely changed. Nobody should be forced to take drugs nor be pushed beyond the level of his or her physical capacity. Professional athletes should be encouraged to be wholesome examples to children and future athletes, and, if they are not, they should be dropped from their Performance-enhancing sports. drugs and violence should be banned from all sports. Perhaps then children could learn respect, honesty and decency from the athletes who are left, and our beloved former athletes like Jackie Robinson and Gil Hodges could rest in peace.

Elaine Kirsch Gravesend

# Labor pains

To the editor:

I would like to shed some light on the "Call it mess transit" op-letter by Jerry Sattler.

Mr. Sattler, the cost of labor is the most expensive item on any project's agenda and union labor is much more expensive than non-union labor. The reason that our subway system is in shambles is that budgeting cost of maintenance and upgrades are held to a minimum since union work is quite costly and politicians do not feel comfortable showing an extraordinarily high expenditure to maintain things. It is more palatable to the public, especially in liberal cities, if money was budgeted to support illegals or Americans who refuse to work.

The reason that metro systems in other countries are updated regularly is that unions are not strong. Governments will fire unions and use non-union workers if there are major problems — much the way President Reagan fired the air traffic controllers in 1981.

When my former engineering and manufacturing company had to work with unions, labor cost was estimated at between two to three times that of non-union labor. Additionally, American union contracts have requirements that force corporations and governments to use more workers than are necessary.

Have you ever wondered why there are so many workers on construction sites or watching one worker spray rat poison on grass? Because each worker designation requires supervision.

Here's a simple example from my engineering days: For every four carpenters on site, there must be one supervisor. If five carpenters are needed, another supervisor is required. At that time, riggers came in sets of three workers and billed a minimum of three hours, even though only two riggers were needed for two hours of work. Let me give you one more example: On streets where traffic is diverted due to construction, at times there are humans waving flags instead of directional signs with arrows. There are times where humans are needed, but many times directional signs with arrows will do.

You can now understand why some U.S. corporations are relocating their manufacturing facilities out of the country: Excessive cost of labor hampers profitability. At the turn of the century, efficiency experts estimated that for the MTA to become financially healthy, it would need to charge about \$7.50 per ride.

By no stretch of the imagination am I advocating the end of unions. Unions are very important since they protect the workers and stop management abuse. Almost 100 years ago the corporate motto regarding workers was, "If you don't come in on Sunday, don't come in on Monday," insinuating that management fired workers who would not work seven days per week. Gladly, those days are gone, but unions have tilted the scale. We need to right the scale so that neither party takes advantage of the other.

> Elio Valenti Brooklyn, NY

# The route causes To the editor,

I have a few questions for Larry Penner. (Discussing buses Sept 1). Bus bunching has been the chief bus rider complaint for at least 60 years. Buses even bunch three at a time at 9 pm when there is little traffic. Penner highlights the capital monies being spent to upgrade the system and claims service quality and frequency depends on secure revenue streams. While partially true, this does not tell the entire story.

BusTrek which is now in effect enables all dispatchers to view all buses on the lines they are managing showing how many minutes early or late each bus is. What it doesn't show is how crowded the buses are, and the demand at bus stops. (That is also crucially-needed information.) So why is bunching as bad as ever? How will new radio systems and command centers reduce bunching? It seems like every 10 or 15 years we hear about new radio systems being bought and this certainly is not the first upgrade to the command center. Yet the MTA continues to blame traffic which they have no control over as

the sole source of bus bunching. They claim that exclusive bus lanes reduce bunching when in fact it does not.

Penner also states that boarding of buses in the front and back has other issues to contend with. So why is the city so gung ho on Select Bus Service? He blames departing from front and rear doors for causing delays. When the bus is jam-packed and one is in the front of the bus, departing from the rear is not possible. Penner asks why we don't invest in bus holding lights at major bus subway terminals. Good question. I first learned about that technology in 1972. Yet we still do not have any.

Sixty years ago, each route had between two and six street street dispatchers. Today there are only dispatchers at major terminals where at least two routes terminate. We need more staff in charge of ensuring the 300 bus routes are running on time, better training of dispatchers, a willingness to listen to suggestions from the public, and less arrogance from those in charge of planning. Merely increasing revenue which may not even go to where it is most needed will not improve quality and frequency of service significantly.

Allan Rosen Sheepshead Bay

NY Not so shore

To the editor,

After last week's massive Hurricane Harvey in Houston I hope the city will take another look about building high rise condos anywhere near the shoreline.

If another massive storm should hit us in Southern Brooklyn, knowing that often our public transportation has breakdowns and delays, where and how we could we evacuate in time.

Since riders often complain about overcrowded trains, how are pet owners with dogs and cats in carry cages supposed to carry these animals? I myself have two adult cats not very easy to carry, so what am I supposed to do?

I do remember a few years ago when the buses were free; it was a living nightmare hoping to get on a bus that was already crowded.

Does anyone think things will go smoothly in case of evacuation? I don't think so. The first thing will be panic, pushing, and shoving to relocate to a safer location. Will there enough police to make sure everything goes well? I really hope so.

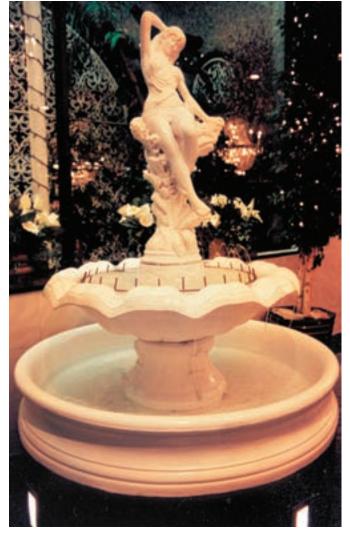
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# What's so bad about making food easier to produce?

t all began when a neighbor of filmmaker Scott Hamilton Kennedy's sent a text asking if she could borrow some organic milk.

Kennedy texted back, "You can borrow some milk, but I don't have organic."

The friend politely declined, which set Kennedy to thinking. His family drank conventional milk. Did that make him a dad who didn't care about his kids' safety, or the environment?

That would be odd, since he was nominated for an Oscar for his film about a community garden blooming in South Central Los Angeles, So it's not like he didn't care about food, or farming, or bettering the world.

It was fortuitous, then, that just as he was processing these ideas about how organic produce had become almost like a secret handshake among his "well-educated and well-intentioned" friends — something they all shared, and trusted - he was approached by the Institute of Food Technologists, a group of 18,000 food scientists. They wanted him to make a movie celebrating their 75th anniversary.



# RHYMES WITH CRAZY Lenore Skenazy

The idea was to somehow illustrate the intersection of food and science. Eventually Kennedy and his fellow producer, Trace Sheehan, a Brooklynite, decided to delve into a single issue: GMOs, or genetically modified organisms. That is, plants where a geneticist has taken DNA from one organism and inserted it another to make a food easier to grow, or healthier, or hardier.

Like Kennedy's organiconly neighbor, many folks conThe Daily Show's Jon Stewart called G-M-O the three scariest letters in the language. With emotions running so high, Kennedy made sure he and Sheehan would have complete control over the movie. And then they started wading into the debate.

What they found was a war.

"People were losing their minds on both sides and I didn't know that much about it," said Kennedy. But as he began interviewing scientists, he realized one thing quickly. There's a huge disconnect between the science world, which overwhelmingly believes that GMOs are safe, and the public, which does not.

"I feel like so many people who are skeptical of [GMOs] sort of lump together a hodgepodge of arguments as if it's one monolithic entity," said Sheehan in a phone interview. There are the people who think we're growing too much corn, and the people who hate the company Monsanto (ignoring that farmers choose to buy the results of Monsanto's research). There are the people who want sustainable agaccount the fact that organic farming can sometimes require more land, water, or pesticides than GMOs.

To see the debate in action, Kennedy's crew flew to Uganda where the banana crop is dying due to a rotting disease. A genetically modified banana plant is being developed by public sector scientists there, and the farmers are desperate to start growing it. In the movie we meet a mom and her children who all survive on the banana crop grown on her small farm. When the trees die, we grimly understand, so will her kids.

The tree-saving modification has nothing to do with profit, America, or big agriculture. It is simply a scientific advance.

"We've been screening our film a while, and we see time and again, [the film] is changing minds," said Sheehan. "No one says the farmers in Africa shouldn't have the right to grow that genetically modified banana."

Neil deGrasse Tyson narrates the film, "Food Evolution," and having such a prominent scientist on board

sider GMOs "Frankenfood." riculture but don't take into underscores the filmmakers' message. When people ask Kennedy, "Are you really pro-GMO?"" he responds: "I am pro-science.'

My husband and I saw the film in Manhattan. There were precisely four people in the theater. As we were leaving, I saw two young men going up the stairs and said, "Wasn't that amazing?"

"What?" they asked.

"The GMO movie."

"We didn't see that! GMOs are terrible! Monsanto! Cancer! Only organic ... "

So I quickly mentioned just one fact I'd learned from the film: If we want to have enough food to feed the 30 billion people soon to inhabit the planet and we only grow organically, we'll have to chop down the rain forest to turn it into farmland.

"But if we grow GMO crops that need less space and less water, the rain forest is safe."

That started a conversation. Let's hear it for more of those.

Skenazy is founder of Free-Range Kids, a contributor to Reason.com and author of "Has the World Gone Skenazy?"

# **BUSINESS, BROOKLYN STYLE - ADVERTISEMENT**

# BRIC helping media-makers excel at their craft

# **BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA**

BRIC is the leading presenter of free cultural programming in Brooklyn, and one of the largest in New York City.

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Community radio specialist Mark Pagán is at the mic. Photo by Jason Speakman

space, and to access editing software, free of charge, so they can produce their own television shows.

Those who wish to use the center's state-of-the-art equipment and facilities need to become certified community producers through BRIC's Media Education program, which offers a variety of free and low-cost, high-quality film, television, and podcasting courses, serving 2,500 adult students annually.

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Highlights from the summer programs include: **Intimate Eve: Capturing** 

Theatrical Performance

This class began by soliciting one-act plays from local playwrights. The course culminated with a screening of the four films and a questionand-answer segment with playwrights, directors, and filmmakers..

**Riker's Island Podcast**ing Program

Brooklyn Media Educa-

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tion, the education arm of their technical training cur-Brooklyn Free Speech, helped develop and pilot a special podcasting program for youth detained at Riker's Island. Eight students learned about the technical side of podcasting, brainstormed show ideas, wrote and recorded their scripts, and learned how to edit their podcasts.

**Photography Bootcamp** at Arlington Library

The class will culminate in a special public exhibition of the student work at the Arlington Library.

### Brooklyn Free Speech Radio

WNYC's Sean Rameswaram, Latino USA's Antonia Cereijido and Marlon Bishop, and industry wiz Alex Kapelman were welcomed to our facilities.

Post Production Program/graduation

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TOOK THE OATH: Air Force Staff Sgt. Luis Chiriboga, and his wife, Air Force Airman 1st Class Estefania Briceno Ron, became U.S. citizens after joining the military service. Photo by Staff Sgt. Chris Gross

# Two journeys make one happy ending

### HARBOR WATCH

Chiriboga and Airman 1st Class Estefania Briceno Ron travelled far from their former home in Ecuador and today they're both airmen, U.S. citizens and married to each other.

Chiriboga is now an engineering technician with the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron here and Briceno Ron is a personnel and administration technician assigned to the 14th Medical Support Squadron here.

# Chiriboga's journey

Chiriboga's road to citizenship began much earlier than his wife's. A native of Quito, Ecuador's capital city, he arrived in Long Island, N.Y., with his parents and three brothers in 2003 when he was 15.

"A major part of why we moved is because [my] parents thought we were going to have a better future here than [in Ecuador]," Chiriboga said. He added that Ecuador was a very hard place for people to find jobs even with an advanced education and degree.

Moving to New York Air Force Staff Sgt. Luis came with its challenges for Chiriboga and his family. His family had to overcome a language barrier and adjust to American culture, as well as find jobs to support themselves. His mom found a job cleaning houses with his aunt, who was already living in New York. His dad, who was a surgeon in Ecuador, found jobs sporadically and eventually started practicing natural medicine.

> Chiriboga said he was surprised how young people were when they began working in the U.S. He said it seemed normal for someone to have a job at age 16, where in Ecuador, a 16year-old would be focused on school.

> To help pay for bills and rent Chiriboga and his three brothers all found jobs at a restaurant about a year after arriving in the United States.

> "I was helping my mom and dad pay for the house; we were all trying to pitch in and pay for everything," he said.

> After graduating high school, Chiriboga earned Continued on page 45

Teen joins service, just like his late father



SWORN IN: Army Col. James Ring, left, enlists Pvt. Paul David Kelly into Virginia Army National Guard at Fort Lee, Va. on July 26. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Terra Gatti

### HARBOR WATCH

Pvt. Paul David Kelly, 19, raised his right hand and enlisted into the Virginia Army National Guard — 20 years after his parents got married and 10 years after losing his father in Iraq.

Colonel James Ring, chief of staff for the Virginia Army National Guard, administered Kelly's oath in front of his mother, his grandmother, younger brother, a few friends and his recruiters on July 26.

"We are honored and proud for my son to be part of the Guard family," Kelly's mother, Maria, said. "I thank God for all the support and love, and I know my husband is looking down to us and I know in my heart that he will protect our son."

# Family legacy

Serving in the military was always one of Kelly's goals, he said. Both his parents served in the military. His father, Army Col. Paul old I decided then that I M. Kelly, served in the Vir- wanted to pursue some-

ginia National Guard. His mother, Maria, served in the Air Force.

Photos of Paul as a child show him dressed up in a uniform just like the one his dad would wear to work every day. He said he'd wear his father's boots and stomp around the house, playing soldier, just like his dad.

When Kelly was 9, the helicopter his father was traveling in was shot down north of Baghdad and Col. Kelly, along with 11 other soldiers, including fellow Virginia Army National Guard member Sgt. 1st Class Darryl D. Booker, died.

# **Father's footsteps**

For Kelly, this only strengthened his resolve. He was sure that he would serve, just like his departed father.

"When he was killed in Iraq, it had a huge impact on me," Kelly said. "I remember when I was 9 years

thing in the military."

Ten years later, at the Military Entry Processing Station located at Fort Lee, Va., Kelly fulfilled that goal by enlisting as an infantry soldier assigned to the Christiansburg, Va.-based Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment, 116th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

# Remembering fallen

During those 10 years, Kelly's mother worked hard to keep the memory of Col. Kelly alive for her sons.

"Every single day we talk about him," Maria said. "He's always there for us. And in my house - every single corner of my house — we have a family picture. His dad's picture is there and he knows -Dad is here."

"I know he's saying it's okay," Maria said of her fallen husband.

# **National Guard**

Colonel Kelly, an aviation Continued on page 44

# His smile says it all

# Dental tech keeps teeth healthy for service

# HARBOR WATCH

Since he began his career as a dental hygienist, Patrick Miller has kept a positive attitude and a smile on his face. Additionally, his patients usually smile just as big as he does once they sit in his chair.

Miller is the chief of preventive dentistry for the 628th Medical Group at Deily Dental Clinic here and has been in the dental field for 34 years, 20 of them in uniform.

"When I joined the Air Force in 1983, I came in without a specific career field designated to me," he said. "The Air Force showed me a list of options and I saw dentistry. It was something I had never thought of before and it was something new. I had to do it."

At the end of his first enlistment, Miller still wanted to serve his country while practicing dentistry, but determined active duty was no longer the proper fit for him. Unable to locate an Air Force Reserve dental position. he did find a slot as a dental technician in the Army Reserve. This allowed him to continue serving in the dental career field while practicing in the private sector as well.

"When I was trying to go to the reserves, I switched branches to keep following my passion to serve my country," Miller said. "Once the Air Force Reserve opened a slot for my career field, I went back to the Air Force in 1994 and stayed until my retirement as a master sergeant in 2003."



WHAT A SMILE: Patrick Miller sits in the exam room at the Deily Dental Clinic at Joint Base Charleston. He was named the 2016 Dental Civilian of the Year. Photo by Senior Airman Thomas T. Charlton

he joined the dental clinic for the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York. He then practiced at Department of Veterans Affairs facilities in Georgia and Pennsylvania before coming here.

# Best team

"Out of all of the places I have worked, I think the team I have here is the best I could ever ask for," Miller said. "We all help each other stay in high spirits and communicate well, which is why we are as successful as we are.'

He said the clinic has a work environment conducive to the free flow of ideas. The environment allows those in the clinic the opportunity to continue refining their skills. This enables Miller to share the many different experiences and skillsets he's gained from the va-

tices from 1991 until 2011, when riety of places he's worked throughout his career.

"This is an outstanding team who provide a great environment for anyone walking in our doors," he said. "We, as a team, have set a high standard. I hope to see myself and the rest of my team improve each day and I think, with a team like this, it is more than possible."

Their hard work was recognized when Miller was named the 2016 Dental Civilian of the Year. He credits his team for their contributions to this achievement.

"You have to realize what the award represents," he said. "If I didn't have a team willing to work as hard as they do, or supervisors with the drive to submit me for the award in the first place, I wouldn't have won. This award represents my team and the people we care for, not me."

# FOOTSTEPS

He worked for private prac-

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officer, commanded the Virginia Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment a few years before his death, and the Virginia Guard aviation community rallied around both the Kelly and Booker families in the days, months and years that followed their deaths.

"We were very active with the military and with all my dad's friends," Kelly said of his fallen father. "They never forgot my dad.'

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Col. Kelly as both a mentor and a friend and served under him during the unit's deployment to Bosnia in 2002.

"The greatest memory I have is his leadership style," Ring said of Col. Kelly. "He was known to be a tremendous leader. a tremendous people person. We often gave him the nickname of "The Senator" because he walked around always shaking hands and always had a smile on his face."

# Like father, like son

Ring has a daughter near Ring was one of those Pvt. Kelly's age and his chilfriends. He said he counted dren have grown up along-

side the Kelly children. He watched Kelly grow from a child to a young man and recognizes the leadership style of Col. Kelly in Pvt. Kelly. Ring said enlisting his friend's son into the Virginia Army National Guard was a privilege.

"When we take the oath we enjoin our families in that process, as well," Ring said.

Maria said she feels like her son's service is a continuation of her husband's.

"It's a sad moment for my husband that he passed, but it's a happy moment for my son who will continue the legacy for my husband," she said.





SERGEANT'S BEST FRIEND: Air Force Staff Sgt. Amanda Cubbage reunites with her retired military working dog, Rick, in Tucson, Ariz. Airman First Class Michael Beyer

# **Reunited** again with service dog

# HARBOR WATCH

After nearly a year apart, it was an emotional moment when Air Force Staff Sgt. Amanda Cubbage of the 355th Security Forces Squadron at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Ariz., and the military working dog she worked with in South Korea were reunited on Aug. 8.

The dog, Rick, was flown in from Osan Air Base, South Korea, after a lengthy adoption process.

"It's [like] getting part of your heart back," Cubbage said.

Cubbage and Rick served together at Osan for 11 months. On duty, they conducted exercises, and bomb threat and security checks. Off duty, they were each other's wingman.

"Being stationed in Korea unaccompanied, he was my support," Cubbage said. "He was there for everything I needed. He was there when I was happy, he was there when I was sad. Everything I needed came from him."

As a military working dog handler, Cubbage has worked with several other dogs. She described parting ways as bittersweet.

'It's just like having a kid moving off and going to college," she said. "You still love treats.

your kid. It's just the fact that they're growing up, they're going out, and they're doing other things."

Rick was different from the other dogs, Cubbage said. He instantly won her over with his headstrong personality.

After seven years of service, Rick was retired due to his age. Cubbage found out about the opportunity to adopt him from a fellow handler.

"And that's when I reached out to the American Humane Society," she said. "They said, 'Absolutely, we'd love to help out.'"

Military working dogs are allowed to be adopted after retirement due to "Robby's Law," which was passed by Congress in 2000. The adoption process can be long and drawn out, involving tedious paperwork, immunizations, and, in Rick's case, crossing the Pacific Ocean.

"You sit there and you wait and wait, and you just count down the days, count down the time, until you're reunited with him," Cubbage said.

Now that he is finally reunited with his companion, Rick will live a quiet life in retirement, filled with rest, relaxation and plenty of

# JOURNEY

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his bachelor's degree in digital electronics from Long Island's Suffolk Community College. Constantly going to work and school was eventually too much for him, he said, and he didn't have enough time to focus on himself.

"I didn't want to go to school anymore ... by that time I was kind of working full-time and going to school full-time, trying to help my parents," he said.

Chiriboga said he knew he was destined to join the Air Force.

"I always wanted to join the Air Force since I was a kid," he said as he recalled the countless times he passed a big mural of the Ecuadorian air force as he rode the bus on his way to school in Ecuador.

Enlisting in 2008, Chiriboga went on to receive his U.S. citizenship while stationed at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. In fall 2009, he ventured to St. Louis by himself, where he and many others took the Naturalization Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America.

"I was pretty excited," he said.

### Marriage

While home on leave in 2010, Chiriboga attended a Christmas party with his parents. Briceno Ron and her family were also there. Although both were originally from Ecuador, they had not known each other previously.

The two began dating, and Chiriboga said their common life objectives and her goal-oriented drive is what attracted him to her.

They married in March 2011. Briceno Ron joined Chiriboga at Scott Air Force Base and the two would move to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, before moving to Columbus Air Force Base several months ago.

# **Briceno Ron's journey**

Briceno Ron and her family moved to Long Island from Guayaquil, Ecuador, when she was 12.

Growing up, Briceno Ron said her family lived in Ecuador during a time when they changed from Ecuadorian currency to the U.S. dollar. Young at the time, Briceno Ron said, "When you are a kid you don't notice stuff, but my mom said it was pretty rough."

After arriving in New York, Briceno Ron also said the language barrier and American culture proved to be obstacles, just like during her husband's transition.

After attending a primarily Hispanic middle school, she said the transition to high school was more difficult because not many people spoke Spanish.

"It was really hard to communicate with people ... I was kind of like thrown in there to learn," she said.

The big-city landscape was also an adjustment. Briceno Ron said the part of Ecuador in which she grew up wasn't a big city and Long Island was a tremendous change for her.

"It was a different culture, I was used to little, tiny Ecuador," she said.

After high school, Briceno Ron earned her bachelor's degree in psychology. But school proved to be costly and she said it was time to look at another approach to help further her education, because she wants to earn her doctorate in clinical psychology.

That's where the Air Force came in.

"I wanted to join for school, education; I wanted a way to pay for my doctorate," she said.

Her husband, who at the time had eight years of service, was able to prepare Briceno Ron and ensure she was ready for the voyage ahead of her.

"He did a pretty good job of telling me, 'Here's what to do,'" she said.

Briceno Ron started basic military training in July 2016, and less than six months later she was in Memphis, Tenn., accompanied by her husband, giving her Naturalization Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America.

She said giving her oath was a time filled with "mixed emotions, because I am the first one in my family to be a U.S. citizen. It [felt] good."

Briceno Ron said her decision to join the Air force more than a year ago has opened many doors.

"I'm definitely grateful and I'm definitely thankful for the opportunities," she said, "Like my citizenship, and by being able to do more than just being a resident."

Briceno Ron said she's now looking to earn her doctorate degree and to become an Air Force commissioned officer, something she said she couldn't do before obtaining her citizenship.



# Bomb suit is a reminder

### HARBOR WATCH

Every time Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Derrick Kee puts on the heavy, cumbersome explosive ordnance disposal bomb suit, he is reminded of the important reasons that led him to where he is today.

In 2008, Kee stepped onto the yellow footprints to continue a family legacy.

"I'm a third-generation Marine," he explained. "My father, grandfather, and grandmother all joined the Marine Corps. My grandfather went to Korea and Vietnam and got out in the 1980s, and my dad was a linguist."

After a tour as a Marine Corps security force guard, he carried the legacy even further by becoming an explosive ordnance disposal technician. It wasn't a random decision, he said.

"In 2011, I had a buddy who stepped on an improvised explosive device and lost both of his legs," Kee said. That inspired him to switch his specialty three years ago to become an EOD technician, he added.

Today, he is assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron at Station Cherry Point in North Carolina, where he supports an EOD mission that works on both sides of the fence.

An explosive ordnance disposal technician locates, accesses, identifies, renders safe, neutralizes, and disposes of hazards from all manner of foreign and domestic unexploded ordnance, IEDs, and weapons of mass destruction that threaten operations, installations, personnel, or materiel. That expertise is critical on the battlefield, but also is highly valued by local law enforcement organizations, which sometimes request military



AT WORK: Magrine Corps Staff Sgt. Derrick Kee, an explosive ordnance disposal tech, and third-generation Marine works with equipment at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point. Pfc. Skyler Pumphret

EOD support.

Kee said he soon realized that being an EOD technician requires critical thinking and making careful, quick decisions on the spot.

"There's delegation, but more initiative in your ability to think," he said.

An EOD technician has to learn about thousands of types of U.S. and foreign ordnance, Kee said.

"There's never a point where you are not learning something new," he added. "That's one of the best things about this [specialty]."

Service members thinking about becoming an EOD technician must be willing to learn and aware that they can never afford to become complacent, Kee said, and they must ask questions, stay physically fit and be critical thinkers.

Though he changed his specialty to become an EOD technician, Kee said, he has no plans to look for something different now.

"Never," he said. "This is it."





# Havana sights

# Artist debuts his pictures of Cuban relations

### By Alexandra Simon

hey are portraits of the people. A Gravesend artist will show off a collection of paintings inspired by his 2013 trip to Cuba on two nights this month. "The Cuba Series: Portraits of the Old Guard," on display in St. Paul's Church in Carroll Gardens on Sept. 16 and 23, depicts the people that artist Joseph Milazzo met during a six-week trek across the island nation, searching for artwork created by his grandfather.

"When I went on this pilgrimage I knew it was going to be an artistic takeaway but I wasn't sure what it would be," said Milazzo. "My whole life I heard from my family that

I get my artistic talents from him, and I just which stands four feet high. knew I wanted to go find his stuff."

He never recovered any of the artwork, but the helpful people of Esperanza his ancestor's hometown, where Milazzo finally landed after criss-crossing the island fired up his creative spark.

"The inspiration for my show was the people," he said. "I spent four days with the help of the townspeople and a town historian, tracking down where my grandpa's work was - and we ultimately found nothing, but they were beautiful, caring, and hospitable to me."

Milazzo spent two years working fulltime on the 20 enormous portraits, each of

Some of the subjects are relatives who Milazzo met for the first time on his trip, while others are strangers who became friends. Milazzo hopes that visitors to the show will develop their own relationship with the images.

"I want them to meet these people and get a sense of what they might be like if they met in person," he said. "It's going to be the first time I'm seeing them all together at once, and we are going to find out together what the paintings speak when they're all in one room."

At 42, Milazzo says his drive for painting is just getting started. A previous proj-

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ect focused on bars around Brooklyn, but his next may be a continuation of his family history series, focusing on his father's homeland of Sicily.

"This is my statement to the world to show my talent and passion for art," he said. "I'm going keep painting. And after I put this Cuba series to rest, I'll visit Sicily to get a good idea and maybe create a sister project.'

"The Cuba Series: Portraits of the Old Guard" at St. Paul's Church [199 Carroll St. at Clinton Street in Carroll Gardens, (718) 913-9148, www.josephmilazzo.com]. Opening reception Sept. 16 at 7 pm. On display Sept. 16 and 23, 1-11:30 pm. \$10.

# **BOOKNARKS!** Your guide to the B'klyn Book Festival

By Julianne McShane Prooklyn gets lit! The Brooklyn Book Festival returns next week to grace the borough with some of the world's biggest thinkers and wordsmiths. The Festival Day on Sept. 17 will feature more than 300 writers on 14 stages scattered across Downtown, and the six days leading up to Fest boast "Bookend" events all over the borough. Faced with an enormous catalog of events, we have picked out eight of the most promising talks, readings, and parties for you.

# **Tonight belongs to Patti**

Singer, punk icon, artist, and author Patti Smith kicks off the festival with a reading of "Devotion," her new book about the creative process, explored through a story about a young skater and two companion essays.

"Patti Smith: Devotion" at St. Ann and the Holy Trinity Church (157 Montague St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights). Sept. 11 at 7 pm. \$25 (includes a copy of the book).

# Good boy! Good book!

Three Brooklyn artists — and one Californian — who specialize in drawing adorable animals will hold a panel discussion about their work, followed by the opening reception of the group show "Furry Friends Welcome," which includes work from all four panelists, including Gemma Correll, creator of "A Pug's Guide to Etiquette," (pictured below) among many others.

Furry Friends Welcome at Grumpy Bert [82 Bond St. between State Street and Atlantic Avenue in Boerum Hill, (347) 855–4849, www.grumpybert. com]. Sept. 13 at 7 pm. Free.

# Spread the crayons

A full day of children's events will happen at Downtown's Metrotech Commons on Sept. 16. We advise that you bring the young ones to meet author, illustrator, and city guide Majel van der Meulen for an afternoon of



Puppy love: Pug illustrator Gemma Correll will join other animalistic illustrators at the Brooklyn Book Festival's "Furry Friends Welcome" bookend event on Sept. 13. Gemma Correll



Brooklyn's brightest: Colson Whitehead, the award-winning author of "The Underground Railroad," will receive the Brooklyn Book Festival's Best of Brooklyn honor this year. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

drawing activities inspired by her book "My New York."

"My New York with Majel van der Meulen" at Art Spot, MetroTech Commons (MetroTech Center between Jay Street and Flatbush Avenue Downtown). Sept. 16 at noon. Free.

# Write the power!

When the world seems like it is going to hell, what is the role of books? Women's March on Washington organizer, author, and Brooklyn native Linda Sarsour discusses literature during times of upheaval with three fellow writers and activists, in this panel moderated by Bkaskar Sunkaar, the founder of Jacobin magazine.

"Books as Tools of Resistance at Borough Hall Courtroom (209 Joralemon St. at Court Street Downtown. Sept. 17 at 10 am. Free.

# **Best of the Fest**

This weekend, Fort Greene author Colson Whitehead will receive the Festival's coveted Best of Brooklyn award — called the Bobi — an honor to set alongside the Pulitzer and a National Book Award he received for the 2016 historical fiction hit, "The Underground Railroad," about a slave girl who travels through time and space in her quest for freedom. Whitehead will read from his work at the "Literary Lions" event, alongside past BoBi honorees Jacqueline Woodsen, the author of "Another Brooklyn," and novelist Jonathan Lethem, who wrote "Motherless Brooklyn."

"Literary Lions" at St. Francis College Founder's Hall (180 Remsen St. between Clinton and Court Streets in Brooklyn Heights). Sept. 17 at 11 am. Free. **World worries** Boerum Hill novelist Jonathan Safran Foer joins fellow writers Lidia Yuknavitch and Achy Obejas to discuss creating characters and protagonists who struggle to engage with stories of global crises, both real and imagined, and both historic and modern.

"Moral Culpability in Global Crisis" at Borough Hall Courtroom (209 Joralemon St. at Court Street Downtown). Sept. 17 at 1 pm. Free.

# War of the words

The theater of war comes to Downtown, as author and public artist Bryan Doerries discusses the capacity of theater to act as a safe medium for difficult conversations, Oscar nominated actress Amy Ryan performs short scenes from plays by Sophocles and Euripides, and veterans share their experience working with the ancient dramas.

"Theater of War" at the Borough Hall Courtroom (209 Joralemon St. at Court Street Downtown). Sept. 17 at 2 pm. Free.

# **Rhyme time**

Brooklyn's Poet Laureate, Tina Chang, will present four poets known for their exciting stage performances, including slam poetry champions Elizabeth Acevedo, Sam Sax, and Danez Smith, along with Aja Monet, the youngest person to win the Nuyorican Café's legendary Poet's Grand Slam title.

"Words on the Page, Words on the Stage" at the Main Stage on Borough Hall Plaza (Court Street at Borough Hall Downtown). Sept. 17 at 4 pm. Free.



Hard knock life: The cast of the Gallery Players' "Annie" rehearses ahead of the show's Sept. 16 opening. Photo by Caleb Caldwell

# **'Annie' time** Little orphan musical ready to cheer you up

By Lauren Gill

he sun will come out — next weekend!

The Park Slope theater group Gallery Players will launch its 51st season with a production of "Annie," opening on Sept. 16. The show's director hopes that the peppy musical will make people pick up their chin, and grin, even in a time of turmoil.

"It's a feel-good show at a time when we could all use a little bit of that," said Mark Harborth, who is also the artistic director of the company. "Without getting too political, we like to present something that's at least relevant. We felt like it was kind of timely."

The classic play, set during an economic depression, follows lovable orphan Annie as she melts the heart of a ruthless billionaire while searching for a family to call her own. The Gallery Players' rendition features seven kids aged 6 to 11 — including 9-year-old Emma Grace Berardelli as the lead - among its 22-person cast, and their youthful energy has breathed new life into the production, said Harborth.

"I've been impressed with their energy and their creativity. They don't hide anything, they just tell you how it is," he said.

The kids have been hard at work rehearsing hits such as "Tomorrow," "Maybe," and "Hard Knock Life," for the last five weeks, the latter of which will bring down the house, according to Harborth.

"Watching those kids sing it is amazing," he said.

But working with youngsters has its challenges. The squirts come to practice after spending their days at camp, and the crew of orphans have to endure some long hours.

"Rehearsals are at night and the kids have been doing summer camp all day," Harborth said. "We've got to get the work done without exhausting them."

The Gallery Players also hopes that presenting "Annie" will expand its audience of younger viewers, Haborth said, but the show will help clear away the cobwebs and the sorrow for attendees of all ages.

"It's a great message of optimism," he said. "Annie is a ray of sunshine in a cloudy sky."

"Annie" at Gallery Players (199 14th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, www.galleryplayers. com). Sept. 16–Oct. 8, Thu–Sat at 8 pm, Sundays at 3 pm. \$30 (\$20 seniors and kids).







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Getting down: The Philadelphia Flyers will crash into the wall of the New York Islanders during the pre-season game at Barclays Center on Sept. 20. Associated Press / Julie Jacobson

# COMING SOON TO BARCLAYS CENTER

THU, OCT 5

NETS V MIAMI HEAT

PRE-SEASON: \$tba.

SAT, OCT 7

LANDERS V BUFFALO

SPORTS, NEW YORK IS-

SABRES: \$tba. 7 pm.

SUN, OCT 8

NETS V NEW YORK

KNICKS PRE-SEASON:

MON, OCT 9

LANDERS V ST LOUIS

WED, OCT 11

FRI, OCT 13

FRI, OCT 20

MUSIC, KATY PERRY:

\$30-\$420.7 pm.

MUSIC, HALSEY: \$39-

SPORTS, BROOKLYN

NETS V ORLANDO

MAGIC: \$60-\$400.

**SAT, OCT 21** 

SHARKS: \$tba. 7 pm.

**SUN, OCT 22** 

SPORTS, BROOKLYN

3:30 pm.

NETS V ATLANTA

HAWKS: \$27-\$315.

**MON, OCT 23** 

ONS: \$39-\$300.7 pm.

**SAT, OCT 21** 

LANDERS V ARIZONA

COYOTES: \$tba. 7 pm.

SPORTS, NEW YORK IS-

MUSIC, IMAGINE DRAG-

LANDERS V SAN JOSE

SPORTS, NEW YORK IS-

\$300.7 pm.

7:30 pm.

SPORTS, NEW YORK IS-

BLUES: \$tba. 1 pm.

SPORTS, BROOKLYN

\$tba. 7:30 pm.

SPORTS, BROOKLYN

7:30 pm.

# MON, SEPT 11

MUSIC, ROGER WATERS: \$55-\$605. 8 pm.

### TUE, SEPT 12

MUSIC, ROGER WATERS: \$55-\$605. 8 pm.

### SAT, SEPT 16

SPORTS, ELECTRONIC SPORTS LEAGUE ONE NEW YORK: \$45. 10 am.

# SUN, SEPT 17

SPORTS, ELECTRONIC SPORTS LEAGUE ONE NEW YORK: \$45. 10 am.

# TUE, SEPT 19

MUSIC, PAUL MCCART-NEY: \$175-\$350. 8 pm.

### WED, SEPT 20

SPORTS, NEW YORK IS-LANDERS V PHILADEL-PHIA FLYERS PRE-SEA-SON: \$22-\$105.7 pm.

# THU, SEPT 21

MUSIC, PAUL MCCART-NEY: \$42-\$350. 8 pm.

# MON, SEPT 25

SPORTS, NEW YORK IS-LANDERS V NEW JER-SEY DEVILS PRE-SEA-SON: \$22-\$105.7 pm.

# FRI, SEPT 29

MUSIC, ED SHEERAN: Sold out. 7:30 pm.

### SAT, SEPT 30 MUSIC, ED SHEERAN:

Sold out. 7:30 pm.

# SUN, OCT 1

MUSIC, ED SHEERAN: Sold out. 7:30 pm.

# WED, OCT 4

MUSIC, BRUNO MARS: \$160-\$1,200. 8 pm.

620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights (917) 618-6100, www.barclayscenter.com.

# FRI, SEPT. 8

DINING, ROAST PIG AND CEVICHE. PERUVIAN STYLE: This event, part of the Brooklyn Clay Tour, will serve some delicious pork and demonstrate artists complement each other with food styling and plating. \$30. 6 pm. The Roof Whole Foods Market [214 Third St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 907–3622], brooklynclaytour.com.

- TALK, STEAMPUNK AND SPACESUITS: The Empiricist League hosts a night of speakers discussing the science of steampunk, historical visions of the urban future, and how to design the gloves of spacesuits. \$12 (\$10 in advance). 7:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400], www.unionhallny.com. THEATER, THE AMAZING
- ACRO-CATS: The Amazing Acro-cats — featuring Tuna and the Rock Cats — are a troupe of performing house cats. The adorable acrobats will ride skateboards, hit the drums, and leap through hoops and into your heart! \$25-\$40. 8 pm. Brooklyn Music School Theater [126 St. Felix St. between Lafayette Avenue and Hanson Place in Fort Greene, (718) 638-5660], www.circuscats.com/acrocats.
- FILM, "SUGAR": A free outdoor, seated screening of the true story of Miguel "Sugar" Santos, a 19-yearold from the Dominican Republic who joined a minor league baseball team in Iowa. In Spanish and English. Free. 8:30 pm. Avenue C Plaza [Avenue C at McDonald Avenue in Kensington, (718) 633– 1106], https://www.facebook.com/avecplaza.

### SAT, SEPT. 9

- YOGA AT OWL'S HEAD PARK: Erica Ginger teaches a yoga class on the lawn, across from the basketball courts. Bring your own mat. \$5 suggested donation. Noon. Owl's Head Park [67th Street and Colonial Road in Bay Ridge, (718) 748–9522], facebook.com/owlsheadvolunteers.
- DANCE, MARK MORRIS DANCE CENTER OPEN HOUSE 2017: A free sampling of dance, music, and fitness classes for all ages, levels, and abilities, plus a performance by the Mark Morris Dance Group, Free. 9:30 am–5 pm. Mark Morris Dance Group [3 Lafayette Ave. between Nostrand Avenue and Bedford Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 624–8400], www.markmorrisdance-
- group.org. FILM, "NYSFERATU": A silent, animated version of the vampire film "Nosferatu," transplanted to New York City. Free. 7:30 pm. Sunset Park (Fifth Avenue between 41st and 44th streets in Sunset Park), www.nysferatu.org.
- MUSIC, OCTFEST BEER AND MUSIC FESTIVAL: Sample beer from 40 breweries while listening to the

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Back in black (and white): The animated film "NYsferatu," screening at Sunset Park on Sept. 9, retells a classic horror story with a modern-day twist.

bands Guided By Voices, Okkervil River, The Sadies, Charles Bradley, Kilo Kish, and The Pains of Being Pure at Heart. \$60. 1 pm. Brooklyn Hangar (2 52nd St. between First Avenue and the water in Sunset Park), www.octfest.co.

MUSIC, FALL FEST AND OPEN HOUSE: The Brooklyn Conservatory of Music offers a day of demo classes, sing-alongs, student and faculty performances, face-painting, and more. Free. 3–6 pm. Brooklyn Conservatory of Music [58 Seventh Ave. between Lincoln and Saint Johns plaes in Park Slope, (718) 622–3300], www. bqcm.org.

- **JUBILEE SINGERS:** The group presents "An Afternoon of Negro Spirituals and African-American Sacred Music."" Free (donation suggested). 4 pm. God's Battalion of Prayer Church (661 Linden Blvd. at Schenectady Avenue in Prospect Lefferts Gardens), www.battalionministries.org.
- THEATER, THE AMAZING ACRO-CATS: 5 pm and 8 pm. See Friday, Sept. 8.
- FUND-RAISER, TEAL WALK 5K RUN FOR OVARIAN CANCER: A walk to spread awareness of ovarian cancer and to raise money for research. \$25-\$35. 8 am-12:30 pm. Prospect Park Band Shell [Prospect Park West and Ninth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-8900], www.tealwalk. org/brooklyn.
- HEALTH EMPOWERMENT CELEBRATION: An afternoon of free health screenings, vision exams, and social work consultations, along with tai chi, yoga, and zumba, free healthy food tastings, and health awareness booths and performances. Free. 11 am. Sunset Park Children's School [4616 4th Ave 11220 in Sunset Park, (718) 439-3323].
- ART, DRAWINGS AND PAINTINGS BY DAN DROSSMAN: The Brooklyn

artist exhibits his combination of graffiti, cartooning and abstracti art. Free. 6–8 pm. Prospect Range Performance Hall [1226 Prospect Ave. between Vanderbilt Street and Reeve Place in Windsor Terrace, (917) 776–6834], www. prospectrange.com.

# **SUN, SEPT. 10**

DOWN TO EARTH FARM-ER'S MARKET: The annual farmer's market returns! Browse the wares of local vendors, including seasonal fruits and veggies, speciality foods, prepared foods, beverages, eggs, honey, milk, baked goods, and more. Free. 10 am–4 pm. The Old Stone House [336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768– 3195], theoldstonehouse.

org. TOUR, ARCHITECTURE TOUR OF THE BROOK-LYN MUSEUM: Join Curator Emeritus Kevin Stayton for a tour focusing on the architectural details, infrastructure, and history of the building. Tickets include museum admission. \$18. 11 am. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638–5000], www.brooklyn-

- museum.org. FAMILY, SHOFAR FACTORY: Get ready for Rosh Hashanah by crafting a shofar. Free with \$13 museum admission. 1–3 pm. Jewish Children's Museum [792 Eastern Pkwy. at Kingston Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 907–8833], www.jcm. museum.
- OUTDOORS, SEASIDE WILDLIFE EXPLORA-TION: Urban park rangers will guide you to the best wildlife viewing spots for seaside creatures. Free. 1–2:30 pm. Canarsie Park House [88th St. and Seaview Avenue in Canarsie, (718) 421–2021].
- FAMILY, FALL FEST: Have fun at the Shorefront Y and celebrate the changing season with refreshments,

giveaways; a demo karate class, music and more. Free. 1–3 pm. Shorefront Y [3300 Coney Island Ave. at Brightwater Court in Brighton Beach, (718) 305–1144 X334].

# ART, SECOND SUNDAYS:

An open studio event with exhibits, demonstrations, and a performance from the Ashcan Orchestra. \$10 suggested donation. 4–10:30 pm. Pioneer Works [159 Pioneer St. between Imlay and Conover streets in Red Hook, (718) 596–3001], pioneerworks. org.

BRJC MEET AND GREET THE NEW RABBI: Greet, meet, and schmooze with Rabbi Judd! Free. 5 pm. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [8025 Fourth Ave. between 80th and 81st streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836– 3103], www.brjc.org.

# MON, SEPT. 11

- COMEDY, NIGHT TRAIN WITH WYATT CENAC: This weekly show features comedy from the best local and international stand up comedians. \$8 (\$5 in advance). 8 pm. Littlefield (635 Sackett St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus), www.littlefieldnyc.com. COMEDY, SIDE PONYTAIL
  - DiviteD1, SIDE PONYTAIL COMED1: The Monday night comedy show welcomes Sarah Squirm, Harris Mayersohn, Tyler Snodgrass, and more. Free. 8 pm. Friends and Lovers (641 Classon Ave. between Dean and Pacific streets in Crown Heights), www.fnlbk.com.
- READING, FRANKLIN PARK READING SERIES: A special Brooklyn Book Festival Bookend Event featuring groundbreaking authors Jenny Zhang, Melissa Febos, Chelsea Martin, Dina Nayeri, and Elizabeth Ellen. Free. 8 pm. Franklin Park (618 St. Johns Pl. between Classon and Franklin avenues. in Crown Heights), franklinparkbrooklyn.com.

### TUES, SEPT. 12

- COMPUTER LITERACY AND JOB READINESS: Instruction in basic technology and workplace skills such as word processing, Excel, email, internet search techniques, and resume-building. Free. 6 pm. Prospect Park YMCA [357 Ninth St. between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768–7100], www. ymcanyc.org/prospectpark.
- TALK, MELODIE WINAWER: The author of the timetravel novel "The Scribe of Siena" discusses her book with with medieval scholar Neslihan enocak. Free. 7 pm. St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church [157 Montague St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 875–6960], www.stannholytrinity.org.

### READING, NICOLE KRAUSS: Krauss discusses her book "Forest Dark," a novel about personal transformation, interweaving the stories of two disparate individuals whose transcendental search leads them

to the same Israeli desert. \$33. 7:30 pm. Congregation Beth Elohim Early Childhood Center [Eighth Ave. and Garfield Place in Park Slope, (718) 768–3814 X210], www.congregationbethelohim.org.

- MUSIC, MOUNT EERIE: The band will play from its new album "A Crow Looked At Me." With special guest Loren Connors. \$20 (\$18 in advance). 8 pm. Murmrr Theatre (17 Eastern Pkwy. between Grand Army Plaza and Underhill Avenue in Prospect Heights), www. murmrr.com.
- TALK, BUTCH MORRIS AND RADICAL BLACK COM-POSITION: A panel of experts discuss the composer and his improvisational technique. \$15. 8 pm. Issue Project Room [22 Boerum Pl. at Livingston Street in Downtown, (718) 330–0313], www.issueprojectroom.org.

# WED, SEPT. 13

- FUND-RAISER, GREEN-WOOD GALA: The historic cemetery honors longtime Brooklyn Heights residents Dozier Hasty and Nancy Havens-Hasty at its tenth annual fund-raising gala. With cocktails, dinner, and an award ceremony. \$300-\$50,000. 3 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Greenwood Heights, (718) 210–3080], www.greenwood.com.
- READING, PURE PULP: A discussion of the book "Contemporary Artists Working in Paper," followed by a tour of the Dieu Donné studio with a demonstration of hand papermaking. Free. 6 pm. BLDG 92 Brooklyn Navy Yard Center [63 Flushing Ave. at Carlton Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 907–5932], bldg92.org.
- READING, SWEET READS READING SERIES: Chow down on cupcakes while listening to authors including Melissa Febos, Zack McDermott, Abby Sher, Susan Shapiro, and musical guest William Brooks. Part of the Brooklyn Book Festival. Free. 6:30 pm. Joyce Bakeshop (646 Vanderbilt Ave. at Park Place in Prospect Heights).
- MUSIC, TRIATHALON, CUTOUTS, PUEBLO, ROSE HOTEL: A dreamy night of music. \$10. 8 pm. Sunnyvale [1031 Grand St. between Morgan and Vandervoort avenues in Williamsburg, (347) 987-3971], www.sunnyvalebk. com.
- COMEDY, COMEDIANS YOU SHOULD KNOW: Saurin Choksi hosts a Chicagostyle stand up showcase with Roy Wood Jr., Bonnie Mcfarlane, Mike Lebovitz, and more. \$5. 9 pm. The Gutter [200 N. 14th St. between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 387–3585], thegutterbrooklyn.com.

# THURS, SEPT. 14

ART, PHOTOVILLE: A free pop-up photography village built of shipping containers, featuring work from more than 500 artists, workshops, outdoor projections, and a beer garden. Free. Noon–10 pm. Brooklyn Bridge Plaza (Water Street between Old Dock Street and Old Fulton Street in Dumbo), www.photoville.com.

- TALK, BROOKLYN RENT FREEZE ENROLLMENT EVENTS: Assistance is available for qualified seniors and people with disabilities applying for Rent Increase Exemptions. Free. 1 pm. Brooklyn Central Library [10 Grand Army Plaza at Eastern Parkway in Prospect Heights, (917) 776–3948], www1.nyc.gov/ site/rentfreeze.
- MUSIC, THE HOT SAR-DINES: The vintage jazz band plays the Live at the Archway series. With a swing dancing class, and a pop-up art exhibit from Natchie. Free. 6 pm. The Archway Under the Manhattan Bridge [Water Street between Adams Street and Anchorage Place in Dumbo, Brooklyn, (718) 237–8700], dumbo.is/ live-at-the-archway.
- FILM, BLANC ET NOIR: An evening of iconic blackand-white French films and pizza and wine pairings courtesy of Two Boots Pizza. \$25 (\$20 in advance). 7 pm. City Reliquary [370 Metropolitan Ave. between Havemeyer Street and Marcy Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 782– 48421 cityreliquary org
- 4842], cityreliquary.org. DANCE, "FRANTIC BEAUTY" WORLD PRE-MIERE: The Leimay Ensemble presents the latest in its "Becoming" series, combining movement, visual landscapes, music, and scattered soliloquies. \$25-\$100. 8 pm. BAM Fisher (321 Ashland Pl. between Hansen Place and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene), www.bam.org. TALK. THIS CIVILIZED
- NALK, THIS CIVILIZED WORLD: An evening of screenings, talks, and discussion with film activist Jonas Mekas and writer Charity Coleman. Part of the Brooklyn Book Festival. \$15. 8 pm. Issue Project Room [22 Boerum Pl. at Livingston Street in Downtown, (718) 330–0313], www.issueprojectroom. org.
- MUSIC, "BREATHE...": A conceptual sound cycle by Matana Roberts exploring rise of militarized police in American culture and beyond. \$15-\$25. 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (917) 267–0363], www. roulette.org.
- COMEDY, STANDARD TIME COMEDY: A comedy talk show with appearances from Albert Kirchner, Julia Johns, Ayanna Dookie, and a special guest interview with Andrew Casertano. Free. 8 pm. Pacific Standard [82 Fourth Ave. between St. Marks Place and Bergen Street in Boerum Hill, (718) 858–1951], www. pacificstandardbrooklyn. com.

# FRI, SEPT. 15

FUND-RAISER, THE HBCU HUB LAUNCH PARTY: A night of fun, fellowship, and unity from a new group dedicated to spreading awareness of historically black colleges and universities. \$10. 6 pm. KD's Bar and Lounge (408 Rogers Ave. at Sterling Street in Prospect Lefferts Gardens), www.thehb-

cuhub.org. DANCE, "FRANTIC BEAUTY": 8 pm. See Thursday, Sept. 14. MUSIC. "PAGLIACCI": LoftOpera presents six performances of Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci," featuring Coney Island-inspired designs, a 20-member chorus, and characters who arrive onstage by car. \$30. 8 pm. Old Bus Station [198 Randolph St. at Stewart Avenue in Bushwick, (347) 915-5638], loftopera.com MUSIC, THE FIX UPS: The Melbourne folk-rock duo plays in Brooklyn. Free. . 8:30 pm. Freddy's Bar [627 Fifth Ave. between 17th and 18th streets in Greenwood Heights, (718) 768–0131], www.freddysbar.com

### SAT, SEPT. 16

- MUSIC, ROSEDALE: Toronto pop-rocker Mike Liorti plays tunes from his solo project. Followed by Katherine Eisenberg and Blue Steel. Free. 7 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302– 3770], www.petescandystore.com.
- tore.com. **THEATER, "LES BOÎTES NOIRES":** A family-friendly Haitian-American comedy about the immigration experience, written by Papa Jean. \$25 (\$13 kids). 7:30 pm. Erasmus Hall High School [911 Flatbush Ave. between Church and Snyder avenues in Flatbush, (718) 300–8028], Papa-JeanRepublik.com.

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- MUSIC, THE AFGHAN WHIGS: With Har Mar Superstar. \$40 (\$35 in advance). 8 pm. Brooklyn Steel (319 Frost St. at Debevoise Avenue in Williamsburg), www.bowerypresents.com.
- OUTDOOR, WORLD DAY OF PLAY: Kids can participate in exciting Nickelodeon activities including basketball, blow-up slides, a slime booth, picnic and more. \$20 to join the 9 am Race For the Kids. 7:30 am-4 pm. Nethermead, Prospect Park (15 St. and Prospect Park West, entrance (follow the signs) in Prospect Park), events. bigsnyc.org.
- FAMILY, PET BLESSING: Bring pets of all shapes and sizes to receive a blessing, as long as they can be trusted to be polite in public. Hot dogs, beverages, and dessert will be for sale. Free. Noon. New Utrecht Church [18th Avenue and 85th Street in Bensonhurst, (973) 632-1305]. ART, "WE WANTED A REVO-LUTION" CLOSING CEL-EBRATION: The exhibit about black women activists concludes with tours lectures, and a music performance. \$16-\$25. 1-6 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638–5000],

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# ■ 24 SEVEN OFF THE CLOCK Artist queers 'A Clockwork Orange'

### By Carlo Bosticco

They are lovely pictures for you and your droogs. The surprises start as you soon as you enter the multi-media exhibit "Queer as a Clockwork Peachfish," now showing at the Trestle Gallery in Sunset Park. The name of the show and the artist appears on a crumpled sheet of paper, pasted up with measuring tape still hanging at its side. It seems like a work still in progress, but the haphazard look is all part of the design, says the multi-talented artist behind the show.

"It's all about the process. Everything is very much unfinished. It's about the moment we're in," said Martha Burgess.

"Queer as a Clockwork Peachfish" is a bit like a treasure hunt, an emotional and conceptual labyrinth for the viewer to navigate. It includes a series of pictures based on the movie "A Clockwork Orange," as well as some female nudes, prints of poems, a recreation of Emily Dickinson's bedroom wallpaper, bondage toys, and the titular mash-up of a peach and a fish, drawn in camera-invisible "non-photo blue."

Burgess was inspired by a series of comic strip–like drawings featured in "A Clockwork Orange," shown to the ultraviolent main character during his rehabilitation. She recreated the drawings on a set, replacing the crudely drawn figures with human models and photographing the results. But something was off



Orange you glad: Burgess created a series of images starring prominent queer New Yorkers, including Justin Vivian Bond and Amos Mac, shown here, in scenes taken from "A Clockwork Orange." Martha Burgess

about the images, she felt — they were filled with straight people.

"I happened to put straight actors in the scenes, and it just didn't work," she said. "Then I read that Anthony Burgess [author of the book that the film is based on] got the title from a British saying — 'queer as a clockwork orange.' And he was also bisexual, so I was like 'Oh, they have to be queer!'"

She contacted some prominent figures in New York City's gay community, including poet Eileen Myles, dancer Jennifer Monson, and singer Justin Vivian Bond, and the images came together.

Other surprises will keep coming

when Burgess hosts two upcoming evenings at the gallery, where visitors might be asked to don blue lipstick at the door. Burgess said that these surprises are a vital part of her art.

"I need to have a performative element in my work," she said. "There's something about the circumstances of theater, where nothing is ever the same twice."

"Queer as a Clockwork Peachfish" at Trestle Gallery (850 Third Ave., Suite 411, at 30th Street in Sunset Park, www.trestlegallery. org). Artist's reception Sept. 8 at 7 pm. Artist talk Sept. 12 at 7 pm. Show on view through Sept. 19.

# Bay Ridge is ready to chow down!

### By Julianne McShane

t is a post-holiday weekend full of eats and entertainment in Bay Ridge, where barbecue, bread, music, and movies will abound!

First, those 21 and over can kick off the weekend by hitting up a barbecue and beer garden night in the parking lot of **St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church** (9511 Fourth Ave. between 95th and 96th streets). For a \$5 entry fee, Ridgites can sip some classic and craft beers, chow down on barbecue or tacos from Ho'brah, take advantage of a photo booth and lawn games, and rock out to tunes from four-person band At the Ready. The party lasts until 11 pm.

For those under 21 — or those who prefer freebies — your Friday night is not lost! You can choose between two free sci-fi flicks in the Ridge: a screening of "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story" at 7:15 pm

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BAY RIDGE NIGHTS

in **Owl's Head Park** (67th Street and Colonial Road), or the original "Planet of the Apes" at **Narrows Botanical Garden** (Shore Road at 72nd Street) at 7:30 pm.

On Saturday, wear your loose Summer of Love.

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pants and head over to **Bay Ridge Bakery** (7805 Fifth Avenue at 78th Street) at noon for a bread tasting, where you can load up on free samples of *horiatiko*, a traditional Greek bread made with a recently revived flour from the Hellenic age. Try it early enough that you can say you discovered it first — and while you are there, fill up on sides of the baklava, cookies, and cakes that the Greek bakery is famous for.

After you recover from your carb coma, head over to **Greenhouse Café** (7717 Third Ave. between 77th and 78th Streets) for a 10 pm performance by Windsor Terrors, the local quartet that favors British classic rock. The band will be celebrating keyboardist and vocalist Kenee Lee's birthday with hits from 1967, including tunes from the Jimi Hendrix's "Are You Experienced" album and other favorites from the Summer of Love.



Mmmm good!: Corinda Hayes shows off the Buttermilk Honey Blueberry ice cream, which Oddfellows will bring to the Taste Williamsburg Greenpoint festival on Sept. 17. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

# Get the scoop Food festival offers taste of two northern nabes

By Julianne Cuba tet a taste of the neigh-

Hundreds will pack the scenic Williamsburg waterfront on Sept. 17 for the eighth annual Taste Williamsburg Greenpoint Festival, which gives foodies a chance to sample 50 of the best eateries in the nearby nabes. Visitors can satisfy a sweet tooth or bite into something savory - or do both with a scoop from ice cream shop Oddfellows, which will serve a selection of its unique flavors, including Olive Oil Strawberry, said the shop's owner.

"We're going to bring a variety of ice cream flavors that we have on our seasonal menu. We change our menu often, daily — and we'll just bring whatever's fresh that day," said Mohan Kumar. "We will probably have end-of-summer favorites — Saffron Passionfruit, Blueberry Honey Buttermilk, Olive Oil Strawberry."

The Kent Avenue scoop shop will bring five of its 300 different flavors to the festival, serving them in either cups or cones, said Kumar.

Hungry visitors can chow down on either four or eight different dishes, depending on the pass they buy, so they may be able to sample the full range of ice cream flavors, plus several dishes from the other old and new restaurants setting up at the fest.

New eateries on the lineup include the Italian spot Leuca at the William Vale; new neighborhood Georgian restaurant Cheeseboat; Du's Donuts, from celebrity chef Wylie Dufresne, and Peruvian spot Llama Inn, alongside older favorites including Lighthouse BK, Zona Rosa, and Pies 'n' Thighs.

The event attracts more people every year, said organizer Dana Krieger, exposing them to local non-profits and community groups as well as dining destinations.

"It has gotten bigger every year, this year we're really bringing many different elements to it. We always view ourselves of more of a taste of the neighborhood, not just food and drink. We want it to be a great festival all around," said Krieger, who lives in Williamsburg.

Non-food-inspired programs at the fest will include a performance from Potty Mouth, the Williamsburg School of Music children's choir; a display of ink from Three Kings Tattoos, and a pop-up market from Artists and Fleas. The festival has something for everyone, said Krieger.

And all proceeds go towards turning the abandoned firehouse on Wythe Avenue and N. Ninth Street into a community center, said Krieger.

"One hundred percent of the proceeds go to the Firehouse North Brooklyn Community Center," she said. "We want to have a community center that will benefit everyone, to give everyone in the neighborhood — north side, south side, Greenpoint, all the different types of people that live in the neighborhood — a place to go."

Taste Williamsburg Greenpoint at East River State Park (90 Kent Ave. between N. Seventh and N. 10th streets in Williamsburg, www.tastewg. com). Sept. 17, 1–5 pm. \$35– \$85.

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# **CYCLONES CONFIDENTIA** A season to forget winds down

# Vermont 3 Cyclones 1

Aug. 30 at MCU Park (Game one)

Cyclones starter Chris Viall allowed four hits and three runs, but our boys didn't do much, posting just five hits and producing one run as the Cyclones three-game winning streak was snapped by the Lake Monsters.

The Monsters struck early with power hitting. Ryan Gridley hit a solo home run in the top of the first to put Vermont on the board. Two innings later, Javier Godard hit a lead-off single before Will Toffey homered to put the team up 3-0.

The Cyclones followed that up with some power of their own when Edgardo Fermin led off the fourth with a solo home run to make it 3–1. That was the closest Brooklyn could get.

# Cyclones 3 Vermont O

Aug. 30 at MCU Park (Game two)

Cyclones pitchers Jose Geraldo and Stephen Villines allowed only four hits and no runs combined, and the Clones bats did just enough, notching five hits while knocking in three runs as the team beat the Lake Monsters to win the bestof-three series.

Brooklyn brought the power early. Walter "Rabbi" Rasquin was hit by a pitch before Jose Maria crushed one to left field to put the Cyclones up 2–0 in the first.

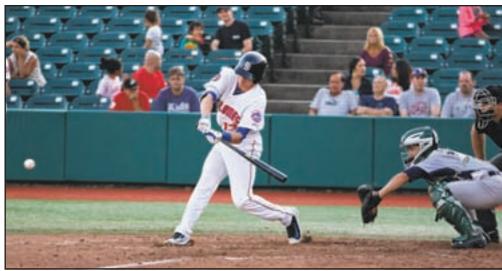
The Cyclones added more to the lead two innings later. Dylan Snypes led off the third with a triple then Rasquin hit a sacrifice fly to score Snypes to give the boys a 3-0 lead.

But the Lake Monsters made things interesting before the game ended. With one out in the sixth, Ryan Gridley singled before Logan Farrar was hit by a pitch. Manager Edgardo Alfonzo feared the worst, so he brought in Geraldo Villines, who struck out the next two batters to kill the rally.

### Cyclones 3 Lowell 2

Aug. 31 at MCU Park (Game one)





ONE FOR THE TEAM: Dylan Snypes hit a single in the Clones win over Lowell on Sept. 2. Photo by Caleb Caldwell

Debora held the Spinners to two runs, and the boys' bats did just enough to clinch the victory.

The Spinners started the game with a bang. Michael Osinki led off with a double before Frankie Rios grounded out to advance Osinski to third. Garrett Benge then grounded out to score Osinski. After Rowan Lawinsky and Yoan Avbar hit consecutive singles. Nicholos Hamilton singled to score Lawinsky to make it 2-0.

The Cyclones responded quickly. Walter "Rabbi" Rasquin singled and stole both second and third. Walter Lagrange then singled to score Rasquin to make it 2–1.

The Cyclones took the lead two innings later. Franklin Correaled off with a single then advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Guillermo Granadillo. Rasquin then reached on a error that advanced Correa to third. Edgardo Fermin then doubled to score Correa and move Rasquin to third. Jose Miguel Medina then singled to score Rasquin to help the Cyclones take the lead with the score at 3–2

### Cyclones 3 Lowell 2

Aug. 31 at MCU Park (Game two)

The winning ways kept coming!

The Cyclones bats came back from a 2-0 deficit in the bottom of the seventh then Wal-Cyclones starter Nicolas ter "Rabbi" Rasquin sealed the

win with a walk-off home run in the eighth to help the Clones sweep the double-header against the Spinners.

The outlook looked bleak for our boys, but they pulled it out. Down 2–0 in the bottom of the seventh and final inning (double-header games are shortened to seven innings), Jeremy Vazquez doubled with runners on second and third to score both Walter Lagrange and Jose Miguel "Funky Cold" Medina to tie the game.

Brooklyn's Boys of Summer put it away in the eighth thanks to the Rabbi. Rasquin, who hadn't hit a homer this season, knocked one out of the park to take the victory for the Clones.

### Cyclones 2 Lowell 1

Sept 1. at MCU Park

Cyclones pitchers grounded the Spinners, allowing just one run, and Brooklyn bats again did just enough to lead the Clones a 2–1 win.

The Spinners got on the board early. Tanner Nishioka and Samuel Miranda hit consecutive singles then Yomar Valentin was walked to load the bases. Nicholos Hamilton then singled to score Nishikoka to put the Spinners up 1-0 in the second.

The Cyclones took the lead shortly thereafter. Guillermo Granadillo led off the third with a double before Walter "Rabbi" Rasquin singled to score Granadillo to tie it. After tive singles before Luke Burch

Rasquin stole second, Walter Lagrange grounded out, sending the Rabbi to third. Jose Miguel "Funky Cold" Medina then doubled to score Rasquin to put the Cyclones up 2–1.

# **Cyclones 1** Lowell O

Sept. 2 at MCUPark

Trent Johnson allowed fours hits and no runs in four innings of relief of David Peterson, who threw a perfect first inning as the Cyclones shut out the Spinners in a rainshortened game that lasted just five innings.

The Clones lone run came in the fourth when Dylan Snypes hit a single before Guillermo Granadillo singled to advance Snypes to third. Snypes then scored on a passed ball from Spinners reliever Taylor Ahearn to make it 1–0. The game was called after the top of the sixth inning because of the rainy conditions, sealing the Cyclones fifth-straight win.

# Cyclones 2 **Connecticut 1**

Sept. 4 in Connecticut (Game one)

Ryan McAuliffe gave up just one run on six hits and Jeremy Vasquez drove in two as the Cyclones won for a season-high sixth game in a row.

The Tigers were the first ones on the board. Teddy Hoffman and Andres Sthormes led off the third with consecugrounded into a double play to advance Hoffman to third. Burch then scored off a wild pitch by McAuliffe to make it 1 - 0.

The Cyclones came back to take the lead the very next inning. Walter Lagrange was walked to start the inning then advanced to third on a single hit by Jose Miguel "Funky Cold" Medina. After Medina stole second, Jeremy Vazquez singled to score both Lagrange and Medina to make it 2–1.

# **Connecticut 2 Cyclones O**

Sept. 4 in Connecticut (Game two)

Our boys' fortunes were reversed in the second game of the double-header, as they were shut out and only had two hits, snapping their winning streak and handing them their 49th loss. The Tigers got on the board early. Luke Burch led off the first with a single then Garrett McCain doubled to advance Burch to third. Jordan Pearce then singled to score Burch to make it 1-0. The Tigers added to the lead late in the game, and the 'Clones couldn't get anything going and were blanked to snap what has been a morale-boosting winning streak.

# **Connecticut 4 Cyclones 3**

Sept. 5 in Connecticut

The Cyclones came back from a 3-1 deficit late in the game to tie the score, but the Tigers took it in extra innings, handing our boys their second straight loss.

The Clones were down but they were not out late in the game. With two outs in the seventh, Franklin Correa and Guillermo Granadillo hit consecutive singles to put runners on first and second. Walter Rasquin then singled to score Correa to make it 3–2. The Cyclones tied it up in the next inning when Wagner Lagrange tripled before Jose Miguel Medina grounded out to score Lagrange.

Brooklyn's Boys of Summer rallied and were close to extending it to eleven innings, but they came up short.

# LEGAL NOTICE

### File No.2016-1923/A CITATION COURT, SUBBOGATE'S KINGS COUNTY

OF THE THE PEOPLE STATE OF NEW YORK. By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: Public Administrator of Kings County, as the the Administrator for Estate of Hiram Smith New York State Department of Taxation and Finance -TDAB Tax/Waiver Estate of

Citation Unit New York City Human Resources Administration, Office of Legal Affairs - LRU

Attorney General of the State of New York The Spouses, if any, and

anv distributees and creditors of Ruth Smith a/k/a Ruth Blvden Smith a/k/a Ruth Smith a/k/a Ruth B. Blyden and Hiram Smith. both Deceased, whose whereabouts are unknown and if any of the aforesaid persons be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if the persons died subsequent to the Decedents herein, to their Executors, Administrators legatees. devisees, assignees, and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Ruth Smith a/k/a Ruth Blyden Ruth B. Smith a/k/a Ruth Β. Smith a/k/a Blvden. the Decedent herein. whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after due diligence be

ascertained. An amended petition and an amended accounting Distributees as having been duly filed by Public Administrator Of whose County. Kinas address is 360 Adams Street. Room 144. Brooklyn New York 11201, United States.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kinas County. at 2 Room Johnson Street, 319, Brooklyn, New York, on October 5, 2017, at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why the amended account of of Public Administrator of which has been served herewith. of the accountability Administrator estate of Ruth Smith respect to the Petitioner's by

LEGAL NOTICE a/k/a Ruth B. Smith a/k/a not be judicially settled. [X] Further relief sought (if any): Why the Public (a)

Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his commissions pursuant to SCPA 2307 the amount in Of \$5,957.36 as set forth in Schedule ∩f the Amended Account, or such other amount as the Court may fix and determine: (b) Whv the Public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his administrative expenses pursuant to SCPA 1106(3) in the

and all unknown amount of \$1,239.34, as set forth in Schedule J of the Amended Account. or such other amount as the Court may fix and determine: (c) Why the Court should

not fix, determine, and approve the legal fees of Armena D. Gayle, Esq., Counsel to the Petitioner, in the amount of \$7,078.61 as shown in Schedule J of the Amended Account, or such other amount as the fix Court may and determine; (d) Why the claim of the State New York

Department of Taxation, if any, should not be fixed and determined or if not so fixed and determined, deemed rejected: (e) Why the claim of the New York City Human

Medicaid Claim, if any, should not be fixed and determined or if not so fixed and determined, deemed rejected; (f) Why the Petitioner should not be permitted

the net to distribute Estate to the Decedent's now known and to deposit any amount not so distributed with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York to be held for the benefit of Decedent's unknown Distributees or for the benefit of any Distributee of the Decedent who are under disability for whom no Guardian of the Property has been appointed; (g) Why the Petitioner, upon fully complying with the Decree to be made in this proceeding, should not be released and Kings County, a summary discharged of and from and all liability, anv as responsibility, and

LEGAL NOTICE a/k/a Ruth Blyden Smith acts and proceeding as \$121,069.11 Administrator as set forth Ruth B. Blyden, should and embraced in said account and the Court grant such other and further relief as it deems iust and proper: and (h) Why the Petitioner should not be permitted Court approval amount as

to reserve subject to such Counsel recommends for the preparation of Federal and/or State fiduciary tax returns and for the payment of any tax that may be due.

Dated. Attested. and Sealed, August 10, 2017 Seal HON. Hon, John G. Ingram, Acting Surrogate, Surrogate Quinn Chief Doreen C. Clerk Chief Clerk Armena D. Gayle, Esg. Attorney Name Armena D. Gayle, Esq.,

Attorney at Law Firm (800) 460-1382 Telephone 2152 Ralph Avenue, No. 122, Brooklyn, New York 11234 Address NOTE: This citation is upon you as served

required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full

account petitioner or petitioner's attorney 22NYCRR §297.7 Proof Resources Administration of shall be Filed before the second day preceding date. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNT

Schedule Received 123,443.57 Schedule A-1 Increases 0.00 Schedule A-2 Collected 490.54 Total \$123 \$123,934.11 CREDITS: Schedule Decreases 0.00 Schedule C Funeral and Administration 2.865.00 Schedule Claims Actually Paid 0.00 Schedule E Distributions of Principal 0.00 Total Credits \$2,865.00 \$2,865.00 Charges \$121,069.11

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The foregoing balance of \$121,069.11 consists of \$121,069.11 in cash and \$0.00 in other property on hand as of 16, 2017. Mav lt is subject unpaid to administration expenses. as set forth in Schedule C-1 of the Amended Account, and creditor claims, if any, as set forth in Schedule D of the Amended Account, as

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PROBATE CITATION

by the Court.

File No. 2017-2099/A SURROGATE'S COURT KINGS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE

STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent Ρ. TO John O'Shaughnessy and any and all unknown persons whose names or parts of whose names, and whose place or places of residence are unknown, and cannot, after due diligent inquiry, be ascertained, distributees, heirs at law and next of kin of said Peter F. O'Shaughnessy and if the of said anv distributees, heirs at law or next of kin of the deceased be dead. their legal representatives. their husbands or wives, if any, distributees and successors in interest whose names and/or places of residence and post office addresses are

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A petition having been duly filed by Pamela LLC, 10823 68th Drive, Cordes who is domiciled at 15 Rockaway Drive, Sound Beach, NY 11789 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before Surrogate's Court, the Kings County, at 2 4604 Realty LLC, Arts Johnson Street, Room 319, Brooklyn, New York, September 28 2017, on at 9:30 o'clock in the SSNY desig. as agent forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Peter O'Shaughnessy, Octavio Hernandez, 326 a/k/a Peter F. O'Shaughnessy lately 11220. General Purpose. domiciled at 1709 63rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11204 admitting to probate a Will dated May 3, 1980, (a Codicil dated 878 60 TH ST 2FL LLC

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llene D. Samuel, Esq.,

1001 Franklin Avenue,

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[X] Letters Testamentary issue to Pamela Cordes Yiu Yin Lam, 8739 21 ST Brooklyn, Avenue and 11214. Purpose: lawful act or activity. Hon. John G. Ingram

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Bav50 Realty Group LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/23/2017. Cty: SSNY desig. Kinas. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 179 72nd St., Brooklyn, NY 11209. General Purpose.

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R & F OFFICE EQUIPMENT Т. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/26/17. County. Office: Kings SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail CODV of process to the LLC, 63 Flushing Avenue. NY Brooklyn, 11208 Purpose: Any lawful

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EGR Member TS LLC, Arts of Org. filed with of State of NY Sec. (SSNY) 8/14/2017. Cty: **144 SEVENTH AVENUE** Kings. SSNY desig. as BROOKLYN LLC, Arts, of whom agent upon Org. filed with the SSNY process against may be 07/27/2017. Office served & shall mail loc: Kings County. SSNY 232 process to has been designated as . Broadway, Ste. 400, whom Brooklyn, NY 11211. process against the LLC General Purpose.

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**N&N Consulting Group** LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 7/31/2017. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent whom upon process against may be served shall mail & process to Leon Golden CPA, 1600 Sheepshead Bay Rd., Brooklyn, NY 11235. General Purpose.

# LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 56-60 59TH STREET LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/03/17. Office location: Kinas County. Princ. office of LLC: c/o James P. Clark. 127 Nassau Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11222. SSNY

designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of 58-32 58TH PLACE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secv. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/03/17. Oflocation: fice Kinas County. Princ. office of LLC: c/o James P. Clark, 127 Nassau Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11222. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Articles of Organization NOTICE OF FORMATION filed with Secretary of of limited liability compa-State of New York (SSNY) ny (LLC). Name: E.L.C.T. Office PRODUCTIONS, LLC. Arlocation: Kings County. Organization ticles of as filed with Secretary of agent of LLC upon whom State of New York (SSNY) process against it may be on 8/10/2017. Office loserved. SSNY shall mail cation: Kings County. copy of process to: THE SSNY designated LIABILITY agent of LLC upon whom 168 process against it may be 2R served. SSNY shall mail BROOKLYN, NY 11217. copy of process to: C/O lawful UNITED STATES CORPO-RATION AGENTS, INC 7014 13TH AVENUE LEGAL NOTICE 202 BROOKLYN, SUITE NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose. NOTICE OF FORMATION liability

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NOTICE OF FORMATION liability limited of company (LLC). Name: LISTENING TÓ LEARN NYC. LLC. Articles of filed Organization with Secretary of State of New (SSNY) York on 06/09/2017. Office County. location: Kings SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O UNITED STATES

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CORPORATION AGENTS, INC 7014 13TH AVENUE. STE 202 BROOKLYN, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: B. DOL-LARHIDE & CO. LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/24/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: BRANNON DOLLARHIDE 67 RUS-SELL STREET APT BROOKLYN, NY 11222. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION limited liability of company (LLC). Name: PORT ZIENNA, LLC of Organization Articles filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/25/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE 81 FLEET PLACE LLC APT 3F BROOKLYN, NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

# LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of THE GROUP FORWARD, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/31/2017. Office location, County of Kings. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be process to The Limited

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of Limitless Coffee, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 8/3/17. Office location: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: 5 Penn Plaza, 23rd Fl., NY, NY 10001. LLC formed in DE 11/12/15. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Cogency Global Inc., 10 E. 40th St., 10th Fl., NY, NY 10016. DE addr. of LLC: 850 New Burton Rd., Ste. 201, Dover, DE 19904. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, PO Box 898, DE 19903. Dover.

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Liability Company, 533 Leonard Street, PHA, NY 11222 Brooklyn. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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Matalon The Group Arts of Org. filed LLC. with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 7/13/2017. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom against may be process served & shall mail process to c/o Robert Matalon, 1075 E. 7th St., NY 11230. Brooklyn. General Purpose.

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION limited liability company (LLC) Name THE FENG HEMATOLOGY AND MEDICAL ONCOLOGY, PLLC Organization Articles of filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/23/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 833 58TH STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11220 Purpose: lawfu any purpose.

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