

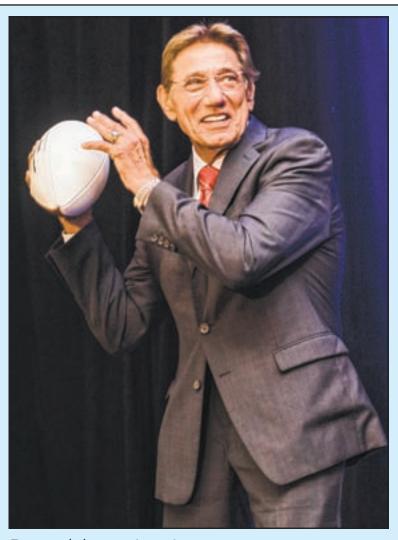
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# Brooklyn Joe!

Football legend Joe Namath tosses a pigskin at the Brooklyn Hospital Founder's Ball in Downtown on Sept. 27, where he was a special guest. For more, **see page 10.**Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

#### Corbin Pl. to add an 'M.'

#### BY JULIANNE CUBA

Talk about new and M-proved!

The city will add the letter "M" to a Manhattan Beach street that was originally named after a notorious anti-Semite, so that it will honor a Revolutionary War heroine instead.

Corbin Place, bounded by Cass Place and the Manhattan Beach Esplanade, was named for Austin Corbin—a railroad executive who bought the seaside village in the 1800s and made it into a resort town that barred Jews. So the city has agreed to add the sin-

gle letter to the street name to instead commemorate Margaret Corbin, a nurse who fought for American independence, said the chairwoman of Community Board 15's Commemorative Street Co-Naming Committee during a meeting on Sept. 26.

"Austin Corbin was a person that bought all of Manhattan Beach from a real estate tycoon for \$1,500. He built the Manhattan Beach Restaurant and hotel, but Mr. Corbin refused to serve people of the Jewish faith," said Rita

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# BOATS IN A FOG

# A confusing 'booze cruise' fix

#### BY JULIANNE CUBA

The city's plans to crack down on Sheepshead bays "booze cruises" appear to be adrift.

In the weeks after a town hall with Mayor DeBlasio when he vowed to fix the nautical nuisances, nobody seems to agree what — if any — solution is actually being considered.

Shortly after the Sept. 14 town hall, Assemblyman Steve Cymbrowitz (D—Sheepshead Bay) wrote on Facebook that Mayor DeBlasio had promised that "Sheepshead Bay's booze boats will be subject to an 11 p.m. curfew starting next spring."

The news quickly spread and elated locals who have complained for years about the vessel's often rowdy passengers leaving trash behind and making the already congested area even worse. But it turns out that the supposed 11 pm curfew — an hour earlier than the rarely followed midnight one — is not a done deal, said a spokeswoman for the Parks Department.

"The rules have not changed for this season. We will review the curfew time as part of the relocation plan for next year," said Meghan Lalor.

But Cymbrowitz — who has made two stalled state-legislative attempts to ban the notoriously noxious party boats from the Parks Department-owned piers at Emmons Avenue altogether — said the 11 pm curfew was floated as a compromise during private conversations with both the Mayor's Office and the Parks Department just before Labor Day weekend.

"I've been working all year with the Mayor's Office and Parks to find a resolution to the party boat issue, and the 11 pm curfew was one of the

options that they offered," he said. "More to the point, while I believe it's a good first step, I do not think the curfew will solve the quality-of-life problems, since passengers can just as easily come off the boats intoxicated from the earlier run as well. That's why I introduced his legislation to ban the party boats entirely."

And and it's not just Cymbrowitz and the Mayor's Office who seem to be at odds of the way forward. Immediately following last month's town hall at the Connie Lekas School on Continued on page 14



Mayor DeBlasio.

Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

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# **OPERATION DUMBO DROP**

#### Pachyderms are parachuted into neighborhood's block party

They'll never forget it!

Brooklynites watched more than a thousand toy elephants parachute from the sky above Dumbo during the nabe's inaugural Washington Street block party on Sept. 28, a neverbefore-seen stunt that enthralled the local onlookers, according to event organizers.

"This was our first time sending so many mini 'Dumbos' through the air," said Alexandria Sica, executive director of commerce-booster group the Dumbo Improvement District. "It was very special and we are hooked. Washington Street never looked so magical."

Hundreds of people turned out for the festivities along the stretch, which is known as the most photographed place in the area because the Manhattan Bridge and Empire State Building visibly tower beyond the cobblestone thoroughfare.

Thepachydermsdropped from above as part of a contest organized by the party's host, in which kids got to choose a numbered toy elephant that organizers later let fly from a rooftop.

The lucky tyke whose figurine landed closest to a pre-established target won a \$500 shopping spree at neighborhood stores.

Afterwards, youngsters could "adopt" the toys for \$20, with proceeds going to area schools PS 307 and the Dock Street Middle School.

Along with the parachuting pachyderms, the event boasted food from local eateries, arts and crafts, temporary tattoo applications, a rock-climbing wall, and tunes from 13-year-old Dumbo resident DJ Kai Song.







**UNFORGETTABLE:** (Top) Elephants rained from the sky during the inaugural Washington Street block party. (Above) Huy Le and Belinda Lim show off their son Marcus' brand new toy. (Left) More than 1,000 elephants were distributed.

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# PROMISES, PROMISES

# A checklist of DeBlasio's Town Hall pledges

Mayor DeBlasio dished out nearly a dozen promises that would improve residents' quality of life during a town hall in Sheepshead Bay on Sept. 14, including a pledge to scrub streets clean of graffiti, replace an entire failing sewer system by spring, and put in much-needed bus shelters. Here's what Hizzoner vowed to do for Sheepshead Bay at the Connie Lekas School on Avenue Y two weeks ago:

•The city will spend \$20 million to improve the medians on Kings Highway from 23rd to 27th streets. The work will start shortly, DeBlasio said, and the work along 27th Street will be done by the end of November.

•The Department of Environmental Preservation will deploy skimmer vessels to clean the Sheepshead Bay inlet near Emmons Avenue and Shore Boulevard twice

·City Hall will find a new home for the raucous party boats instead of the Parks Department-owned piers on Emmons Avenue by the time the season starts next spring.

•The city will clean up the graffiti along Sheepshead Bay Road, Coney Island Avenue, and Avenue Z.

• DeBlasio pledged to fix 100 at polling sites.

sidewalks in front of homes that have been damaged by city trees by November, and then another 100 in the following months.

•The city's "We Are New York" English learning program will be implemented in the Sheepshead Bay and surrounding community to offer free English lessons.

·Work to rebuild and elevate the homes in the so-called "courts" in Sheepshead Bay plus replace the failing sewer infrastructure — will be completed by spring.

•A \$10-million initiative will provide homeowners in southern Brooklyn with free check valve devices that can stop sewers from backing up in homes and flooding.

·DeBlasio said he will put Russian-speaking translators



I'D LIKE TO BUY A VOW: Mayor DeBlasio made a lot of promises to the people of Sheepshead Bay at his Sept. 14 town hall.

•The city will erect a new shelter for the B36 and B68 buses on W. Fifth Street at Trump Village, which had been demolished when the stop was moved because of ongoing construction work.

•The city will pay for and install five bus shelters along Oriental Boulevard for the B1 and B49 buses.

• The Department of Transportation will study whether to put a stop sign on the notoriously dangerous corner of Stuart Street and Avenue S and will decide by the end of October

• The Department of Transportation will add another Select Bus Service stop for the SBS B44 on Nostrand Avenue and Avenue R.

Some of the promises are "in the works," according to Councilman Chaim Deutsch (D-Sheepshead Bay), but Hizzoner has yet to check one item off his list. Courier Life will continue to update his progress.

— Julianne Cuba

# Locals blast car dealer for filling street parking

**BY JULIANNE CUBA** 

It's a free parking free-for-all.

The city must crack down on a Flatbush Avenue car dealership notoriously known for filling much-needed parking spots on the busy strip with its four-wheelers for sale, demand locals.

"This is really bad because no one can park here, there are some 15 cars that are for sale and are not supposed to be parked in the street," said Peter, who lives a few blocks away and asked his last name be withheld for fear of retribution. "It's all the time, twentyfour-seven. If the dealership needs more space, it will have to get a bigger lot, or get less cars."

Employees at Brooklyn Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram — located at 2286 Flatbush Ave. between Fillmore Avenue and Avenue S — park as many as 20 cars on the street at any given time, none of which have license plates, according to the resident, who said the vehicles, which are often double-parked disregard to the local community.

"To park in front of a fire hydrant says you just don't give a s---," he said.

A new general manager took over the dealership about seven weeks ago and claimed he is working to fix the problem, saying that tackling the problem of double-parking on the road, which is known to be a dangerous speedway, is an immediate focus.

"I'm aware of all the complaints and we're making significant changes to stop it," said Jeff Berlant, "Everything is really trial and error on Flatbush Avenue because it's really busy, a lot of people fly up and down this street. My first concern is the doubleparked vehicles."

But lax parking habits of workers at a nearby Metropolitan Transportation Authority bus depot on Fillmore Avenue between E. 49th Street and Utica Avenue — a block away from the dealership — complicate the issue, according license plates, we are going to tow

and block a fire hydrant, show a blatant to Berlant. The employees will often display their orange, city-provided vests in their cars' front windows in an attempt to snag a spot illegally, he said. And the second as he moves one of his own cars, a worker will swoop in to take the spot, the general manager said.

> "As soon as we move a car, a bus depot employee will park his or her car there, or park city vehicles there - swapping vehicles and creating the same problem," Berlant said. "I'll fix what I can fix, and then go across the street and work with the MTA."

> Authorities at the neighborhood's 63rd Precinct are aware of the issue and plan to put traffic agents outside the dealership over the next few days to monitor the problem, according to a communityaffairs officer at the precinct, who said cops won't have a problem towing away its inventory if employees continue to flout laws everyone else must follow.

> "If they are parking cars with no



BLOCKED: The Flatbush Avenue car dealership parked cars right in front of a fire hydrant Community News Group / Julianne Cuba

them. It's illegal to have cars on the street like that — no one should hog all the spots on one block," said Thomas Podd. "We'll probably have a traffic guy there for a while, just making sure they stick to their agreements."

And a Metropolitan Transportation Authority spokesman said the agency warned workers to follow the rules, too.

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# Still in suspense

## Unsolved crime continues to haunt some Bay Ridgites one year later

#### BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

This murder is still a mystery.

Sept. 29 was the one-year anniversary of the death of a 35-year-old Ridgite who a jogger found murdered in Owl's Head Park near Colonial Road and Wakeman Place, whose killer remains at large even after police released photos and a video of the suspect who was last seen with the woman before her death. And many Ridgites are still rattled by the unsolved crime.

"It worries me because it makes me think that someone is protecting this person," said Eric Powell, who lives near the park and often visits it with his young daughter. "When they have footage and pictures, someone has to know something."

The 5-foot-8, 175-pound suspect was the last person seen with Jennifer Cohen, and surveillance footage captured the pair walking down Second Avenue towards the park around 2:45 am on Sept. 29 of last year. The jogger found Cohen's lifeless body there a few hours later around 9 am, according to authorities. Police also found hypodermic needles in her purse near her body, which had severe head and face trauma.

The investigation is still ongoing, and the police department is offering a \$2,500 reward for anyone who offers information that leads to the arrest of the suspect.

Last year was the first that a murder took place in Owl's Head Park in nearly 50 years, according to a Bay Ridge historian who also leads tours of the green space. The last park killing he recalled was the slaying of 17-yearold Leonard Coury, who was shot in the head there in 1974. But the Ridge history buff said that Coury's murder reflected social and economic problems, including vandalism, already plaguing the nabe at the time, whereas Cohen's 2016 murder seemed more random considering the neighborhood's relative safety today.

"I think it's fair to read the Coury case as indicative of its era — a lowpoint in the decline of the park," said Henry Stewart. "I do not think you could say the same about Ms. Cohen's death. It's a tragedy, but a unique one. The park is and continues to thrive despite it."

Indeed, the police department said that the 68th Precinct, which covers Owl's Head Park and Bay Ridge, as well as Dyker Heights, is among the city's safest. The area has only seen one murder so far this year, and Cohen's was among three murders in the precinct last year.

But not all locals were reassured by the relative tranquility of the Ridge. One mother who frequents the park



HAVE YOU SEEN HIM?: Police are still looking for this man in connection with the 2016 slaying at Owl's Head Park.

with her two kids said that the fact that Cohen's killer is still on the loose worries her, despite the nabe's otherwise low crime rates.

"I know violent crime is rare in this neighborhood, but it is still very scary that the person has not been caught,' Rachel Johnson said. "I take my kids to that park a couple times a week and always feel safe, but would feel even better if the murderer was found."

Community Board 10's district manager said there has been "great concern" among locals about maintaining the safety of the park and catching the killer.

'Security was a concern, because there are parts of Owl's Head Park that are off the lighted street and not visible," said Josephine Beckmann. "There were a great deal of people throughout the community who were upset. Murders don't happen often here — we're one of the safest communities in the city of New York - and it raises everyone's eyebrows and people get concerned when it happens."

Beckmann said the community should keep its focus on remembering Cohen and the unjust nature of her

"She was a crime victim and she suffered a terrible death," she said. "Her assailant is still out there."

Last year, Cohen's brother, Andrew Lavin, started a GoFundMe page to cover her funeral costs, which he said the family did not have the money to pay for. He raised just \$4,700 of the \$10,000 goal.

Cohen left behind two sons. Her family could not be reached for comment by press time.

Police are asking anyone with information regarding the murder to call Crime Stoppers at (800) 577-8477. The public can also submit tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website at www.nypdcrimestoppers.com or by texting tips to 274637 (CRIMES) then entering TIP577.





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# The Ambrose Light casts satirical beam at Ridge politics

#### BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

This Bay Ridge blogger is coming out of the shadows into the light!

The lifelong Ridgite and heretofore anonymous blogger behind The Ambrose Light, a satirical blog on the website Medium poking fun at local politicians and neighborhood concerns, started posting in June to try and make light of the divisive bickering among the many Council candidates before last month's primary, but also in the hope of better-informing people about the issues facing the area.

"A lot of politics for this current electoral cycle is hyper negative — it's very easy to make fun of," said Dan Hetteix. "But I also want these articles to guide people to more factual understandings of issues in the neighbor-

He started thinking about publishing a hyper-local, Onion-like satire blog back in January, when he saw the popularity of his comments in local Facebook groups making fun of neighborhood concerns. Eventually, his Facebook friends were asking him to weigh in on specific issues. By June, he got up the nerve to create The Ambrose Light, which he named in a dual homage to both late-19th-century satirist Ambrose Bierce — who features on the site as Hetteix's avatar - and the former Ambrose Tower light station that used to light the way into New York Harbor.

"The Ambrose Light guided ships into port, and at a certain level, I'd like to think that satire can calm you down when you don't know the waters, guide you in, show you the neighborhood," he said. "It started from a combination of personal interest in history and wanting to inform people."

The crowded Council primaries for the open Bay Ridge seat was a bonanza for his blog, with dozens of posts milking the colorful, 10-way contest for comedy. Hetteix, who volunteered for unsuccessful Democratic Council candidate Khader El-Yateem's campaign, admits that his blog "skews progressive," and mostly poked fun at the Republican cohort — Council candidate John Quaglione, unsuccessful Council candidates Liam McCabe and Bob Capano — and other local Grand Old Party pols, such as Rep. Dan Donovan, and mayoral candidate Nicole Malliotakis (who he says has blocked him on Twitter).

Hetteix also said the local Democratic candidates were generally more self-deprecating than the Republicans, sometimes beating him to the punch.

"El-Yateem and [Justin] Brannan



IDENTITY REVEAL: Bay Ridgite Dan Hetteix is the previously anonymous blogger behind "The Ambrose Light," a satirical blog covering local politics in Southern Brooklyn.

Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

are kind of the least funny, and there's a reason for that, too — a lot of times the Democrats make fun of themselves," he said, citing El-Yateem's response to Capano calling him a "radical cleric," tweeting a spoof commercial featuring him on a skateboard, and Brannan's tendency to poke fun at himself on the same social media platform.

But Hetteix said that now that the primary season is over, he wants to poke fun at both Council candidates before the general election.

"You can't tell a narrative without both sides," he said. "There has to be an evening of articles on both of them."

And he's confident he will not be lacking for material with Brannan — a former punk rocker and one-time aide to incumbent Councilman Vincent Gentile — and Quaglione — longtime aide to Ridge state Sen. Marty Golden as the two nominees for the Ridge Council seat.

"It's turned into a Battle of the Aides," Hetteix said. "You have the punk rock financier - if he had a band it would be AC/DNC — and the guy who likes to be known as 'Q' and is attached at the hip to Marty Golden."

And whoever wins will be in The Ambrose Light's beam when he takes office.

"Once one is an elected official who is going to be there for a couple years, it doesn't matter if they're Democrat or Republican," he said, "you're going to become a target and there will be a lot of things to make fun of."

Hetteix, who works as a technical Continued on page 20















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#### Camera-ready crook

A criminal stole more than \$1,300 worth of electronics from a car parked on Colonial Road sometime between Sept. 24 and 25, according to police.

The car owner said he parked the vehicle between 88th and 89th streets around 8 pm on Sept. 24, and when he returned the next day at around 8 am, he noticed his electronics — including his printer, camcorder, digital camera, voice recorder, and tripod — were gone. Police said there were no signs of forced entry, and they are reviewing cameras in the area.

#### **Purloined plastic**

A pack of good-for-nothings unlawfully charged more than \$2,000 to a Madeline Court resident's debit card between Sept. 24 and 26, according to police.

The resident, who lives between Third Avenue and Ridge Boulevard, reported the identity theft to police on Sept. 26, just before 11 pm. The perps made the charges over four different transactions during the two-day period, according to the report.

#### Wheels steal

A thief stole a motorcycle parked on 65th Street sometime between Sept. 25 and 26, according to police.

The owner parked the bike between Second and Third avenues on Sept. 25 around 9:30 pm, and when he returned just before 8:30 the next morning, the bike was gone. Police are reviewing cameras in the area.

#### Overnight rip-off

A crook stole more than \$520 worth of items from a car parked on 76th Street sometime between Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

The victim said he parked his car between Fourth and Fifth avenues at around 10 pm on Sept. 30, and when he returned at noon the next day, his credit and debit cards, license, and MetroCard were nowhere to be found, along with \$500 cash that he had stashed in the vehicle. Police are reviewing cameras in the area.

— Julianne McShane

#### 63RD PRECINCT

MARINE PARK-MILL BASIN-FLATLANDS-BERGEN BEACH

#### Wheeling 'n' stealing

Some brigand robbed a woman at the intersection of E. 37th Street and Kings Highway on Sept. 18.

The victim told police that she was walking near the area around 10 am, when a bike-riding crook



snatched her smartphone from out of her hand from behind, and then landed a blow to the back of her head before fleeing the scene.

#### **Bust-stop**

A trio of goons robbed a teenager near Flatbush Avenue and Lott Place on Sept. 22.

Police say the teen was waiting for a bus near the intersection around 6:20 pm, when two of the men approached him and another confronted him from behind, and asked him to disable his smartphone. When he followed through with their demands they fled, also taking his pricey watch, according to the report.

#### Attack and flee

Cops arrested a man for stealing his girlfriend's phone near E. 55th St. and Avenue M on Sept. 21.

Police say two days prior, the suspect pushed his girlfriend, causing her to drop her smartphone, and picked it up and took off with it.

— Alexandra Simon

#### **62ND PRECINCT**

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

#### Ink-slinger

Police arrested a man on Sept. 29 who stole more than \$1,100 worth of ink cartridges from a Shore Parkway store on Sept. 26.

The man put the ink in his bag at around 5 pm in the store between 24th Avenue and Bay 37th Street and took off. Police arrested him three days later.

#### Not coming up roses

Police arrested a man who threatened another man with a knife on 86th Street on Oct. 1.

The threat occurred just after 7 pm between 20th Avenue and Bay 23rd Street, when the man whipped out a knife and told another man on the street to give him his flowers. Police arrested him shortly thereafter.

#### **Worst buy**

A miscreant swindled \$8,000 from a Bay Parkway resident on Sept. 27, according to police.

The perp called the resident, who lives between Bay 29th and Bay 31st streets, at around 6 pm, and told him that he worked for a computer company and that he had remote ac-

cess to the man's computer. He told the victim that he should send him \$10,000 worth of Best Buy gift cards, and the victim sent \$8,000.

#### **Cashing out**

Police arrested a man on Oct. 1 who stole \$300 in cash from a business on 20th Avenue.

The theft occurred just before 10 am between Bay Ridge Avenue and 70th Street, when the man pushed and shoved an employee to the ground before he snagged the cash from the register. The victim's ankle got cut in the scuffle and he also reported back pain after the theft, according to the report.

#### **60TH PRECINCT**

CONEY ISLAND-BRIGHTON BEACH-SEAGATE

# **Saved by a bite**Police arrested a man who stran-

Police arrested a man who strangled his girlfriend on Sept. 28 on Brighton 4 Street.

The assault occurred around 11 am at a home on the street between Brightwater Court and Brighton Beach Avenue. The victim said that her boyfriend grabbed her by the throat during a verbal dispute and held her around her neck while holding her to the ground.

And he compounded the assault with a threat, telling her "I'll put you to sleep, this is the last time," according to police. The victim bit the man on his left leg to try to stop him from choking her, and she sustained pain, redness, and a small contusion on her neck and the left side of her head, according to the report.

#### **Hungry for cash**

A thief stole more than \$1,000 in cash from a closed restaurant on Mermaid Avenue on Oct 1

The perp broke the locked gate of the eatery at W. 17th Street to gain entry at some point between midnight and 8 am, when he snagged the cash. He also made an unsuccessful attempt to access the establishment's ATM, according to the report. Police are reviewing surveillance cameras in the area.

#### No score at shore

Police arrested a man on Ocean Parkway on Sept. 28 after he tried to steal a woman's purse while she was swimming. Police nabbed the man just before 7 pm at Riegalmann Boardwalk after a witness stopped him from stealing the woman's purse — which held her credit cards, cell phone, and glasses. When the victim returned from her swim, police returned all of her property to her.

#### Reality check

A lout stole, forged, and cashed a pension payment valued at more than \$1,000 that belonged to a woman who lives on Avenue X around Sept. 11.

The woman called the city's Employees' Retirement System at around 6 pm on Sept. 26 from her home between W. 8th and W. 11th streets to report that she had never received her pension check, at which point an agency rep told her the check had been cashed and sent her proof of the signature. The woman insisted that she did not cash the check and that the signature was not hers.

#### He got detention

Police arrested a man at the intersection of Surf Avenue and W 30th on Sept. 27 after he followed a mother and her children to school and stole \$300 cash from the woman's pocket.

The theft occurred between 8 and 8:30 am, when the woman was walking down W. 30th Street, towards Surf Avenue. The man was following the woman and her children when the adults began fighting, and he then stole \$300 cash from her front right jacket pocket. Police arrested him soon after.

— Julianne McShane

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## Football legend honors healers

Joe Namath celebrates Brooklyn Hospital's founders gala

#### BY ALEXANDRA SIMON

This ex-quarterback knows how to throw a ball!

Former New York Jets player and Pro Football Hall of Fame member Joe Namath honored medical heroes at the Brooklyn Hospital Foundation Founders Ball in Downtown on Sept. 27.

The one-time Super Bowl champ and most valuable player joined hundreds of galagoers at the New York Marriott hotel for the 29th-annual event, which celebrated healthcare experts including St. George's University of Medicine cofounders Charles Modica and Patrick Adams, whom Namath recognized for improving medical education in the Caribbean by opening the Grenadabased school 40 years ago.

"I am privileged and honored to be here, I understand the importance of what these guys have done," he said. "There is not one person that I know of in the years that I've lived that's more generous, disciplined, kind, and loving than Charlie Modica."

And the athlete — who



HONORING BROOKLYN HOSPITAL: (Above) From left, attendees Charles Modica, Patrick Adams, and Dr. Daniel Ricciardi at the Brooklyn Hospital Foundation Founders Ball Downtown on Sept. 27. (Right) One perk of the office for Borough President Adams is getting to hang out with Jets legend Joe Namath.

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scored 173 touchdowns in his career — also scored a few laughs while addressing Modica in front of the crowd.

"I don't think he's all that

smart to begin with — I think his father had a lot to do with it," Namath said in jest before the audience.

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Modica and Adams with the Founders Medal award at the gala. Other honorees included Brooklyn Hospital's director of neuroscience, Dr. An-

ders Cohen, and director of clinical cardiology, Dr. Saimamba Veeramachaneni, who received the Walter E. Reed medal.

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# **SKIP TO THE LOO**



# Bar's toilet in the running for 'America's Best Restroom'

#### BY LAUREN GILL

It's in the game of thrones!

A Cobble Hill bar's tiny but terrific bathroom is competing for the title of "America's Best Restroom," an honor one of its owners said exceeds even her wildest expectations.

"It's something I never even dreamed of," said Natalka Burian, a co-owner of Elsa, which opened earlier this year at 136 Atlantic Ave. between Henry and Clinton streets.

The cocktail bar's loo was nominated as part of business-supply company Cintas Corporation's annual contest, which awards the title and \$2,500 in bathroom supplies to the washroom that collects the most votes.

Elsa's powder room — roughly the size of a broom closet — contains two walls covered in mirrored slats that form an arch above the space and

lights that cast an angelic glow on users, creating a sleek chamber ideal for snapping selfies in the oval mirror hanging on the back of its door.

In fact, so many people snap and share photos from inside the water closet that Elsa's owners started publishing select shots on the bar's Instagram account because they see the pictures as a noteworthy achievement, according to Burian.

"It's an accomplishment to make people so comfortable in a space as private as a bathroom that they want to take pictures and share," she said.

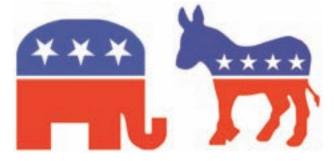
One of the contest's organizers also recognized the trend, hailing the lavatory as prime selfie-taking territory.

With its bright light and mirrors, it's pretty much a prime hot spot for it," said Sean Mulcahey, a Cintas mar-

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M-UCH BETTER!: The city will add an M to name Corbin Place after Margaret Corbin.

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#### CORBIN

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Napolitano. "Margaret Corbin was a woman who fought in the American Revolution and was a brave woman whom we should be proud of."

Margaret Corbin accompanied her husband, an artillery officer, in the defense of Fort Washington in northern Manhattan in 1776. When her husband fell in battle, she took over operating his cannon until she was seriously wounded, becoming the first woman in American history to receive a military pension.

Austin Corbin, on the other hand, was a robber baron who forced the Montaukett Indians off their land in order to consolidate the Long Island Rail Road, and purchased an Arkansas cotton planation after the Civil War which he worked with convict laborers. In addition to banning Jews from Manhattan Beach, he also served as secretary of the American Society for the Suppression of Jews.

Local leaders and residents had long wanted to change the thoroughfare's sign to honor someone who actually did good in the world — but wor-

ried that swapping it for a completely new name would cause problems for the people who live along the street. Instead, simply adding one letter keeps the name, but changes its meaning, said one of the local pols who helped the committee come up with the new

"Austin Corbin was proudly anti-Semitic and does not deserve to be honored with a street named after him. That being said, changing a street name entirely can be a stressful experience for residents who would be required to adjust their deeds, IDs, and other paperwork. We settled on a compromise — co-naming Corbin Place for Margaret Corbin, who was a Revolutionary War hero and a New York City legend," said Councilman Chaim Deutsch (D-Manhattan Beach), who worked with Councilman Mark Treyger (D-Coney Island) on the slight but significant name change. "This symbolic gesture is a way to show that we will not glorify someone who epitomized hatred and anti-Semitism, while also not inconveniencing the people who live on Corbin Place."

Community Board 15 voted unanimously to approve the co-naming for Corbin Place on Sept. 26.



**OUT IN FORCE:** Police respond to a party boat disturbance on Aug. 6. Photo by Mark Mellone

#### **BOATS**

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Avenue Y, several of the attendees left confused about the proposed fix. One member of the local civic was glad Hizzoner announced he'd be shipping out the party boats to a new home, but the chairwoman of Community Board 15

said the 11 pm curfew would certainly help solve some of the quality of life problems in the neighborhood.

"No, he said move them when they find a new location and curb the time to 11 pm," said Theresa Scavo. "It's going to make a huge difference for the

The mayor's office declined to comment.



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# Ridgites eat up at 21st-annual 'Taste of the Ridge'





#### BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

There was no separation between church and taste last Sunday!

Ridgites flocked to St. Patrick's Church on Oct. 1 for the 21st-annual Taste of the Ridge event, which brought together vendors from nearly fifty local restaurants to hawk their appetizers, entrees, and desserts. All the funds raised will benefit the church and its accompanying school, according to the church's pastor, and local restaurateurs brought a wide — and tasty — range of dishes to the event.

"The food was outstandingly delicious," said Monsi-

gnor Michael Hardiman. "And there was an outstanding variety of food."

For \$20, locals could sample as many dishes as they liked over the two-hour event. One Ridgite said that her ticket was well worth the small sum.

"It was more than worth it," said Snow Nelson, who attended for the first time and brought her son Maximus along. "I had probably six meals, and we got to take some home, also. There were a lot of different restaurants'

Nelson sampled pizza from Campania's, noodles from 86 Noodles, falafel from Tanoreen, and tiramisu from

Bay Ridge Pizza, other dishes. She said Maximus tried Lock Yard's new "goomba" hot dog, which chef Pat Pacelli created. The restaurant's owner said that the hot dog topped with broccoli rabe, marinara sauce, and Parmesan cheese has become a new signature offer.

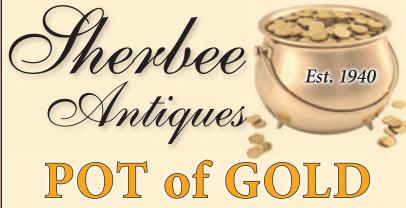
"It went over really well," Chris Ghiorzi said. "It's a special that the chef created a few weeks ago. It's been moving very quickly for us, so we figured we wanted everyone to

The "goomba" has become so popular that Ghiorzi said Continued on page 20



EAT UP: (Left) Ridgites dished out and ate up some of the nabe's tastiest foods at the Taste of the Ridge event on Oct. 1 at St. Patrick's Church. (Center) Monsignor Michael J. Hardiman, at right, the pastor of St. Patrick's, samples Lockyard Chef Pat Pacelli's and owner Christopher Ghiorzi's latest invention, the "goomba" hot dog. (Above) Michael "Kaves" Mcleer and his wife Donna, owners of the Brooklyn Firefly, took their kids, Ruby and Dylan, to the Taste of the Ridge event on Sunday to serve up some of their signature pies. Photos by Georgine Benvenuto





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# Republican gets 'place-holder' line in Ridge

weirdly quiet candidate for Bay Ridge's seat on the Council handed over his spot on the Conservative and Independent lines to his Republican counterpart so he can run for a judgeship on New York State's Supreme Court — a move that had been predicted by insiders who said it stunk of back-room politics.

John Bruno, who never campaigned for the seat and was called a "place-holder" by John Quaglione, the man who now has the Republican, Conservative, and Independent lines, pulled off the switcheroo on Sept. 19, when the Board of Elections signed off his dropping off the Council ballot to run for the judiciary.

Sources told this paper last month that party leaders were planning on Bruno making the move but Brooklyn Conservative Party chairman Jerry Kassar denied he knew anything about it.

"It wasn't true at the time," he said when contacted this week. "It changed after primary day.'

And Kassar insisted Quaglione never told this paper that the "winner of the Republican



primary, is going to get the Conservative line. They put a placeholder in" despite the fact the conversation was recorded.

"John has told me repeatedly that he never told you that and you're lying," he said. "I was not aware that he told you that because he keeps telling me he didn't."

Bruno, a Dyker Heights attorney, accepted the nomination for the judgeship, and will be on the ballot in November, according to Kassar, who allegedly orchestrated the whole deal but said he could not put this paper in touch with him because that's not his "problem."

And neither Quaglione nor this time around. Bruno responded to requests for comment.

Bay Ridge journalist Ross Barkan is mounting a run for office against state Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge), the 27year-old announced on social media on Oct. 3.

Barkan, a newly registered Democrat, is looking to oust the veteran lawmaker because he believes Golden has failed to deliver on crucial issues, like transportation and health care, he said.

"He's completely ing in action when it comes to transportation, we have a subway system that's literally melting before our eyes. He has no accomplishments that I know of in regards to transportation," said Barkan, who writes columns the Village Voice, Guardian, and Gothamist websites. "He's wrong on just about every issue."

The last Democrat to try to unseat Golden was Andrew Gounardes in 2012, who got 28,243 votes to Golden's 38,584, according to city records.

But Barkan believes he has it in him to get the job done

"I think I can do better, that's why I'm running," he said. "This is going to be a very different campaign than people are used to, a campaign of truth telling — it's going to be about big issues that actually matter to people, like healthcare, like transportation, like affordable housing, and climate change."

And Barkan — who shyly made his first endorsements as a political newcomer for Justin Brannan and Adam Baumel against John Quaglione and Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis, respectively said his would-be taxpayer-funded salary wouldn't deter him from holding his own colleagues accountable in the chamber up in Albany or through his writing.

"I'll still be contributing in some capacity, offering my opinions, my scrutiny, not just reciting talking points for people," he said. "Ross Barkan the writer isn't going anywhere, he's just running for office."

Golden's did not respond to a request for comment.

Councilman David Green-

field's handpicked successor, Kalman Yeger, was called out for boasting that he got two endorsements from Brooklyn pols he didn't actually get.

On his campaign website which has been down for the last few days - Yeger listed Assemblyman Bill Colton (D-Bensonhurst) and Assemblyman Robert Carroll (D-Park Slope) as throwing their support behind him. But Colton wrote in an impassioned post on social media that he has only made two endorsements so far, neither of which were for Yeger.

"I take political endorsements very seriously and it has been my policy to base any endorsements made by me solely upon the track record of persons seeking such endorsement," Colton wrote on Facebook on Sept. 28. "To avoid any confusion, let me make clear that in the Nov. 7, 2017 General Election, the only endorsements I have made this point are Mark Treyger in the 47th Council District and Chaim Deutsch in the 48th Council District."

Yeger's campaign declined to comment on both why his website is down and the endorsement mistake.



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#### **TASTE**

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he plans to add it to the restaurant's permanent menu.

A few tables down, the husband-and-wife proprietors of the Brooklyn Firefly had twenty of their specialty pizzas on offer, including margherita and vegan pies, as well as their other signatures, such as the Lord of Brooklyn (topped with sweet and spicy sausage), the Verrazano (with arugula, pesto, ricotta, and pears), and the 86th Street Pie (topped with pepperoni, basil, and olive oil). One of the owners said that the family enjoyed attending the event for the first time and meeting other local restaurateurs.

"I think it was a great way to be in the mix with the other restaurants that were there," said Donna Mcleer, who owns the business with her husband, Michael.

The pair also brought along their children Ruby and Dylan, who had a great time eat-

"They loved it," Mcleer said. "Dylan was serving and he got a big kick out of helping out, and they also went around and tasted stuff from the other restaurants.'

Ghiorzi of Lock Yard said that the restaurant has been showing up to the event for a few years, and that this year's crowd was an especially good

"I thought there was a really good turnout," he said. "Our food ran out, which is always good for us."

And he applauded the grub gathering for bringing the



SUNDAY FISH: Sapporo's owner Jenny Wu dished up sushi.

Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

community together for a good

"We like that it's a very community-centric event," he said. "We reached a lot of people that we don't normally see. We're a bar restaurant, so we reach people who are more restaurant-goers at an event like

#### **AMBROSE**

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specialist at Columbia University, said that he spends at least ten hours per week researching and writing between five and ten articles he's working on, publishing about two per week. He often links to primary sources and actual news articles throughout his posts to encourage readers to actually learn more about the issues they vote on while also having a laugh at a local pol's ex-

Hetteix said The Ambrose Light gets about 1,600 pageviews a month, and that most readers are over 40 and come from Internet searches for the topics he covers. Hetteix said he has no plans to monetize the blog but that his future plans include broadening his content to take on issues affecting Staten Island, Coney Island, and other neighborhoods near Bay Ridge. He said that after voters choose the next councilman, he will probably publish less weekly content and begin to focus on the 2018 elections.

Hetteix hopes that his satire can get people more engaged in local politics and neighborhood issues - even if it means ruffling a few feathers.

"I want there to be more conversation, more honest debate," he said. "If that means it gets more inflamed, it might have to before people address it. I want more arguments to occur, but I want their content to be better.'



#### **TERLET**

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keting manager. Owners did not always intend for Elsa's potty palace to be its star attraction, according to Burian, who said its design is modeled after the commode in the bar's original location in Manhattan,

which closed in 2014. She tried to make that bathroom as welcoming as possible on the modest budget she had, and when the watering hole moved to Brooklyn, her designers from Home Studios — the firm that created the look for Greenpoint pizzeria Paulie Gee's recreated the original room using more luxurious materials, including reflective surfaces to make the closet-like space seem less claustrophobic, the owner said.

The tiny toilet chamber is up against some stiff competition, including restrooms at an aquarium in Arizona and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, but Burian hopes her bar's fans will cast enough ballots to beat its more established competitors.

And no matter the outcome, it's a thrill that her washroom is even being considered for the prestigious prize, she said.

"We were totally surprised," Burian said. "It's definitely a good surprise."

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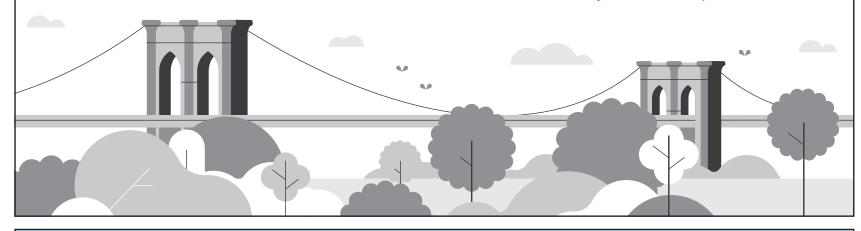
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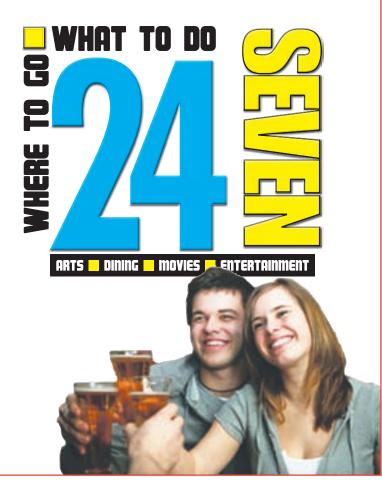
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# It's a star ... it's Haley's Comets

**BAY RIDGE** 

In honor of the memory of Haley Gray Daquara, Pediatric Cancer Awareness month, and folks in need, Haley's Comets held its annual drive at Greenhouse Cafe on Sept. 27.

Giving residents, including Richie Catalli and Rana Abu-Shaih rolled up their sleeves, pumped their fists and got ready to donate.

Every drive is important, but none so much as this year. Bobby Daquara said he received an e-mail from the New York Blood Center, that the president and chief executive officer of OneBlood in Florida was in desperate need of blood and platelet prod-



The memo explained that 10 million evacuees were pouring back in, and massive congestion as well as no gas was impeding blood collection initiatives.

So what better way to honor Haley. who was just 9 months old when she was diagnosed with a rare genetic storage disorder called Hurler Syndrome, than to donate this year's blood where it was needed most.

Through the rounds of transfusions and treatments Haley went through she never stopped in living her mantra of "I can do it." She maintained a strength few adults possess, was always smiling and playing, and determined to be like everyone else.

The annual event celebrates Halev's extraordinary courage and bravery along with her laughter and joy.

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**BORO WIDE** 

#### Hero teen

Thanks and kudos to borough son Mark Kindschuh. The daring hero was awarded the Reserve Officers' Training Corps **Medal of Heroism** for his bravery on June 3 in London, England during a terrorist attack. While in England for studies abroad, Mark risked his own life to save a complete stranger who was in need of medical attention. Our hero was a lifeguard and used his knowledge in emergency training to help the man who was



**WELCOME:** Walter Henry Taleporos

#### **Zut Alors! Henry Walter has arrived!**

**BORO WIDE** 

Standing O welcomes the littlest member of our Editorial staff, Henry Walter Taleporos. Proud Courtney Donahueparents Taleporos and Doron Taleporos reported Henry arrived ahead of deadline on Sept. 28 at 2:57 am weighing in at 9 pounds 1 ounce

and 20 inches long - (for all those that were in the pool).

Standing O wishes Courtney. Doron, and Henry Walter a very wonderful life, along with a toast, "May all your stories be joyous, your days be long, and life be filled with laughter, love, and happiness."

Hurry back Court, the O misses

bleeding from his head.

Senator Charles Schumer(D) and Congressman Dan Donovan, (R-Bay Ridge), praised Mark's efforts and in a letter to the Army said, "As an ROTC Cadet, he (Mark) is most deserving of the Medal of Heroism."

Senator Schumer added, "On behalf of all New Yorkers, I want to congratulate ROTC Cadet Mark Kindschuh for being awarded the ROTC Medal of Heroism."

Congressman Donovan said, "I'm so proud to represent this young man in Congress. His bravery and selflessness serve an example to us all. I'm sure the ROTC Medal of Heroism he courageously earned is just the beginning of a bright and impactful career of service to our country."

The U.S. Army Medal of Heroism is a U.S. military decoration awarded by the Department of the Army to a Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadet who performs an act of heroism. The achievement must be an accomplishment so exceptional and outstanding that it sets the individual apart from fellow students. The performance must have involved the acceptance of danger and extraordinary responsibilities, exemplifying praiseworthy fortitude and courage. The Medal of Heroism is the highest Department of the Army medal awarded to Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets.

Mark is currently an Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadet and enrolled in Boston College.

#### **SHEEPSHEAD BAY**

#### Pols ask for help

Assemblymembers Steven Cymbrowitz (D-Sheepshead Bay) and Pamela Harris (D-Coney Island), State Senator Diane Savino (D) and the Shorefront Y have launched a humanitarian relief effort to help residents in hurricane-stricken Puerto Rico.

What's needed:

- Baby food
- Batteries
- Canned food
- Diapers
- First aid supplies
- Feminine hygiene products
- Rubber gloves (Latex)
- Heavy-duty construction gloves
- Anti-bacterial wipes
- Battery-operated flashlights and lanterns
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Drop off items to Shorefront Y on Oct. 8 from 8 am - 4 pm



**CLINTON HILL** 

#### Saying goodbye

BRIC has let the O know that Leslie Griesbach Schultz will be stepping down as president.

Leslie helmed BRIC since 2005, and aided in its growth from \$3.7 million to \$15.8 million in annual operating revenues. She led the transformation of BRIC from an umbrella for arts and media programs into a leader and an award-winning facility in Downtown. She helped in expanding programming, education initiatives and community-engagement work.

The search is presently on for her replacement, however Leslie will remain at BRIC until June 2018, when the organization begins a year-long celebration of its 40th anniversary.

"Serving as head of BRIC these past 12 years has been the great privilege and joy of my career," Leslie said, adding, "I am beyond fortunate to have been in the right place at the right time as we went on this journey to-

Hilary Ackermann, chairperson of BRIC'S board of directors, said, "Leslie has been a driving force behind the growth of BRIC and its expanding role as a leader in the New York City cultural landscape."

Adding, "The board is very sad to see her go, and is tremendously grateful for all she has contributed."

Standing O wishes Leslie good luck in her future endeavors.

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in and do what we can to ease this heartbreaking situation. We know firsthand the devastation that natural disasters can wreak on coastal communities. We at the Shorefront Y are proud to partner on this initiative and bring assistance to our fellow Americans in Puerto Rico as we do here in Brooklyn," said Sue Fox, executive director of the Y.

Shorefront Y [3300 Coney Island Ave. at Brightwater Court, in Sheep-"It's up to our communities to step shead Bay; (718) 646-1444].

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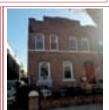
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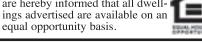
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IN TRIBUTE: Dozens of pols, religious leaders, and anti-gun activists gathered outside Borough Hall on Tuesday night to honor the victims of the Las Vegas shooting.

Photo by Jason Speakman

# ENOUGH ALREADY!

# After Vegas, Brooklynites demand more gun control

#### BY LAUREN GILL

They mourned to motivate change.

More than a hundred people assembled in Borough Hall Plaza on Tuesday to grieve the victims of Sunday's mass shooting in Las Vegas, and local leaders who led the vigil demanded action to stop similar tragedies from happening again.

"We need to be very clear that now is the time for everyday Americans to raise their voices, and come together to remove the threat of guns and violence from this country," said Borough President Adams. "Americans should not have to gamble with their lives by merely being in public view."

The beep joined a crowd of elected officials, religious leaders, and anti-gun activists who held candles to remember the people killed and injured when a shooter opened fire on the audience at an open-air country-music concert from inside his hotel room on the Las Vegas strip. At least 59 people were killed and around 500 were hurt in the attack, which was one of the deadliest mass shootings in the country, according to reports.

Crowd members also clutched signs displaying the number of lives lost in other shootings — including those in Orlando, San Bernardino, Sandy Hook, and at Virginia Tech.

Speakers called for legislative reform, reiterating how incidents of firearm violence have become a part of everyday life, according to a spokesman for the borough president.

"Everyone emphasized the absurdity of this continuing to happen every single day in America," said Eugene Resnick.

And one activist pleaded for pols to pass much-needed legislation that will finally put an end to violence caused by guns.

"It's insane our legislators will not take steps to stop these shootings," said Jaime Pessin, a Boerum Hill resident and member of anti-gun advocacy group Moms Demand Action, which partnered with the beep to host the vigil. "We have a public health crisis and there are solutions to this problem."



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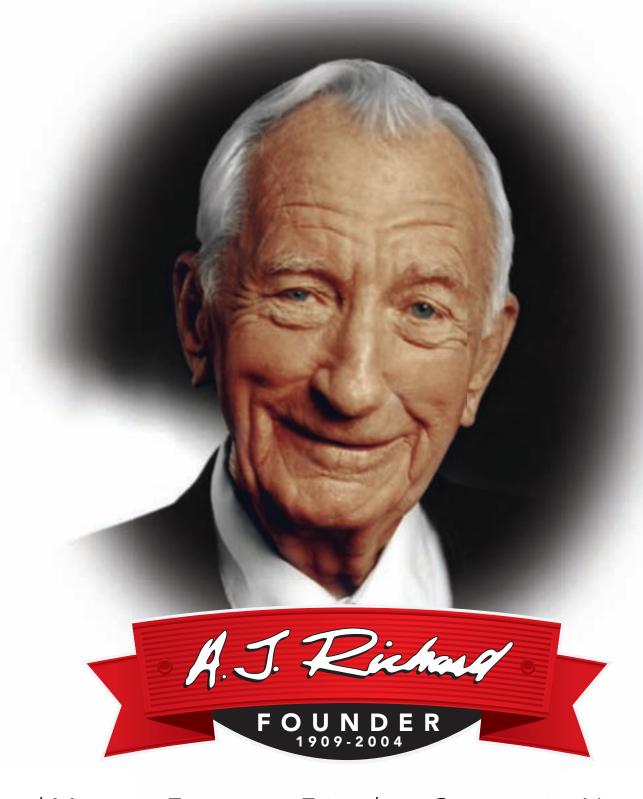


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# New York Harbor Watch



**DEFENDING THE TITLE:** Marine Corps Sgt. Ethan Mawhinney defended his championship title at the Marine Corps third annual High Intensity Tactical Training Tactical Athlete Competition at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug. '17.

Cpl. Bryann Whitley

# Marine defends his title in California

#### HARBOR WATCH

Marine Corps Sgt. Ethan Mawhinney, a Pittsburgh native and a Marine Air-Ground Task Force planner with Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command at Camp LeJeune, successfully defended his championship title at the Marine Corps' third annual High Intensity Tactical Training program Tactical Athlete Competition held at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug. 28-31.

together the top male and female Marines from each Marine Corps installation in a demanding competition of military functional fitness and to promote the advanced dynamics found in the Tactical Training program. The program is comprised of seven foundational movements: squat, press, lunge, plank, rotate, pull and push for a full-body, functional workout.

Mawhinney participated in the first competition in 2015, only a few months after completing the Tactical Training Level 1 Instructor Course. He was still new to the HITT program and didn't know what to expect when arriving at the competition. He

attributed his sixth place finish to his lack of knowledge and proper preparation.

#### **Workout routine**

"I wasn't really prepared for what the competition consisted of," Mawhinney said. "I was still pretty new and didn't have the knowledge to really succeed in the competition yet."

Unsatisfied with the results, Mawhinney used his knowledge of the competition and Tactical Training program to overhaul his workout routine.

He did three-a-day workouts consisting of sprints and distance running along with Tactical Training workouts.

He took first place in 2016, and came in first place again in this year's competition, maintaining his title as Male Division Champion for the 2017 Tactical Training Tactical Athlete Competition.

"I've heard it said that we should work out for two reasons: to make ourselves better at killing the enemy and to make ourselves harder for the enemy to kill," Mawhinney said. "I think that really matches with what the HITT program does in having that tactical athlete mindset."

# Going home to help

#### Spc. Chester homeward bound to Florida

#### HARBOR WATCH

Army Spc. Breyonnha Chester, a resident of Philadelphia, serves as a motor transport operator with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's Detachment 1, 1067th Transportation Company, 213th Regional Support Group at Fort Indiantown GAP, in Pennsylvania.

Motor transport operators are primarily responsible for supervising or operating wheeled vehicles to transport personnel and cargo. They are a core component of the Army's support and sustainment structure, providing advanced mobility on and off the battlefield.

"The main reason I joined the National Guard was because I come from a military family," Chester said. "My dad and grandad both served, so I always knew growing up that joining the military and helping others was something I wanted to do."

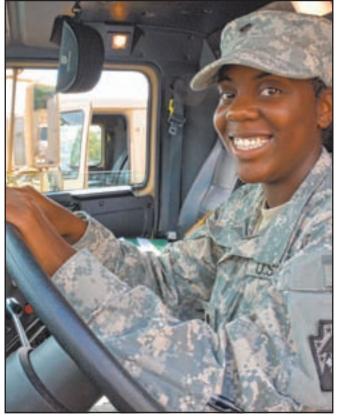
In her civilian life, Chester is a mail carrier and assistant supervisor for the Newtown, Pa., post office. She credits the National Guard with teaching her the value of being disciplined.

"Having the ability to listen well and follow instructions, but also knowing when to step up to lead is important," she said. "These skills have helped me a lot in the civilian world, especially in my position at the post office."

#### Each profession helps the other

Though her military occupation differs from her civilian career, Chester said, she uses her experiences from each to better herself in both fields.

"I'm a truck driver in the military and a mail carrier in my civilian capacity," she explained. "Though they're quite different jobs, I've found similarities between the two positions because I serve in a



MISSION OF MERCY: Spc. Breyonnha Chester sits ready at the wheel of her M915 truck, which she drove from Pennsylvania to Texas and back to provide relief supplies and equipment to those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Sgt. Shane Smith

leadership role in both.

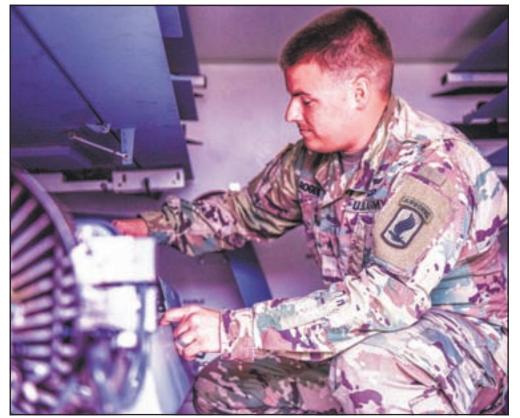
"I'm an assistant supervisor at the Newtown post office," she continued, "and I'm a team leader with Detachment 1, 1067th Transportation Company. I have several lower enlisted soldiers in my team I'm responsible for, and I serve as a leader for new soldiers entering the unit. I try to use the skills and lessons I've learned from both aspects of my life. civilian and military, to improve my leadership abilities and performance in each position."

Chester recently was part of a group of soldiers with the 213th Regional Support Group, Pennsylvania Army National Guard who volunteered to respond and assist with Hurricane Harvey relief short amount of time izen-soldiers, it takes someone to put their someone to put their sist at a moment's life on hold and be responded and assist in proud to call the with Hurricane Harvey relief short amount of time izen-soldiers, it takes someone to put their sist at a moment's life on hold and be represented by the soldiers.

efforts. Within 48 hours of being tasked, these soldiers mobilized and drove 16 Pennsylvania National Guard M915 trucks hauling relief supplies and equipment to Texas.

"I think the Pennsylvania National Guard's response to Hurricane Harvey is an amazing thing, and I'm so happy volunteers from the [Pennsylvania] Guard and other states are stepping up to aid Texas in a time of need," Chester said. "All of the 213th RSG soldiers here today volunteered and mobilized in an extremely short amount of time. As citizen-soldiers, it takes a lot for someone to put their personal life on hold and be ready to assist at a moment's notice, so I'm proud to call these people

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LIFE SAVER!: Sgt. Kyle Martin Rogers, an Unmanned Aircraft Systems Repairer from Delta Company, 54th Brigade Engineering Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade inspects his unit's equipment. While he was on duty in Vicenza, Italy, Rogers' quick reactions saved the life of a local woman who was suffering an epileptic seizure.

# Hero saves a life

## He aids woman in medical emergency

#### HARBOR WATCH

Monte Berico, a steep hill situated in the heart of Vicenza, Italy, houses an elegant historic church that attracts numerous local residents and tourists because of the grand cityscape view it offers. For 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team soldiers, the hill signifies the destination for a refreshing. yet arduous, run through scenic Vicenza during physical

But after Army Sgt. Kyle Martin Rogers, an unmanned aircraft systems repairer from Delta Company, 54th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, completed that run Aug. 31, he went above and beyond the call of duty by saving a local Italian woman's life.

Rogers prepared for the 5.5mile run as usual, stretching his limbs and joints and priming his brain for endurance. The task was called the "Danger Run," after the company moniker — an event akin to a scavenger hunt in which the participants run to various locations and complete specific tasks at each one. Once given the nod that they completed the next destination.

After Rogers and his team successfully completed all the events, they reached the city's train station, which functions as one of the route's pivotal milestones because it precedes the challenging incline. He ascended until he surmounted the hill, where his vehicle was staged for his return to base.

Once he finished congratulating his fellow soldiers for their hard work, he hopped into his car and started down the hill. It was near the same train station he passed moments before that he stopped at a crosswalk, letting an Italian lady cross the street. She took a few steps into the crosswalk, then unexpectedly collapsed on the unforgiving asphalt in what later proved to be an epileptic seizure. Foam collected on both sides of her mouth. and her body convulsed violently as onlookers watched the scene unfold.

"No one reacted," Rogers said. "They moved slowly, and everyone looked confused."

#### **Providing first aid**

Rogers got out of his vethe mission, they continued to He sprinted to the woman said.

and shifted her purse up to her head to act as a pillow. He rolled her onto her side in the recovery position to clear her airway, allowing the woman

"I cleared her throat because she was convulsing at the mouth," Rogers said. "I used the purse because her head was bouncing on the ground, and I stabilized her until the Italian police showed up as well as a San Bortolo nurse. Within 10 to 15 minutes, the paramedics showed up."

Emergency medical services took over from there. They gathered blood samples, inserted an intravenous line and placed the woman on a stretcher. She regained consciousness as she was being transferred to the ambulance that transported her to the hospital.

platoon leader, Rogers' Army 1st Lt. Carlos Omar Flores, said Rogers' ability to react properly should come as no surprise.

"Our soldiers are all trained, and when put in that scenario, the training will kick in and their quick reachicle to administer first aid. tion will save lives," Flores

# Home is where the help is

#### HARBOR WATCH

Vincent Dupree was a 22year-old security guard at Miami's Cutler Ridge Mall when Hurricane Andrew roared through South Florida in 1992.

The Category 5 storm came with little warning, said Dupree, now an Army staff sergeant. He was at work and confident like many others that the storm was going to turn and miss Florida. Then, he heard what he said sounded like an approaching train.

"We took cover in the mall's brick corridors, and some of us held onto the doors as the whole building began to shake," he said.

Tornadoes spun off from the furious hurricane, hurling vehicles from the car dealership next door through the roof of the mall, Dupree

#### Widespread destrúction

After it was over, he said, the streets of Miami and Homestead were unrecognizable. Hurricane Andrew demolished tens of thousands of homes in Florida, caused more than \$26 billion in damage and left 65 people dead.

"I couldn't even find my way driving home," Dupree said. "All trees, street signs and landmarks were completely gone. Houses were scattered down the streets."

The storm destroyed Dupree's home, and briefly disrupted the life the young man was working to build for himself. He had just purchased his first home two weeks before Andrew's landfall.

There were so few buildings remaining that were

deemed safe enough to use as shelters that Dupree and his family had to live in one of the many tent cities that popped up in Andrew's wake. After a few weeks, he and his family were able to move into the skeletal structure of a relative's home, a gutted shell of what it used to be, he said.

#### 'I know how to help people'

"I learned a lot through that experience," Dupree said. "I know how to help people now if they ever go through something like this."

Twenty-five years after Hurricane Andrew, Dupree, a petroleum and supply specialist with the 82nd Airborne Division's 249th Quartermaster Composite Supply Company, has returned to the Sunshine State with his unit to support the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the state of Florida in relief missions after Hurricane Irma, which struck Miami as a Category 4 hurricane.

This is Dupree's first natural disaster relief mission, and he said it is also the first mission of this kind for many soldiers in the 82nd Airborne Division.

"All of the soldiers with the 82nd are motivated and eager to help," he said. "The unit is prepared to deploy anywhere within a 72-hour period, but they are excited and proud to directly help American citizens."

While Dupree expressed relief that his family was unharmed — albeit without power - he said he is hoping to help others around the state who may not be as fortunate."

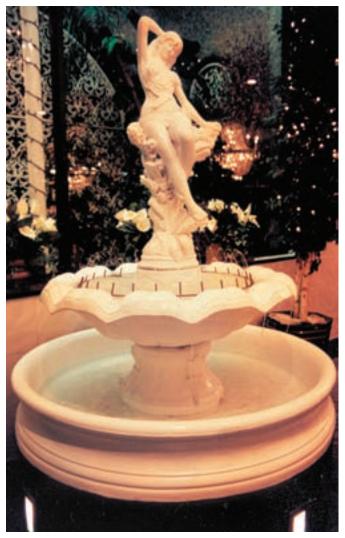


HELPING OUT AFTER IRMA: Army Staff Sgt. Vincent Dupree, returned to Florida to provide support after Hurricane Irma.

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# So very weary of domestic gun violence

To the editor.

Every time there is a massacre of innocent lives lost, the public is directed to not point any fingers towards the gun laws, the NRA, or towards the men and women whom we have sent to the Congress to represent our views as a whole. What we are directed to accept in this brainwashing scenario is the following:

Suggest and apply new security measures, hire additional security teams, and create long lines for security checks in any and all establishments until the public forgets or moves on to another subject because the attention span is thought of as being short, or it is assumed the public will return to their day to day lifestyles. Thus, the problem is solved until it occurs again.

Again we are bullied, brainwashed into not pointing the finger at the NRA, and to the many pockets that the NRA fill of our so-called Washington watch dogs who are suppose to protect us and these United States. Whenever a massacre occurs we are told this is not the time to discuss the politics of gun control since the families and states are in mourning, that the powers that be are trying to find the reason for the awful event happening. However, we send our thoughts and prayers to the families, the mothers, the fathers, the husbands, and wives, the children, and the friends our condolences.

Well Mr. President, the Congress, the NRA, and the voters who continue to vote the way of the gun, the people who lost loved ones truly don't want to hear "I'm sorry for your loss", when there is something that can be done to finally stop the madness for once and for all.

Let's spell it out. There is *no need* for a public gun owner to have semi, or fully automatic guns and rifles. They are *not* required for a legal hunting season. The *only* groups required to carry these types of weapons are the military and the law enforcement departments.

All weapons of mass destruction currently held by the public must be turned in to the police through a "buy back" program forthwith. Orlando, Fla: 49 killed; Newtown,

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# **SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR**

#### LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

Conn.: 20 *children*, 6 teachers; Las Vegas, Nev.: 59 killed; Littleton, Co.:13 killed; Charleston S.C., 9 killed; Senator Gabrielle Giffords, and Senator Joseph Scalise, shot but survived with long-term effects to their bodies. Along with the hundreds that were wounded mentally and physically.

We are tired of saying we are heartbroken, we are tired of shedding tears, we are tired of having guns of repeat firing capabilities in the hands of anyone not in "active" duty within the armed forces or in law enforcement. We are tired of being tired. The White House seat, the Congress Democrats and Republicans who are allowing the NRA to dictate what is best for America, the time is now. It is personal, it is political, it is embarrassing that we are the only country with so many domestic gun deaths and we are suppose to be the world leader.

Prove it. America dares you to get it right.

Debra Justin
Canarsie

#### Danger always lurks

To the editor,

The ever-increasing madness around the globe is growing exponentially every day. An insane shooter in Las Vegas somehow obtained guns and ammunition enough to blow away a small country. With all the rules and regulations in force it only proves, once again, if a deranged person wants to get weapons to commit heinous crimes, they will get them no matter what!

I am sure that feel-good politicians on the left have already started howling about guns and gun control as they do with every unfortunate event where guns are involved. One politician had even made a comment that all persons and parcels entering any high-rise building, be it residence, business or hotel, pass through metal detectors before being allowed access. I am sure that if this were in effect, the shooter would have found another venue to terrorize and inflict mass death.

There is no easy answer for any of these shootings and no doubt, whatever the FBI and police agencies learn, they may be able to thwart a similar event. There will be more evil acts in the future as no one on earth can stop a determined individual or group from carrying out their insane acts. We can only trust in our police and emergency forces to give a small modicum of protection especially in wide-open public events. I have stopped going to large crowd filled

venues years ago because, ya can't be too sure or trust anyone out there.

Robert W. Lobenstein Marine Park

#### Signing off

To the editor,

The Department of Transportation's statement that it usually takes 14 days for missing street signs to be replaced made me laugh. ("Street signs snatched, Sept. 29") I reported two missing Sheepshead Bay Road street signs at Emmons Avenue, 100 feet from my Assemblyman's office, about a half dozen times. Each time, DOT responded with a broken promise as to when they would be replaced. Finally, they were replaced over three years later!

On Aug. 1, I received notification from DOT that my complaints for worn out crosswalks and a completely obliterated double yellow line for the entire length of Shore Boulevard (which has been obliterated for over one year now) were received.

Important street signs that are missing are also a safety issue because they confuse motorists and could cause them to make last minute decisions whether to turn or not to turn. So much for DOT stating that safety is their primary concern. Will I now have to wait three years for these latest issues to be resolved?

Allan Rosen Manhattan Beach

#### Finish the job, please

To the editor,

The platforms on the N subway line southbound are currently under construction. The northbound stations were opened, though a few were not completed. The northbound platform at 86th Street was opened, even though the stairway is not completed.

One of the main reasons for the upgrade was that the walls were so badly caked with what testing had shown to be toxic liquids dripping down leading to the decay of the walls. Part of this work was the installation of a new wall in front of the old. (I do now know what was physically wrong with the old wall.)

Here's the bad news — about 10 yards from the stairway going toward the back of the platform is a new dripping from the top of the wall. Once again this is dangerous to the public. It also shows that the construction was ineffective and incomplete. Not only must this be repaired as quickly as possible, the correction needs to be applied to all the stations on this

route. The design flaw at the top of the wall is still allowing the problem to occur. Naturally the cost of fixing this will increase and should be burdened by the design company. So here is another waste of Metropolitan Transportation Authority funds.

> Ronald Cohen Gravesend

#### Call it low tech

To the editor:

After all the work being done by the 'MTA FAST' how come every morning on the radio I hear subway delays. It seems to be more common then before the question is "Why?" One would think the improvements would solve the problems but in reality it's the same old same old.

We also hear of another fare raise down the road for what purpose? So how much money would the city need to improve bus and subway service? Don't you think it would be helpful if the city and state worked together to find a solution making the transit system much more reliable. As I've mentioned more then once I check my phone for a bus time which tells me where and when that bus should arrive. What my phone never says that bus is out of service and possibly the next bus as well. So what's the great improvement? Technology. Give me a Solomon Rafelowsky break.

**Brighton Beach** 

#### Disciple of discipline

To the editor,

A week after a murder took place in a New York City classroom, Chancellor Farina stated that noisy classrooms may be a response to interactive play among the students, which she claimed to be educationally beneficial. These liberals will stop at nothing to avoid discussing the complete lack of discipline in our public schools. That's why they justify cooperative learning as an example.

When will the Chancellor and Mayor get down to basics and admit that we have a major crisis in our schools? Instead, they choose to live on Fantasy Island.

Truth of the matter is that our schools shall never improve until the "600" school concept for disruptive students is brought back. The mayor and chancellor have both refused to discipline children and have made it virtually impossible to suspend unruly pupils. Let them bring back old fashioned discipline with zero intolerance for any infraction.

Ed Greenspan Sheepshead Bay

# Whose kids get a better education?

our months after Lenora Chu and her family arrived in Shanghai from the United States in 2010, Shanghai high-schoolers scored tops in the world in math, reading, and science. America landed somewhere in the middle of the pack of about 70 countries.

As a mom, a reporter, and the American-born child of Chinese immigrants making a giant reverse commute, it seemed she had come to the real land of opportunity.

Chu, a Columbia Journalism School grad, saw a grand schooling story unfolding. She spent the next seven years examining not just her young son's education, but the whole Chinese educational tem, comparing it with her own American upbringing and what's happening in our schools today. Far from declaring China the winner — or America — she's come down in favor of mix-'n-matching, as she explains in her new book. "Little Soldiers: An American Boy, a Chinese School and the Global Race to Achieve."

"A lot of upsides can obviously be downsides," she said



## **RHYMES WITH CRAZY**

Lenore Skenazy

on a recent trip to New York. "This book is the story of an American family that landed in China in a very extreme environment that prompted me to reflect."

How extreme? Well, that's the stuff that gets a lot of negative publicity. In China, education is not a touchy-feely thing.

"It's a sorting mechanism —you advance to the next level of schooling based on a test score," said Chu. The teachers

are very strict from the get-go. One day, her preschooler came home from school with shiny red star stuck to his forehead.

"What do you get a red star for?" she asks in the book. "Do you get it if you run fast?"

Her son, Rainey, laughed He got it, of course, for sitting still. Chu was outraged. Her son was just three!

'Why do you sit? Do they make you sit at school? Do you have to sit?" Her husband, National Public Radio's China correspondent Rob Schmitz, said is sounded as if she was asking, "Are your human rights being violated?"

But learning to sit still doesn't violate any U.N. conventions. And neither did what happened next. Rainey told his mom that four times that day he had found egg in his mouth the food he detested most. How did it get there, Chu asked? The teacher put it in, because eggs are an important food. Three times he cried and spit it out. The fourth time, he swallowed.

And today he likes eggs.

He's also bilingual and has learned some of the lessons American kids — or, let's put

it bluntly, my own kids — did not get in public school, like knowing the multiplication tables by heart.

"I hate the word 'rote,'" said Chu as we spoke in a Midtown hotel. "It's just memorization of basic knowledge and repeated practice. A lot of research supports that as foundational to learning."

It's possible that in bending over backward to make math and other subjects relatable, or "discovery-based," we forgot that discoveries depend on leaping forward from a base of knowledge. That base can be memorized for easy access.

Chu contrasts the Shanghai education her son was getting with an alternative school in California where there are no grades, punishments, or rewards. That kind of school. she said, would never exist in China. Of course, it barely exists in America, either.

"But the narrative is that these kids will become the bosses of the kids in China," she said.

And they may. While there's a lot to be said for memorization, there's also a lot to be said for cultivating curiosity and a love of learning, instead of literally force-feeding it.

In China, Chu said, "If you ask most Chinese parents, 'How's little Ming doing?' They'll say, 'He's eighth in math, ninth in Chinese, and 28th in physics. Out of 489 students, he's number 87 in his grade.' It's a culture that measures value based on numbers."

It is that way for a reason: The top-scoring students go on to the top schools and get the top jobs. It's straightforward. And that, Chu added, is why so many Chinese students are coming to study in America. They want a different, less regimented kind of education.

Chu sees a value to the strict education her son is getting there, but perhaps because it is balanced with summers in America. When she dropped him off at a camp here in the states, she overheard him asking the other kids about their test scores.

"The reaction was pretty muted." He quickly switched over to talk about baseball.

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# Vote to change NY's Constitution

ew Yorkers should vote "Yes" for a state Constitutional Convention on Election Day because our government needs reform and the politicians in Albany have continuously demonstrated that their priority is maintaining the status quo.

Article 19. Section 2 of our New York State Constitution requires that every 20 years voters decide whether or not to hold a Constitutional Convention. The mere fact that the career politicians of both political parties strongly oppose a Constitutional Convention demonstrates how much they fear the will of the people.

If voters choose to hold a Constitutional Convention, three delegates from each state Senate district, along with 15 at-large delegates, will be elected by the people in November, 2018. After this, these citizen representatives will meet to discuss changes to our state constitution. Any proposed amendments are then put before the voters for approval in the next general election. In short, we support a constitutional convention because we trust the people, not the politicians. The last state convention that had changes approved by the voters came in 1938; this convention should be the next one.

Like the American Constitutional Convention of 1787 that led to the world's greatest example of democracy, a state constitutional convention is the best opportunity





Curtis Sliwa and Bob Capano

for reform because it would be called for — and run by — the people directly.

New York State needs initiative and referendum, as well as term limits for state elected officials. Initiative and referendum allows the people to decide key policy issues. Blue states like California and red states like Arizona have initiative and referendum. This has resulted in increased voter turnout because the passion of the people around particular issues comes to the forefront, and they are engaged. Voters care more about issues, not elected officials, and this inspires them to be more involved in our political process.

The list of issues that could be put before voters to decide through initiative and referendum that would spark voter interest and debate are endless. It could include whether or not to have red-light cameras, voucher programs for private and parochial schools, or fees on plastic bags. Regardless of the issue, people would be discussing these topics at town halls, diners, and schoolyards throughout the state, building momentum for more participation on election days.

A Constitutional Convention can also propose term limits for state elected officials. Albany politicians will never approve term limits by themselves because their main interest is maintaining and accumulating power. Haven't we seen enough New York politicians convicted of bribery because they think they are immune to laws because of their longevity in office?

We also need to ease ballot access. One should not need an army of lawyers to get through the petitioning process to be on the ballot, and voters should not have to wait almost a year for their change of party affiliation to be implemented. Entrenched incumbents benefit from making it as difficult as possible for newcomers to challenge them so they have no interest in these changes either.

Gerrymandering of state and congressional legislative seats must end. Although the United States Supreme Court ruled that racial gerrymandering is unconstitutional in Thornburg vs. Gingles (1986), drawing districts based on political party affiliation is permitted. This has led to the incumbency protection plans we have today because seats are safely held by Republicans or Democrats. Therefore, these elected officials do not have to worry about serious challengers and can afford to only pay attention to their political base. This is why we have more sustained gridlock in Albany and Washington. A Constitutional Convention can offer a proposed amendment to create a real independent redistricting commission to draw districts every 10 years after the census. This would lead to more competitive races where members of all political parties, and not just Republicans and Democrats, have a real chance to win. Elected officials would be forced to listen to all voices in their districts. Again, the career politicians in Albany would never take this step on their own because their priority is keeping their jobs as long as possible by having easy re-elections every two years through having carefully drawn districts that all but guarantees their continued time in office.

We know that the Albany crowd opposes all of these changes to state government, and therefore, a constitutional convention is the only chance to implement them. Opponents of the convention are frightening voters into what changes could happen that would adversely affect particular unions or interest groups. Simply, whether or not to vote to approve a constitutional convention or not comes down to hope versus fear of the unknown. We can't hope any longer that the career Albany politicians will do the right thing to reform and improve our government. We must have faith in the people. In 1846, Ansel Bascom was one of the authors of the provision allowing voters to decide on a Constitutional Convention every 20 year and he stated, "All power is preserved to the people ... once every 20 years they might take the matter [of how they are governed] ... into their own hands." We must seize this opportunity on Nov. 7 and vote "Yes" for a New York State Constitutional Convention.

Guardian Angels' founder and radio show host Curtis Sliwa is the chairman of the New York State Reform Party and Bob Capano has served as an adjunct political science professor for more than 15 years with the City University of New York and is the Reform Party candidate in Brooklyn's 43rd Council District.

# Make healthy drinks the default on kids' menus

s a pediatric nutritionist, I often counsel families on the importance of making healthy choices. Many parents tell me about their battles that ensue with their children because kids want sugary

It can be difficult to find healthy options, especially in today's environment of such busy schedules and depending on the convenience of dining outside of the home. That's why I'm not surprised to see that a recent poll conducted by Global Health Strategies on behalf of the American Heart Association demonstrates Pamela Bonney

that New Yorkers nearly universally support making the options on children's menus healthier and making healthy drinks like water and milk the default drink option.

Heart disease and diabetes are a real threat to our health. Most of the added sugars in our diets come from sugary drinks such as sports drinks and sodas, and the excessive consumption of these added sugars increases the risk of developing heart disease. The American

Heart Association recommends that children and teens limit their intake of sugar-sweetened drinks to no more than eight ounces per week.

Making healthy drinks the default option on restaurant children's menus makes sense. Sugary drinks are causing long term health issues and contributing to health inequities. When you look at the city across neighborhoods and compare life expectancy to sugary drink consumption, the parallels are hard to ignore.

A recent Department of Health and Mental Hygiene data shows that in Brownsville, 40 percent of residents drink one or more 12-ounce sugar-sweetened beverage per day. That same community has the lowest life expectancy of any area of New York City. In the neighborhoods with the highest life expectancy, only 12 percent of residents drink one or more sugary drinks a day. Compounded with factors such as poverty and unemployment, sugary drinks are contributing to shorter life expectancy in many of our communities. It is time that we stop the cycle.

The recent survey conducted on behalf of the Ameria clear message: New Yorkers want healthier options on kids' menus. They're also more likely to take a child to a restaurant that offers healthy options on the menu, which means healthier options are good for kids, for families, and for husinesses

We all have a role to play in creating an environment where the healthy choice is the easy choice, and where communities are working together to support our children's health.

Pamela Bonnev is a nutrition and health consultant can Heart Association sends from Huntington, Long Island.

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#### **Using mobile phones**

Leading the list of the top distractions behind the wheel are mobile phones. Phones now do more than just place calls, and drivers often cannot pull away from their phones, even when driving. According to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, studies have shown that driving performance is lowered and the level of distraction is higher for drivers who are heavily engaged in cell

phone conversations. The use of a hands-free device does not lower distraction levels. The percentage of vehicle crashes and near-crashes attributed to dialing is nearly identical to the number associated with talking or listening.

#### **Daydreaming**

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

Glancing at an advertisement, updating a Facebook status or reading a book are all activities that should be avoided when driving. Even pouring over a traffic map or consulting the digital display of a GPS system can be distracting.

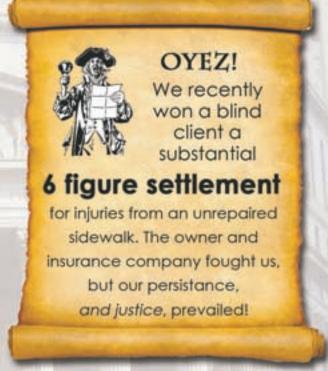
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Health insurance is one type of insurance that people have to manage their health and well-being. There's also another, perhaps lesserknown insurance that can prove invaluable. It is called long-term care

insurance product that is found priservices. The AARP notes that these rate. Some policies do not require

and the United Kingdom. It generally covers assisted living needs, home care, hospice care, adult day care, and other requirements of senior living or health management. People who invest in this are planning ahead for the times when they may no longer be able to care for themselves without assistance. It will help offset the ever-rising costs associated with specialized senior housing and nursing facilities.

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stay in a sub-acute rehabilitation center or nursing home, or pay for a limited amount of at-home care. Long-term care insurance can help families finance the cost of medical care when all other options will not.

Long-term care insurance should be looked into early in life, as policies often cost less if purchased when one is younger and in good health. People in poor health or already receiving long-term care services may not qualify for it outright. But there are some workarounds, including buying a limited amount of coverage or coverage at a higher "nonstandard"

may be advantageous to people with preexisting health conditions.

When shopping for policies, look into how long the insurance will pay. Some policies include limits on how long or how much providers will pay for care, with some plans maxing out at two to five years. Other policies may not implement a term limit.

Speak with a tax specialist as well, as premiums paid on a longterm care insurance products may be tax deductible.

Long-term care insurance is a way for individuals to finance the often expensive costs for medical services that may be required as one ages.



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An early diagnosis can be crucial in the care and treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

# Contrasting 'Early onset' vs. 'Early stage' Alzheimer's

ne of the questions I'm frequently asked is, "What is the difference between early onset and early stage Alzheimer's disease?" Understanding the difference is the key to getting both a good diagnosis and developing a good care plan.

First, the basics. Alzheimer's disease is an irreversible, progressive brain disorder that slowly destroys memory and thinking skills and, eventually, the ability to carry out the activities of daily living. Most symptoms after the age of 65. More than half of those over 85 have Alzheimer's or some related form of dementia.

Regardless of the age of onset, we call the first phase of Alzheimer's, early stage. During the early stage, individuals, regardless of age, experience mild symptoms including memory loss. They may also take longer to complete daily tasks, lose things more frequently and may have personality and behavior changes.

However, some people develop Alzheimer's before the age of 65. Traditionally, this was called early onset Alzheimer's. To reduce the confusion, many experts now refer to this as young-onset Alzheimer's. Today, young-onset, which affects individuals in their 30s. 40s. and 50s, accounts for 10 percent of all Alzheimer's cases. While each case of Alzheimer's progresses differently, individuals with young-onset experience the same early stage symptoms as an older person.

Because we do not anticipate a younger person developing Alzheimer's, young-onset may take longer to diagnose and has a very powerful impact on families and friends. A diagnosis will affect an individual's ability to work and receive employee medical and other benefits. Those with young-onset may have young families, who will need to reorganize their entire lives to manage this unexpected life crisis. A strong support system and a comprehensive financial, legal, and personal care strategy will be essential, as will be planning for the difficult, but essential end-of-life decisions.



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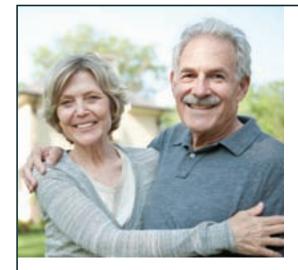
prehensive and accurate diagnosis in the early stage of the disease allows individuals and families the maximum time to plan and access resources for good care. There is solid research to show that good care may help preserve daily functioning for longer periods, even if the underlying Alzheimer's progression cannot be stopped or reversed.

With every Alzheimer's diagnosis, regardless of the age of onset, the most important resource is support from family, friends, and professionals who are educated about the disease and how best to manage the implications for the individual's quality of life. Individuals and their families should know that Alzheimer's is a physical, not a mental illness. When individuals are diagnosed in the early stage of the disease, they can continue to have a meaningful and productive life with the support of friends and family for some time by engaging in the activities and interests they enjoy.

A diagnosis in the early stage also allows individuals and families affected by the diagnosis to connect with experts and organizations like CaringKind, where they can develop support networks, caregiving skills and access the resources they will need throughout the course of the disease.

If you or someone you know is exhibiting symptoms of impairment at any age, it is important to find the resources for diagnosis and care as soon as possible. The dedicated professionals at CaringKind are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide that counseling.

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# Keep heart running strong into your golden years

eart health should be a concern for people of all ages, but especially so for men and women over 50. That's because, according to the American Heart Association, even those who are free of cardiovascular disease at age 50 are at a significant lifetime risk of developing the disease.

But heart disease does not have to be an accepted byproduct of aging. For example, a 2014 study published in the Association's journal "Circulation" found that maintaining or increasing physical activity after age 65 can improve the heart's well-being and lower risk of heart attack.

In addition to increasing physical activity as they age, older men and women who understand heart disease and learn to recognize its symptoms have a greater chance of minimizing its affects and lowering their risk of having a heart attack:

#### What are the symptoms of heart disease?

Heart disease is a blanket term used to describe a host of conditions, so symptoms vary depending on each individual condition. The following are some of the more widely known conditions and their symp-

Hypertension: Also known as high blood pressure, hypertension is a largely symptomless form of heart disease. The Association notes that the idea that hypertension produces symptoms such as difficulty sleeping, facial flushing, nervousness, and sweating is a misconception. Symptoms typically do not alert men and women to the presence of hypertension, highlighting the emphasis you should place on routine visits to the doctor's office, where your



Thirty minutes of exercise a day promotes a healthy heart.

blood pressure can be taken.

**Heart attack:** The symptoms of a heart attack are different than the symptoms of heart disease that may lead to heart attack. The former can be found by visiting www.heart.org. Signs that you may be heading toward a heart attack include undue fatigue, palpitations (the sensation that your heart is skipping a beat or beating too rapidly), dyspnea (difficulty or labored breathing), chest pain, or discomfort from increased activity.

Arrhythmia: Arrhythmia means your heartbeat is irregular, and men and women often mistakenly believe arrhythmia only afflicts those who already have been diagnosed with heart disease or have had a heart attack. But arrhythmia can affect even those men and women who have healthy hearts and no history of cardiovascular disease. Symptoms of arrhythmia can vary greatly, from a single premature beat to a series of premature beats that occur in rapid succession. Arrhythmia that lasts long enough to affect heart function may include symptoms such as rapid heartbeat, fatigue, dizziness, lightheadedness, shortness of breath, and chest pain.

#### How can I protect my heart?

Heart-healthy habits take some effort, but men and women can protect their hearts regardless of their ages:

Get sufficient exercise. At least 30 minutes of exercise per day can protect against disease.

Quit smoking. Smoking increases your risk for a host of ailments, including heart disease. Quitting is a great way to start getting your heart and other parts of your body back on track.

Include heart-healthy foods in your diet. A diet that is rich in fruits and vegetables and low in cholesterol, salt, and saturated fat promotes heart

Don't drink alcohol to excess. Like smoking, drinking alcohol to excess can lead to a host of problems, such as high blood pressure, arrhythmia, and high cholesterol, each of which increases your risk of heart disease.

Lose weight. Being overweight or obese is a major risk factor for heart disease. If you have already started to exercise daily and eat a more heart-healthy diet, then you're on your way to losing weight. Consult your physician if diet and exercise don't seem to be helping you to shed pounds.

Heart disease kills millions of people across the globe each year, many of whom are over 50. But men and women who learn about heart disease and how to reduce their risk stand a far greater chance of fighting the disease.

# Periodontal Disease in People over Age 65

ore than 17 percent of people over the age of 65 have periodontal (gum) disease, and it's also the most common cause of tooth loss among this population. Gum disease is usually the result of an infection of the gums and surrounding tissues that hold teeth in place.

The two forms of gum disease are gingivitis and periodontitis, both infections, and both are preventable with regular dental hygiene. Gingivitis is a mild form of gum disease where the gums become red, swollen and may bleed easily. Periodontitis is more severe and the infection can damage the soft tissues and bone that support teeth, resulting in gums pulling away from the teeth and forming "pockets" that become infected. Gum disease is often a painless condition until the advanced stage, at which point the gums, bone and ligaments supporting the teeth could already be dam-



out of four patients who come into the Hospital have periodontal disease and don't know it," said James Sconzo, M.D., chief of dental medicine at NewYork-Presbyte-Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. "Certain medical issues, like diabetes, can re-

Older Americans are also affected by periodontal disease because many take prescription and/or over-thecounter drugs, which can result in dry mouth. Dry mouth leads to periodontal disease because saliva, which "Realistically, about three sult in a higher risk of gum helps to wash away food de-

bris and reduce plaque, is lessened significantly.

Prevention for periodontal disease and tooth decay (cavities) includes very thorough daily brushing and flossing, as well as regular trips to the dentist for a deep cleaning.

Periodontal disease is typically diagnosed through lyn Methodist Hospital

x-rays. Treatment usually begins with a deep cleaning and, depending on how much of the mouth is affected and how infected the gums are. periodontal surgery may be required. The extreme deep cleaning procedure requires local anesthesia before removing plaque under the gums. "It's important to ensure that a patient's mouth is healthy before oral surgery is performed to lessen the risk of infection," explained Dr.

"Physicians also check to ensure that patients don't have periodontal disease before undergoing radiation therapy or chemotherapy. If a patient does need to have bone removed and grafted, it won't heal as well following these procedures," said Dr. Sconzo.

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# Dog breeds especially compatible with seniors

Pets often make ideal companions. They are around when a person needs support, they can provide protection for those living alone, they're always willing to lend an ear to problems, and many tend to offer unconditional love. Seniors facing an empty nest or the loss of a spouse may find pets can buoy their spirits. Studies have shown that seniors can benefit both mentally and physically from having a pet around. Pets can alleviate anxiety, depression and boredom.

While pets can provide comfort and companionship, they remain a significant responsibility. Seniors should find an animal that will fit in with their lifestyles. This is an important consideration for those seniors who travel frequently or have mobility issues. In addition, men and women living in senior communities or assisted living facilities should determine if there are any pet restrictions in place.

Those seniors who have decided that a dog will be the best fit can choose among several breeds that may be a good match for their needs. When selecting a dog, consider both size and temperament. Smaller dogs tend to be easier to handle and will need less maintenance. They are easily carried and won't take as long to



The loyalty and intelligence of schnauzers makes them ideal companions.

bathe and groom. Smaller dogs also consume less food than larger breeds, reducing the expense of dog food and the hassle of wrangling large, heavy bags of chow. Temperament is also important, as some breeds tend to be more easygoing than others. Larger breeds may be preferable to a smaller breeds, which tend to be hyperactive. However, always remember there are pros and cons to each breed, and each dog will demonstrate his own personality traits. The following are some dogs that can be especially compatible with seniors.

**Pug:** Equally playful and willing to be a lap dog, the pug requires little exercise and grooming. The breed is typically nonaggressive and submissive. Pugs are good-natured and playful; they don't often bark and are easy to train.

Shih Tzu: The Shih Tzu lives for attention, but this breed can be dominant and difficult to train. The Shih Tzu will be alert to its surroundings and, despite its small stature, can be a good watchdog.

**Pomeranian:** Pomeranians look like big balls of fur and can bring a

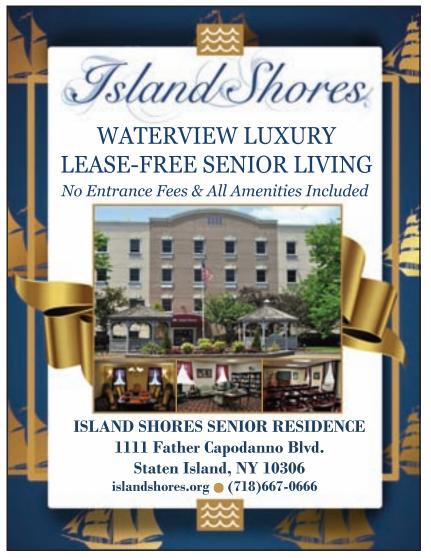
smile to an owner's face. The breed tends to be perky, can display dominance and can be difficult to train. Because Pomeranians can be dog-aggressive, they may be best as the only pet in the house.

Yorkshire terrier: The Yorkie is a diminutive breed in size only, as they tend to have exuberant personalities that dwarf their stature. The ideal lap dog, Yorkies want to lie around and lounge, though some do like to bark. If the fur is kept short in a "puppy cut," the dog can be easy to maintain.

Pembroke Welsh corgi: This medium-sized dog hails from Wales and typically requires only moderate exercise and little grooming. They are easy to train and moderately dominant. They don't bark excessively, and they often get along with other dogs.

**Schnauzer:** Available in three sizes, schnauzers are good companions and protectors. This is an intelligent and loyal breed and will need to be kept amused to stave off boredom.

Brussels griffon: These dogs do not shed, but they will require professional grooming at least once every three months. If socialized early, the griffon can be a good companion but will likely remain wary of strangers. They are good watchdogs and devoted to their owners.



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# **Understanding Medicare Open Enrollment**

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

This is an important time of year for older adults. Between Oct. 15 and Dec. 7 Medicare recipients can change their health insurance plan without penalty. Every year for almost two months, the federal government offers an "open enrollment" period when seniors can review, tweak their current policy or find a plan that better fits their needs.

During open enrollment recipients can switch from Medicare Part B (Original Medicare) to a Medicare Part C Plan (Medicare Advantage Plan). They may also switch from a Medicare Advantage Plan to Original Medicare or from one Medicare Advantage plan to another. During the same time period, participants can change or enroll in a Medigap plan and change their Medicare Part D prescription plan. Any changes that are made during open enrollment will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2018.

Selecting the right plan can be stressful especially if you do not understand what each offers. To help you make an educated decision, here is an explanation of the A, B, C's and D's of Medicare choices during open enrollment.

Medicare is the federal government's medical insurance plan that covers the cost of health care for most adults aged 65 and over. It may cover some younger individuals with special

medical requirements as well. Medicare is divided into two parts. Part A covers hospitalization and nursing home care. Medicare Part B covers outpatient services. Medicare Part A is not one of the options that can be changed during open enrollment although some Medicare Advantage Plans limit you select hospitals.

Medicare Part B includes doctor visits, outpatient medical procedures, equipment and some medical tests such as HIV screening, mammograms, prostate cancer screening, flu shots and diabetes tests. Medicare Part B is a nationwide health plan with participating doctors located anywhere in the U.S. This can be a major advantage. A major disadvantage is that Part B does NOT cover most dental care, eye exams, hearing aids, alternative medicine, and cosmetic surgery and it does not subsidize prescription drugs. To acquire these services a participant must join a supplementary insurance plan called a Medigap plan and a Medicare Part D prescription plan.

Medigap Plans are health plans supplied by private companies that are designed to supplement Medicare. They cover copayments, coinsurance, and annual deductibles. The costs of these plans vary, depending on what they offer. They all cover co-payment



Do research to choose the right health plan

costs not covered by Medicare and can provide additional services such as vision, hearing, and dental care.

Medicare Part C, also called Medicare Advantage Plans, are private health plans that are approved by the federal government. Some of the better known plans are Fidelis, United Healthcare, Aetna Healthcare although there are many more. Some of these plans offer their services at the same price as Original Medicare while others require higher premiums because they cover additional medical services like dental and eye care.

Advantage plans do not require participants to sign up for a Medigap or prescription plan. These services are usually included in the plan.

Medicare Part D is the federal government's drug program that subsi-

dizes the cost of prescription drugs for Original Medicare participants. Private companies that are approved by the federal government offer these plans. Each plan must offer a selection of medicines in specified drug categories called formularies. Some plans offer generics formularies instead of specific brand names, so recipients who are partial to taking a brand over a generic drug should check that their medicine is offered in their Part D plan.

What plan is best for you? This depends on your medical needs. Before you make a decision ask yourself the following questions: Will the new plan include your doctors and your medications? Can you afford payments? Does the plan include your hospital preferences? If you plan to move, will your plan still cover you?

Medicare's open enrollment period is a great opportunity for every senior to customize his medical needs but it is important to do your research before switching or retaining a plan.

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# Eating right can improve quality of life

egend states that on April 2, 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de León was the first European to discover modern-day Florida when he traveled on a quest for the mythical "Fountain of Youth." While modern science has proven that there is no mystical fountain or body of water that can reverse or slow down the aging process, there are many steps people can take to age well and prolong their lives.

Eating the right foods is one way to age well. According to Dr. Ralph Felder, coauthor of "The Bonus Years Diet," reversing the aging process internally is more difficult than outward cosmetic changes. But the right foods can go a long way toward increasing both life expectancy and quality of life. Those who want to employ diet to increase their life expectancy may want to start adding more of the following foods to their breakfast, lunch and dinner plates.

·Broccoli, grapes and salad: According to Health magazine, researchers have found that compounds in these three foods boast extra life-extending benefits.

•Berries: In addition to their abundance of antioxidants, berries



Berries and whole grains are nutritious foods that can help men and women live longer, healthier lives.

have other benefits. A 2012 study from Harvard University found that at least one serving of blueberries or two servings of strawberries each week may reduce the risk of cognitive decline in older adults.

• Fruits and vegetables: Produce is good for the body because it's low in calories and high in fiber, vitamins and other nutrients. Numerous studies have indicated that diets plentiful in fruits and vegetables help people maintain a healthy weight and protect against cardiovascular disease.

• Whole grains: Whole grains pack a lot of nutrition into a lowcalorie food. Whole grains help protect against type 2 diabetes, and researchers at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center found study participants whose diets included plenty of whole grains and fruit cut their heart disease risk by almost half compared to those whose diets favored meat and fatty foods.

•Red wine: A glass a day for women and no more than two glasses daily for men can be beneficial. Moderate consumption of red wine has been shown to slow age-related declines in cardiovascular function, according to the American Heart As-

·Fiber: Increase your fiber intake for a longer life. Research from The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition finds that the more fiber you include in your diet, the lower your risk of coronary heart disease. The daily recommendation is 25 to 35 grams.

While there may be no such thing as the fountain of youth, a healthy diet can help men and women prolong their lives.





Medicare's annual open enrollment period offers seniors the opportunity to reassess their health needs and choose a better medical plan without a penalty. iStock / IPGGutenbergUKLtd

# Understanding life insurance

ife insurance is a product few people want to think about. That's perfectly understandable, as life insurance forces men and women to consider their own mortality. But life insurance is not something adults should avoid, especially if they have dependents.

Many people should consider life insurance when estate planning so they can provide security for their loved ones. But life insurance is a purchase unlike any other, and people may be confused or intimidated when attempting to purchase life insurance policies.

## Deciding if you need coverage

While life insurance seems like the kind of thing every person should have, that's not necessarily the case. For example, single men and women with no dependents and no tax or debt concerns generally do not need life insurance. If you are single but have tax issues or a considerable amount of debt, then a life insurance policy can be used to pay those debts upon your death.

Adults with dependents, such as a spouse and children, should consider purchasing life insurance, which can help your surviving dependents maintain their quality of life and pay their bills in the wake of your death.

#### **Buying life insurance**

Much like various other types of insurance, life insurance can be purchased from an insurance agent or via an insurance company's website. When choosing a company from which to buy a life insurance policy, look for a company with a strong rating, as no one wants to end up being burned by a life insurance provider who goes out of business.

Some people prefer to work with in- icy before signing any contracts.

dependent brokers who can share information about products from various providers rather than just the ones offered by the firm company-affiliated agents work for.

#### Choosing coverage

When choosing coverage, you will no doubt be asked if you prefer term insurance or permanent insurance. Term insurance is the least expensive life insurance, and such policies only last for a predetermined number of years. You may purchase life insurance policies if you only want life insurance until you retire or until your children reach adulthood.

Permanent insurance is more expensive and will last from the moment you purchase the policy until your death. Many people choose permanent life insurance policies so the money their beneficiaries receive upon their death can be used to pay estate taxes. In addition, there is an investment component to permanent insurance policies, as a portion of the premiums on such policies is invested (policies will spell out how the money is invested) and allowed to grow tax-free so long as the policy is open. Term insurance only provides protection with no investments.

When choosing how much coverage to purchase, it's easy to go overboard and aim for as much as possible. However, many financial advisors suggest purchasing enough coverage to pay for funeral costs and a level of income replacement you can comfortably afford. If your spouse does not work, you should consider purchasing enough coverage so he can afford to pay the family's day-to-day cost of living expenses.

Life insurance merits serious consideration, and adults should do their homework and fully understand a policy before signing any contracts

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# Animal mummy exhibit contains bogus remains

By Leah Lu

The animals are out of their

A new exhibit at the Brooklyn Museum showcases the mummies of birds, cats, dogs, snakes, and other animals that have long been buried in the museum's archives. "Soulful Creatures: Animal Mummies in Ancient Egypt" displays almost 40 linen-wrapped critters excavated from different Egyptian cemeteries, where they are the most

common artifacts to be unearthed, according to the show's curator.

"There were literally millions and millions of animal mummies," said Edward Bleiberg, who is in charge of the Brooklyn Museum's Egyptian art collection.

The exhibit contains never-beforeviewed Egyptian antiquities, part of a large collection of artifacts purchased by the museum in 1937. The artwork went on display

immediately, but the animal mummies were kept in storage, unrecorded, until a curatorial assistant dug through the boxes in 2000 and discovered the animal mummies in the museum's possession.

'Soulful Creatures" concentrates on the most popular type of mummies: preserved ibis and cat corpses used as offerings to the gods.

But X-rays that accompany most of the mummies reveal that some of the contents are either incomplete or fake, with shoddy shrew bones standing in for kitty skeletons, or only partial remains wrapped up inside the figure. Associate curator Yekaterina Barbash said that she was surprised that so many mummy con-

tents did not match the shape outside — for instance, one case displays an intricately sculpted sarcophagus resembling an ibis, but the coffin is almost empty.

"It's a beautiful object, so when I saw it, I expected it would contain a beautifully preserved ibis mummy, but our scans show that it has exactly one bone and many, many feathers," said Barbash.

The missing mummy bones may be the result of fraud or cutting cor-

> ners on the part of the embalmers, said Bleiberg.

> "This was a huge industry within Egypt with lots of money at stake," he said. "Whenever there's money at stake in the ancient world, the possibility of corruption exists."

> But the exceptions might also have been motivated by religious reasons said Barbash.

"Perhaps Egyptians valued the idea of one shape and believed that could

enhance the worshipper's experience of getting their message to the gods," she said.

The museum will host a special screening of the 1932 film "The Mummy" on Oct. 12, followed by a tour led by Bleiberg. The exhibit will be on display through Jan. 21.

"Soulful Creatures: Animal Mummies in Ancient Egypt" at Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718)638-5000, www.brooklynmuseum.org]. Open Wed, 11 am-6pm; Thu, 11 am-10 pm, Fri-Sun, 11 am-6 pm; Mon, Tue, closed. \$16 suggested donation. "The Mummy" screening Oct. 12 at 7 pm. \$25.





For the birds: (Clockwise, from top) The ibis was the most common animal found mummified in ancient Egyptian tombs. Cats were the second most common. A gold and silver ibis figure is on display in the Brooklyn Museum. This cat-shaped coffin contains a kitty mummy, but not all exhibits can by judged by their outsides.



# TRIPLE PLAY

## Armstrong tribute uses three trumpets

By Julianne McShane

hey'll blow you away!

A Fort Greene jazz musician and his six-piece band will present a swinging tribute to music legend Louis Armstrong when they kick off the Jazz at the Lighthouse series in Manhattan Beach on Oct. 13. Trumpet player Eddie Allen said that the band 3hree for Louis will play fresh versions of Armstrong's classics by adding their own modern musical twists — and three times the horns.

"What we've done with his music is take compositions or tunes that he's made famous and we've re-arranged them or updated them from their original presentation and worked them out for three trumpets," said Allen. "Stylistically, all the pieces that we do have more of a modern spin, but you can still hear the original element in what he presented."

Allen not only amps up the horns, but he typically changes up the harmonic structures, chords, and tempos of Armstrong's music. For the Oct. 13 concert, Allen and two other trumpeters will be accompanied by piano, acoustic bass, and drums as they play Armstrong favorites including "Hello Dolly," "What a Wonderful World," "Mack the Knife," and "Struttin' With Some Barbecue."

Allen originally hails from Wisconsin, but he settled in Brooklyn in 1989 because of its jazz scene and friendly neighborhood vibes, he said.



All that jazz: Brooklynite Eddie Allen will perform a tribute to jazz legend Louis Armstrong on Oct. 13 to kick off the Kingsborough "Jazz at the Lighthouse" series.

York in general is constantly changing, but there's still a lot of places to perform," he said. "Brooklyn is still a viable hub to connect with musicians. so it's still really a nice place to be."

The musician also arranges and composes his own tunes, and has blown his trumpet for pop, Latin, and rhythm and blues bands, as well as performing on Broadway, with a recent stint in the orchestra for "The Color Purple.

Allen said he fell in love with jazz "accidentally" as a youngster, hearing "The jazz scene throughout New the music — along with its classical

counterparts - in the background of Saturday morning cartoons.

"I didn't know what it was," he said, "but one of the things that I later discovered was that Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington had a similar phrase, they'd say, 'There's only two kinds of music - good and bad."

Eddie Allen and 3hree For Louis at Kingsborough College Lighthouse (2001 Oriental Boulevard at Decatur Ave. in Manhattan Beach, www. onstageatkingsborough.org). 13 at 7 pm. \$40 (\$38 students and



Found music: Katie Longmyer, with partner Jen Lyon, founded the Brooklyn Electronic Music Festival 10 years ago on the banks of

# **Electrifying!**

## B'klyn Electronic Music Fest celebrates 10 years

By Bill Kopp he beat goes on! The Brooklyn Electronic Music Festival will celebrate its 10th anniversary next weekend with three days of performances and parties sprawling across seven venues all over the borough. The creators of the fest say that they never expected the event, which started as a borough-focused daytime party on the shores of the Gowanus Canal, to grow into the international electronic extravaganza it has

"It's a labor of love. It's like a creative brainstorm took over our lives," said Katie Longmyer, who started the festival with Jen Lvon. "We wanted to celebrate Brooklyn vendors and Brooklyn deejays."

The overwhelmingly positive reaction to that first festival encouraged the pair to make the Brooklyn Electronic Music Festival an annual event, which kept growing even after they moved it to Williamsburg.

"We just kept on adding venues along a sort of five-block radius, because it was the epicenter of dance music and clubs in that area," said Longmyer. "We kept on really leaning into the community, getting really good feedback, and it just snowballed in the best way."

This year's festival boasts more than 40 artists, drawing from electronic dance music, trance,

electronica, and other genres, and featuring talent from around the world. Headliners include British Broadcasting Corporation Radio One deejay Pete Tong, electronic avant-pop artist Matthew Dear, Chicago songwriter and record producer Green Velvet, and Los Angeles producer and deejay Tokimonsta.

Electronic music artists from around the world want to play Brooklyn, because the community here has a deep appreciation of the genre and its roots, said Longmyer.

"[They] really want to play in this market, because people in dance music understand the diversity of genre and the nuances of communities that are still very much woven into the fabric of the music," she said.

But the festival's founders want to keep the focus local even as they grow, with nearly every lineup at the festival featuring a Brooklyn disk jockey, and partnering with local businesses to host panels and a record fair.

"We've held onto our local roots very tightly," Longmyer says, "and we're okay going more slowly, maintaining the integrity of the message and belief of what we have."

Brooklyn Electronic Music Festival at various venues, (www.brooklynemf. com). Oct. 12-14. Event prices vary, \$99 for a weekend pass.

# Making rooms

By Lauren Gill

et a peek at sweet relief. Next weekend you can take a tour of a home you will hopefully never have to live in! A prototype house designed for disaster victims will open its doors to visitors on Oct. 14 and 15 as part of Open House New York, an annual two-day event that grants public access to normally closed spaces across the city. The slick model apartments are much nicer than the typical emergency tents and trailers, and the project's architect wants people to know that it is possible to house catastrophe victims in humane conditions.

"We have to show people everyone deserves to have a quality environment critical to their health and well-being," said Jim Garrison, a professor at Pratt. "The reason it's nice is because people have to make it their home."

The city commissioned the Urban Post-Disaster Housing Prototype

was assembled in a lot Downtown in just 13 and a half hours, creating two three-bedroom apartments and a onebedroom unit bolted together to make a three-story building.

Garrison designed the housing for dense urban areas, and it emulates the streetscapes of Brooklyn.

"They're meant to make complete streets like brownstones and townhouses would," he said.

After a disaster, the housing could be quickly assembled in narrow spaces, such as the Ikea parking lot in Red Hook or next to public housing com-

The prototype has been sitting in the lot since it debuted in 2014, and is usually only open by appointment. Garrison would like to see his design deployed to areas hit by recent hurricanes, although there has not been enough support to

"It takes a lot of political will and shortly after Hurricane Sandy, and it money, we haven't been able to move Free, but RSVP required.



Look inside: This interim disaster prototype home will open as part of Open House New York on Oct. 14 and 15.

on it," he said.

In addition to the prototype home, Open House New York will also let visitors explore other usually closed Brooklyn sites, including the Sims Sunset Park Material Recovery Facility and the Kingsland Wildflowers Green Roof in Greenpoint.

Open House New York (Cadman Plaza East and Red Cross Place Downtown, www.ohny.org). Oct 14-15, every 20 minutes from 10 am-4:40 pm.

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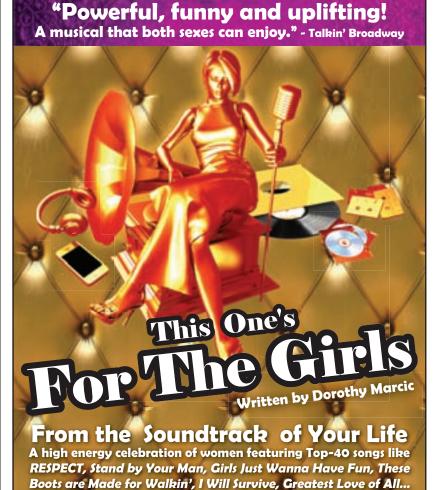
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# PANAMANIA!

## Independence parade for the isthmus

By Alexandra Simon

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Panama!
Brooklyn's 20th annual
Panamanian Independence Parade will
march through Crown Heights on Oct.
7, attracting thousands to celebrate the
country's culture and its sovereignty.
The annual gathering attracts thousands to Franklin Avenue, and this
year's event will focus on the country's
second, full independence event, said
one of its organizers.

"We look forward to this parade everything single year, and this year is the first time that this parade is just celebrating our separation from Colombia," said Victor Marshall, president of the independence committee.

Panama's official month of freedom is in November, because the country seceded from Colombia on Nov. 3, 1903; and before that it won independence from Spain on Nov. 28, 1821. But because of October's more agreeable weather, the parade's organizing body chose to celebrate early—although every other element of the commemoration is the same as in the homeland, according to Marshall.

"We do the same things we do back in Panama in November," he said. "And we have the same groups that perform in Panama, they travel to come join us in the celebration."

The event will feature 14 bands marching the route, along with dance groups, music, food, and a display of Panamanian colors and customs.

"We are looking forward to this



Yellow show: An instrumental musical band in bright costumes posed at the 2015
Panamanian Independence Parade on Franklin Avenue. This year's parade will happen
on Oct. 7.

Day of Independence Committee of Panamanians in New York

big day and seeing all the new and different groups," said Marshall. "The bands all look forward to this as well — they come in nice costumes to play music, drums, and folklore, and the Panamanian tunes that will light up Franklin Avenue."

The parade starts at Franklin Avenue and Eastern Parkway, travels along Franklin towards Bergen Street, then turns left and doubles back along Classon Avenue, where it ends at President Street with a festival at Ronald McNair Park, where vendors will dish out Panamanian dishes and crafts.

Crown Heights is the ideal location for the parade because of a high concentration of Panamanians in central Brooklyn, and the established

businesses on Franklin Avenue are very supportive of the parade, said Marshall.

The festival celebrates all the cultures that make up Panama, with African and West Indian groups strongly represented in the parade.

"Over the years we've had Costa Rican, Honduran, Jamaican, and Haitian groups perform for us. Although we celebrate Panama's independence, we open doors to all different nations, and anyone who want to participate is welcome also," said Marshall.

Panamanian Independence Parade (Franklin Avenue at Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, www. dicpny.org). Oct. 7, 11 am-3 pm. Free.

# It's Shocktober in the Ridge

By Julianne McShane

The first weekend of October is filled with frights, fuzzy guitars, and furry fun!

Start your weekend with a scream! Creep on over to Owl's Head Park (67th Street and Colonial Road) on Friday night for a free showing of "Creepshow." The 1982 horror-comedy anthology features five stories based on comics of the 1950s, starring bogeymen, aliens, and deranged dudes. The film is rated R, so leave the kids at home, but bring along Bay Ridge bibliophiles to catch Stephen King's debut dabble into screenwriting - as well as his brief appearance on screen! The film starts at 7:30 pm, and it kicks off the Parks Department's "Shocktober" outdoor film series, happening all over the borough this month.

Once you've recovered from the fright, strike out for **Red**, **White**, **and Brew** (8910 Fifth Ave. between 89th



and 90th streets) on Saturday for a free 3:30 pm performance of classic rock 'n' roll hits by Cherry Bomb, a four-person blast of a band that sings and screams hits from icons including Joan Jett, Janis Joplin, the Police, Led Zeppelin, and AC/DC, among others.

Between sets you can refuel with some American pub grub, and enjoy some time outside in the beer garden while the weather is still warm enough.

End the weekend with a visit to the

free Fall Harvest Festival at Narrows Botanical Garden (Shore Road between Bay Ridge Avenue and 72nd Street) on Sunday afternoon, where kids, canines, and grown-ups alike can enjoy a craft fair, country music, the pumpkin patch, raffles, and garden tours from noon to 5 pm. The day's highlight will come at 2 pm, when the dressed-up doggies entered in the Great Canine Costume Contest will strut their four-legged stuff, competing in categories that include "Best Pet and Owner Costume," "Best Homemade" and "Crowd Favorite." To enter your pup, please sign up by noon on Saturday at Paws Truly (7607 Third Ave. between 76th and 77th streets) the \$15 entry fee goes to Love Wanted Pet Adoptions.



Ready for a requiem: Heather Christian leads a rehearsal for her upcoming musical "Animal Wisdom" at the Bushwick Starr.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

## Medium heir

# Spiritualist descendant leads uncanny musical

By Julianne Cuba ing out your dead!

A new musical about speaking to spirits will lead audience members beyond the veil this month. The creator of "Animal Wisdom," debuting at the Bushwick Starr on Oct. 11, said that she grew up with family who could talk to spirits, and that the words for the musical came more than naturally to her.

"My great-grandmother was a medium, my grandma was straight-up a medium who had these intense migraine hallucinations," said Heather Christian, who grew up in Mississippi and now lives in upstate New York. "I also suffered from migraines and a lot of where the songs come from are my musical hallucinations — it doesn't feel like I'm physically writing the thing."

During the show, Christian will lead the audience through a musical ceremony, exploring what it means to communicate with the dead, grieve, and finally find peace, said the Starr's artistic director.

"The heart of the piece is this idea of telling the story of these people in her life who have passed, and her relationship to them, and enlisting the audience to assist in the ceremony of looking for peace," said Noel Allain.

The 130-minute requiem also features a 20-person Bushwick choir, accompanied by St. betwee drums, violin, and guitars, who sing not Catholic hymns but folk and blues Oct. 11-No. tunes. The event still has a 8 pm. \$25.

religious feel, with everyone gathered around Christian and her piano in a homely, warm space, said Allain.

"We're all in this room together, like you would if you went to any kind of religious ceremony, like the congregation, more or less," he said.

The musical is mildly interactive — at times, Christian will ask the audience to repeat a phrase, stand up, or sit down. And the costumes are a mishmash of clothes that look like they came straight out of Christian's closet over the years, she said.

"The whole space is sort of filled with junk — it feels like someone raided the attic of my brain, a lot of the costumes are like, 'This is what I wore in the '80s, let's try this on,' sort of like we're going through someone's old basement," she said.

The musical may be all about talking to the dead, but it is merely a coincidence that it falls on some of the creepiest days of the year, said Christian.

"I think it's a super weird coincidence that we have shows on Friday the 13th, All Saint's Day, and All Soul's Day — not on Halloween," she said. "We're trying to make this as 'OooOoOoo' as possible, trying to work with the coincidence."

"Animal Wisdom" at the Bushwick Starr (207 Starr St. between Wyckoff and Irving avenues in Bushwick, www.thebushwickstarr.org). Oct. 11–Nov. 4; Wed–Sat at 8 pm. \$25.



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#### SAT, OCT. 7

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#### **DINING, OKTOBERFEST:**German dinner with

Kassler Ribs, assorted bratwurst, sauerkraut and more. Reservations required. \$40. 7–11 pm. Danish Athletic Club [735 65th St. in Bay Ridge, (718) 492–5577].



# **EVENTS**



Back to brick: The stars of the comedy series "Take My Wife," real-life married couple Cameron Esposito and Rhea Butcher, will perform stand-up both individually and together at the "Back to Back" show on Oct. 8, happening at 10 pm because the 7 pm performance already sold out.

Robyn Von Swank

#### SUN, OCT. 8

MUSIC, THE NEW YORK
THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY: Organist Mark
Herman performing on
the Brooklyn Paramount's
original 1928 Wurlitzer
theatre organ. \$10-\$15. 3
pm. Long Island University
[DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718)
488-1624], www.brooklyn.
liu.edu.

ART, "RITUALS COOL THE HEAD": An interactive project by Nia I'man Smith that re-invents rituals. Bagels and coffee will be served. Free. 11 am–1 pm. Open Source Gallery [306 17th St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (646) 279– 3969], www.open-sourcegallery.org.

gallery.org.
OUTDOORS, FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL: Craft fair,
pumpkin patch; canine
costume contest; native
plant garden tours; raffles;
country music; and so
much more. Free. Noon–5
pm. Narrows Botanical
Gardens [Shore Rd. and
69th Street in Bay Ridge,
(718) 748–4810], www.nar-

rowsbg.org.

FILM, "SHERLOCK, JR.":

Buster Keaton wrote, directed, and stars in this
1924 silent film. Free.
12:30 pm. Brooklyn Public
Library's Central branch
[10 Grand Army Plaza,
between Eastern Parkway
and Flatbush Avenue in
Prospect Heights, (718)
230–2100], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

COLUMBUS DAY GIGLIO
AND BLOCK PARTY: Celebrate Italian heritage with food, drinks, entertainment, and the dancing of the gigantic Giglio tower. Free. 3–11 pm. (Lorimer Street between Metropolitan Avenue and Devoe Street in Williamsburg).

COMEDY, "BACK TO BACK": Comedians Cameron Esposito and Rhea Butcher perform individually and together. \$35. 10 pm. Music Hall of Williamsburg [66 N. Sixth St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 486– 5400], www.musichallofwilliamsburg.com.

#### MON, OCT. 9

COMEDY, NIGHT TRAIN WITH WYATT CENAC:

Hosted by Brooklyn-based comedy favorite 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), ittlefieldnyc.com.

FUND-RAISER, QUEER YOUTH ARE MAGIC: A night of drinks, live music, speakers, and a silent auction benefitting Trinity Place Shelter, a facil-

auction benefitting Trinity Place Shelter, a facility dedicated to helping homeless lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer youth. \$20.6 pm. Books Are Magic (225 Smith St. at Butler Street in Cobble Hill), www.booksaremagic.net.

TALK, OBJECTIFY: An art talk about the "Objectify" exhibit of objects that move between painting and sculpture. Free. 7 pm. Trestle Gallery (850 Third Ave., Suite 411, at 30th Street in Sunset Park), www.trestlegallery.org.

#### WED, OCT. 11

ART, "SOME DOMESTIC
ART": For this one-nightonly installation, artist
Taylor Clayton-Brooks will
perform in a 600-pound
wedding dress he knitted.
Free. 7 pm. FiveMyles [558
St. John's Place between
Classon and Franklin avenues in Crown Heights,
(718) 783–4438], www.fivemyles.org.

MUSIC, LAUGH ASH: \$15– \$25. 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (917) 267–0363], roulette.org.

#### FRI, OCT. 13

THURS, OCT. 12

TRUSTS TO PROTECT AS-

SETS": Grimaldi and Yeung

mentary breakfast seminar

for seniors. RSVP required

Tom's Diner [782 Washing-

ton Ave. at Sterling Place

in Prospect Heights, (718)

READING, "FREEING DAVID

Klonsky and David Mc-

Callum discuss the new

book about McCallum's

der charges in Brooklyn

in 1985. Free. 7:30 pm.

struggle against false mur-

Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. El-

liott Place and S. Portland

Avenue in Fort Greene,

(718) 246-0200], green-

READING, "WHY POETRY":

Poet Matthew Zapruder

discusses the power of

poetry with actress and

author Mary Louise Parker.

Free. 7:30 pm. Books Are

Magic (225 Smith St. at

Butler Street in Cobble

Hill).

liahtbookstore.com.

MCCALLUM": Writer Ken

238-69601.

by Oct. 9. Free. 8:30 am.

law firm hosts a compli-

TALK, "MEDICAID PLAN-NING AND USING

ART, AIR GALLERY OPEN-ING RECEPTIONS: Open-

the Bed Covers" group show, "Edgeland" by Nancy Storrow, and "Fugitive Sorrow" by Dani Dodge. Free. 6 pm. A.I.R. Gallery [155 Plymouth St. between Pearl and Jay streets in Dumbo, (212) 255–6651], www.airgallery.org.

MUSIC, ROLSTON STRING
QUARTET: A classical
music performance, presented as part of the Five
Borough Music Festival.
\$25 (\$15 students and seniors). 7:30 pm. South Oxford Space (138 S. Oxford
St. between Hanson Place
and Atlantic Avenue in Fort
Greene), www.5bmf.org.

READING, ROOTS POETRY SERIES: A fantastical fall reading from four acclaimed poets. Free. 8 pm. Roots Cafe [639 Fith Ave. at 18th Street in Park Slope, (615) 419–7877].

#### SAT, OCT. 14

TOUR, VISIT THE GREEN-

PEACE SHIP ARCTIC SUN-RISE: Free public tours on the Greenpeace ship Arctic Sunrise. Free. 10 am–6 pm. Brooklyn Bridge Park, Pier 6 [Atlantic Avenue at Furman Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222–9939], www.brooklynbridgepark. org.

MARKET, FORT HAMILTON
COMIC-CON: A two-day
comics convention located
at US Army base Fort Hamilton. \$20-\$35. 10 am. US
Army Fort Hamilton [207
Sterling Dr. at Sheriden
Loop in Bay Ridge, (718)
630-4040], www.hamilton.
armymwr.com.

SPORTS, NEW YORK COS-MOS VS. FC EDMONTON: \$15–\$50. 7 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St. in Coney Island, (718) 449–8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

# Get the party going with Schnitzel Haus's private room

#### BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Whether you call it a "feast," "fest," or an "Octoberfest," Schnitzel Haus is the place for a party, no matter what the season.

Its newly renovated private room, located above the restaurant, with its own set of restrooms on the same floor, accommodates 55 guests for a full sit-down dinner or buffet.

Rent it for kids' parties, christenings, bridal showers, birthday bashes, retirements, and even small weddings. The room's upgraded technology allows photos of the honorees to be highlighted on a 10-foot screen. That's one huge introduction.

Businesses, law offices, and community groups can utilize the space for meetings. The sound system and large screen makes presentations easy and effective. The space can be rented alone; food doesn't necessarily have to be ordered. as owners Fred and Amber Urban work to meet everyone's needs. One company that held a meeting recently chose to provide its attendees with dessert and coffee. Another may just wish to serve appetizers.

Schnitzel Haus is known for its authentic German food, so you can start the catered merry-making by bringing on the bratwurst and maybe some scrumptious potato salad that's dressed with vinegar, bacon, pepper, and seasonings. But if guests prefer another type of cuisine, "Our talented chef is eclectic, and can cater to any requests," says Fred.

French food? Italian? Spanish? It's all no problem. In fact, Schnitzel Haus often has "specials" on its restaurant menu for patrons who wish to have something other than German fare. Therefore, everybody in this family-friendly environment stays happy.

The food here is the real deal, so when the staff does serve catered entrees like weinerschnitzel, shepherd's pie, beef goulash, spaetzle, homemade butter noodles, red cabbage, smoked pork chops over sauerkraut, and salmon with a lemon and







(From top clockwise) Schnitzel Haus owners Fred and Amber Urban show off their signature dish, a sampler of five wursts, served with mashed potatoes, red cabbage, sauerkraurt, and three mustards. The new party room accommodates 55 guests for a full sit-down dinner or buffet. The restaurant is known for its authentic German food.

Photos by Georgine Benvenuto

dill sauce, know that it's all culled from authentic family recipes.

For dessert, there's delicious German chocolate cake, cheesecake, black forest cake, and apple strudel.

A full bar is available for those who want to party while eating hearty.

Try counting the variety of beer on the menu — there's a lot, and many are unique.

"We are the first to get some beers that won't be available elsewhere in Brooklyn for at least another month," says Fred.

The restaurant takes pride in offering dishes that can accommodate just about every dietary need, including vegans and those looking to eat gluten-free. Amber says that sausage is a gluten-free product. For vegetarians, there are pan-

"We are the first to get cakes, spaetzle, steamed me beers that won't be broccoli, carrots, cabbage, ailable elsewhere in and more.

When you're not planning your own party, join some of the ongoing fun that's always happening at Schnitzel Haus. The restaurant hosts Paint Nite parties where attendees can sip wine while painting pictures. On another night, you can create your own planters. Come for kara-

oke on Thursdays, and enjoy live music on the weekends.

It's always a barrel of

Schnitzel Haus [7319 Fifth Ave. between 73rd and 74th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836–5600, www.SchnitzelHausny.com]. Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, 4–9:30 pm; Thursdays through Sundays, noon–10 pm.



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#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### **PUBLIC** NOTICE 0F HEARING

On October 17, 2017 at 10:00a.m., public а hearing will be held in the City Council Committee Room, 2nd City Floor, Hall Manhattan, for the purpose of considering a local law which authorizes an increase in the annual amount to be expended in the Kings Business Highway Improvement District not to exceed \$400,000.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### **NOTICE OF SALE**

Supreme Court County Of Kings

U.S. National Bank Association, as trustee Structured Asset Trust Investment Loan Mortgage

Pass-Through Certificates. Series 2006-3, Plaintiff **AGAINST** 

Guaman, Dolores L. Nelson Quintuna, et al, Defendant

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4/16/2015and entered on 5/14/2015, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at Kings County the Court, Supreme Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on October 19, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 1435 Bay Ridge Avenue, Brooklyn, 11219. All that certain plot piece parcel of land, with the improvements erected. situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 5776, LOT: 59. Approximate amount of

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Henry J. Achiron, Referee

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SALE** SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS USA, **HSBC** Bank Association as National Trustee for Nomura Asset Acceptance Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-AF1, Plaintiff -against-

Α. Packman, Allen HomeQ Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on September 6, 2017

the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest ROOM 224 bidder at ROOM 274 OF F/K/A COUNTY **KINGS** SUPREME COURT, 360 **ADAMS** STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on November 9, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 2661 Brown Street, Brooklyn, NY 11235-1603.

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS and State of New York.

Block: 7477 Lot: 56

Approximate amount of lien \$ 863,781.45 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 30520/2006

Aaron D. Maslow, Esq., REFEREE

WIENER AND STEIN. L.L.P., FOR THE ATTORNEYS PLAINTIFF

COUNTRY OLD ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 October

DATED: 2017 FILE #: WELLS

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#### NOTICE **PUBLIC** 0F **HEARING**

NYC Board Standards and Appeals has scheduled a public hearing on the following application

5018 14th Address: Avenue, Brooklyn, 05649 Lot(s): Block: 44, 46, 49

BSA Calendar Number: 2016-4339-BZ

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Project Description: Variance (§72-21) to permit construction of a school (Use Group 3) (Bnos Zion of Bobov) contrary to underlying bulk requirements. R6 zoning district.

Pryor Applicant: Cashman, LLP for Bnos Zion of Boboy Community Board No.:12

This application has been

calendared for Public Tuesday, Hearing October 17, 2017, 1:00 P.M. session, in Spector Hall, 22 Reade Borough Street. ٥f Manhattan. Interested persons or associations may appear at the hearing to present testimony regarding this application. The referenced application be reviewed bv may appointment at the BSA's office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 To schedule an pm. appointment or to obtain subsequent information regarding additional hearing dates, please call 212-386-0009 and

Dated: 09/25/2017 Pryor Cashman, Applicant

Number.

Appeals.

reference BSA Calendar

This notice is published by the applicant in accordance wíth the Rules of Procedure ol the Board of Standards and

\*Please confirm hearing visitng location by www.nyc.gov/bsa C ontact 212-386-0078.

The BZ calendar will immediately follow the SOC and A calendars. Please note that subsequent this application for might be scheduled at 10:00AM.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE **PUBLIC** 0F HEARING

The NYC Board of Standards and Appeals has scheduled a public hearing on the following application

1411 Address: Street, Brooklyn, Block: 05947 Lot(s): 13 & 71 BSA Calendar Number: 2016-4274-BZ

Project Description: Special permit (§73-19) for a school (Bnos Zion of Bobov) (Use Group 3)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

the first floor of an existing two-story building and to perrnit Brooklyn, its use in the remainder of the existing twostory building and in the proposed enlargement contrary to 116 N LLC. Arts. of Org. regulations (§42-00). Variance (§72-21) to enlarge the existing building by two additional stories contrary to rear yard requirements (§43-26). M1-2 zoning district. Applicant:

LLP Cashman, BZOB 39 LLC

Community Board No.:12 This application has been calendared for Public Tuesday, Hearing 17, 2017, October 1:00 P.M. session, in Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street. Borough of Manhattan. Interested persons or associations may appear at the hearing to present testimony regarding this application. The referenced application be reviewed by mav appointment at the BSA's office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 To schedule an appointment or to obtain subsequent information regarding additional hearing dates, please call 212-386-0009 and reference BSA Calendar Number. Dated: 09/25/2017

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

106B Nassau Avenue **LLC,** Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/9/2017. Cty: SSNY desig. as Kinas. whom agent upon process against may be upon

#### LEGAL NOTICE

process to c/o Coluccio, 2637 National Dr., NY 11234. General Purpose.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

SSNY on filed with 01/14/15. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 132 Metropolitan Avenue Brooklyn, NY General **Pryor** 11249. for Purposes.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

1406 Ocean Pkwy LLC, Arts of Org. filed with of State of NY Sec. 9/7/2017. Cty: (SSNY) Kings. SSNY desig. agent whom upon process against may be served & shall mail to Michael process Mishal, 2454 E. 65th St. NY Brooklyn, 11234 General Purpose.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

390 Butler LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of (SSNY) State of NY 9/21/2017. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent whom upon process against may be served & shall mail process to 107 82nd St., Brooklyn, NY 11209. General Purpose.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

5381 Kings Highway Owner LLC App. for filed Auth. w/ 8/14/17. Off. in Kings Co. Arts. of Org. filed w/ 7/27/17. SSNY desig. as agt. of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 85 Railroad Place, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Add. req. to be maintained in DuPont DE: 3500 S. Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Name & add. of the auth. officer in DE where copy of Arts. of Org. filed: DE Sec. of State, 3500 S. DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901 Purpose: any lawful activity.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

8101 5th Ave LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/7/2017. Cty: Kinas. SSNY desig. as agent whom process to legalize its use on served & shall mail against may be served & General Purpose.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

shall mail process to Rd., 8007 Colonial Brooklyn, 11209. NY General Purpose.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

878 60 TH ST 2FL LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 8/25/2017. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, c/o Yiu Yin Lam. 8739 21 ST Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11214. Purpose: lawful act or activity.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

A.K.A.D. LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of (SSNY) State of NY 9/11/2017. Cty: Kings. agent SSNY desig. as whom process nogu against may be served & mail process E. St.. 59th Brooklyn, NY 11234. General Purpose.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Bay50 Realty Group **LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/23/2017. Cty: SSNY desig. as Kings. whom upon process against may be served & shall mail process to 179 72nd St., Brooklyn, NY 11209. General Purpose.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

CRUZ LUXURY EAN SERVICE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY 07/14/2017. loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon process against the LLC be served. SSNY may shall mail process to: The LLC. 516 Glenmore Ave Apt Brooklyn, NY 1, 11207. Purpose: Lawful Purpose.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

EGR Member TS LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/14/2017. Cty: SSNY desig. as Kings. agent nogu whom process against may be served shall mail & 232 process to Broadway, Ste. 400, Brooklyn, NY 11211.

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

**GERSTEIN TAX SERVICE** LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 8/4/2017. Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The Limited Liability Company, 375 1 st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: lawful act or activity.

#### LEGAL NOTICE Get Slav Beauty Bar &

**Spa LLC,** Arts of Org filed with Sec. of State of (SSNY) 8/25/2017. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig as agent upon whom process against may be shall mail & process to 907 Nostrand Ave.. Brooklyn, 11225. General Purpose.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

**GRAB EM SNACKS LLC** Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 5/26/2017. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. Geetha Jayaraman designated upon whom process against it may be served SSNY to mail copy of process to The Geetha Jayaraman, 507 Throop Ave, Apt. 1., Brooklyn, NY 11221. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

M75 LLC Arts. of Org. filed w/ SSNY 7/31/17 Off. in Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 2448 E 14th St, Brooklyn, NY Purpose: 11235. lawful activities.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION limited liability of company (LLC) Name COMMUNICATIONS HC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/06/2017. location: Kings County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail сору of process D COMMUNICATIONS LLC 207 8TH AVENUE BROOKLYN, NY 11215 Purpose: any purpose.

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

Metro Area Realty LLC, NOTICE OF FORMATION agent of LLC upon whom NOTICE OF FORMATION Arts of Org. filed with of State of NY (SSNY) 8/18/2017. Cty: SSNY desig. as INTERNATIONAL Kinas. upon process against may be served & shall mail process to Caroline Dare, 7005 Shore Rd., #2H, Brooklyn, NY 11209. General Purpose.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 61 North Ninth Debt LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 11/22/16. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail 225 process to: Broadway, Fl. 32, NY, NY Purpose: any lawful activity.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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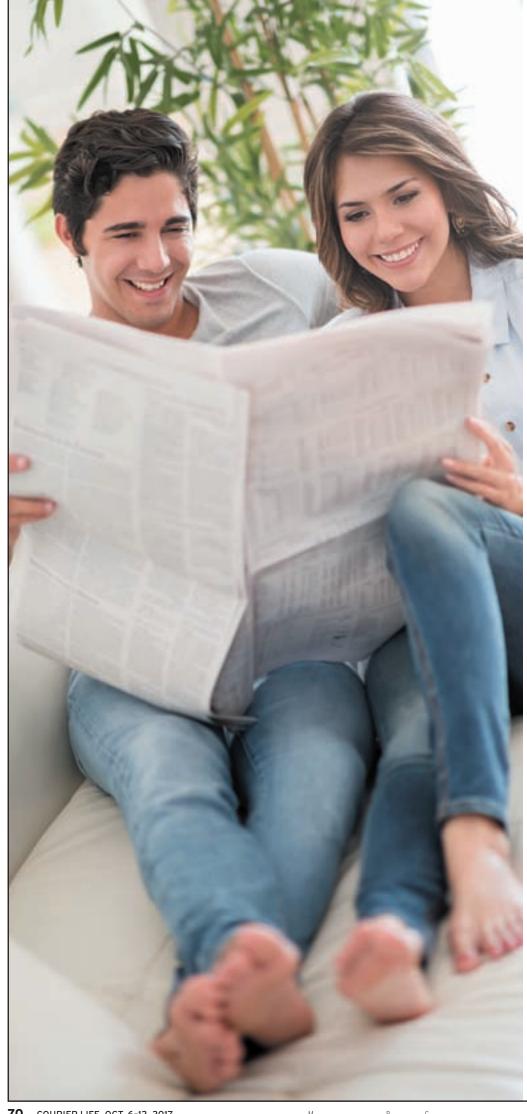
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