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# MONUMENTAL!

## Cemetery heads will face neighbors about disputed statue

BY COLIN MIXSON

They want to bury this controversy once and for all.

The top brass at a local graveyard will meet with critics seething over a plan to adorn the necropolis with a polarizing statue that city officials banished from public display.

A Green-Wood Cemetery rep said its leaders are organizing the meeting to ensure they are “good neighbors” to residents who blasted them for welcoming the likeness of 19th-century gynecologist J. Marion Sims, who performed experimental surgeries on black female slaves.

The mayor proposed banishing the effigy from a Manhattan park as part of the citywide monument review he staged last year after protests over the removal of a statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee from a park in Charlottesville, Va. turned deadly.

The sit-down will be the first time bigwigs at the privately run boneyard directly address the issue with its neighbors, many of whom complained that their opinions weren’t sought in the decision to bring the statue to the bucolic burial ground, according to a civic honcho.

“What I find disconcerting is we weren’t consulted, and I think we should have been,” said Community Board 7 chairman Cesar Zuniga, whose district includes Green-Wood Cemetery.

Members of the city’s Public Design Commission officially signed off on the monument’s move to the graveyard at an April 16 meeting where several people spoke in favor of ousting it from its home in Central Park.

But no CB7 members appeared to oppose its transfer to Green-Wood, where it is currently being stored af-

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**JUST IN:** The statue of J. Marion Sims arrived at Green-Wood Cemetery last week.

## Committee votes down 80 Flatbush

### Land-use gurus pan plan

BY JULIANNE CUBA

It was “nay” all the way.

Civic gurus on April 18 unanimously rejected a real-estate firm’s plan for a five-building megadevelopment on the edge of Boerum Hill.

Members of Community Board 2’s Land Use Committee shot down the controversial 80 Flatbush project — whose builder wants the city to green-light its upzoning application in order to erect 74- and 38-story towers as part of a complex that incorporates residential, commercial, cultural, and classroom spaces on a lot bordered by Flatbush and Third avenues and State and Schermerhorn streets — in a 10-0 vote with one abstention.

Committee members charged the  
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## Reel good time

Amateur angler Viola Vitticore let her line fly in Prospect Park during an Earth Day celebration where adults and kids alike celebrated Mother Nature with fishing lessons and other eco-friendly activities inside the green space. For more from the party for the planet, **see page 5.**

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

# Road for a reformer

## Civic leaders vote to name street after activist-journalist

BY JULIANNE CUBA

Wells would you look at that! A Downtown street may soon bear the name of a pioneering African-American journalist who settled in Kings County amid her career using the pen to fight racism and champion civil rights.

The tribute recognizes how formative Ida B. Wells's years in Brooklyn were in shaping the activist's work advocating for equality for all citizens, according to a historian who proposed the street co-naming.

"Her period in Brooklyn was very seminal in her life, but little known," said Jacob Morris, a Manhattan-based historian who has successfully orchestrated the co-naming of dozens of city streets in honor of prominent black individuals. "It was here that she really grew as an advocate, thanks to all these fabulous women in Brooklyn."

Members of Community Board 2's Transportation Committee on April 19 unanimously voted 10-0 in favor of christening Gold Street between Myrtle Avenue and Willoughby Street as "Ida B. Wells Place" in recognition of the Mississippi-born advocate's brief residency on the block in the 1890s.

Morris first introduced the idea to Downtown Councilman Stephen Levin back in 2016, and it quickly garnered a groundswell of support from other pols and officials including Borough President Adams, Crown Heights state Sen. Jesse Hamilton, and faculty at Medgar Evers College.

But the proposal sat on Levin's desk for roughly two years until he kicked it over to the community board the day of the Transportation Committee's vote.

Bigwigs at the Brooklyn Historical Society and Ida B. Wells Society — an organization founded by black Brook-

lynite and journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones, with headquarters at Harvard University — also endorsed the co-naming pitch and confirmed Wells's stint as a King County, according to a rep from Levin's office.

The influential investigative journalist — who, along with Brooklyn Bridge mastermind Emily Roebling and other notable females, recently received an obituary in the New York Times that honored her legacy long after her death — was born into slavery.

Years later, Wells moved to Tennessee, which she fled when a lynch mob that killed three of her friends turned its hatred toward her, destroying her newspaper's office after she reported on its deadly attacks.

Wells then lived on Gold Street, near where the Chase bank at the edge of MetroTech Center currently stands, and gave speeches to inspire fellow females in the area until she married the editor of a Chicago newspaper in 1895, according to information from Morris, which highlights the many accomplishments she went on to achieve until her death in 1931.

"A beloved, brilliant, and committed lady whose writings, compositions, advocacy, and analysis heightened our understanding, as well as our history — she was a fine neighbor and member of our community, as well as a great Brooklynite," the historian wrote in his report.

And if the co-naming effort succeeds, a commemorative plaque telling the civil-rights advocate's story should accompany any new signs installed on the street, the civic gurus recommended.

"People look at a name, but there's never any memorial plaque," said Transportation Committee



**LEGACY PRESERVED:** Civic gurus voted to co-name Gold Street between Myrtle Avenue and Willoughby Street after journalist and civil-rights advocate Ida B. Wells, who lived on the block back in the 1890s. Mary Garrity

member Ernest Augustus.

Community Board 2's Executive Committee will now vote on the proposal, which Council will make the final call on later this year.

The locals' tribute to Wells comes amid an ongoing controversy over other monu-

ments and markers throughout the city, including a polarizing statue of a doctor known for his experimental surgeries on black slaves that may soon stand in the bucolic Green-Wood Cemetery despite some residents' demands that it never see the light of day.

## Suspected groper cuffed

BY COLIN MIXSON

Police on April 18 arrested a man suspected of sexually assaulting a woman on a Bay Ridge-bound R train last month.

The 21-year-old victim told authorities the man grabbed her crotch as the subway arrived at Park Slope's Union Street station

at 11 am on March 27.

Investigators caught the 34-year-old Sunset Park man roughly a week after cops circulated photos of him, which the victim snapped as he sat on the train following the assault.

Officers charged the suspect for sexual abuse, according to police.



**The beans from Oz**  
Park Slope coffee shop is latest Aussie import

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**RESTOCKING:** Greene Hill Food Co-op member Lindsay Reichart said she is looking forward to opening the store inside its new space in June. Photo by Caleb Caldwell

# Fresh life for market

## Clinton Hill food co-op raises funds to relocate

BY JULIANNE CUBA

This farm is planting new roots!

Members of a Clinton Hill co-operative market are clinking glasses of kombucha because do-gooders donated enough cash for the store to set up shop inside a new space after its landlord sold its current building last month.

“We’re very excited — we want to make it better, more welcoming, and a real home,” said Lindsay Reichart, a manager and member of the Greene Hill Food Co-op, who lives in Bedford-Stuyvesant.

Leaders of the 10-year-old market — which enjoyed 15 minutes of fame when television series “Broad City” and its star Abbi Jacobson filmed inside the store for a recent season — are reconfiguring its aisles and designing new displays to make their next spot even more shopper-friendly than the Putnam Avenue space they’re vacating, according to Reichart.

“We’re hoping to make it much more clear and accessible by incorporating a lot of signage for members,” she said.

Co-op chiefs feared the



**NEW DIGS:** The co-operative store is leaving its Putnam Avenue location (above) for a new home on Fulton Street, which members hope will be even more customer friendly after a renovation.

Photo by Caleb Caldwell

worst for their organic-produce emporium when their landlord slipped them the eviction notice, and quickly started an online fund-raising campaign to raise green for a move, which received almost \$40,000 since it launched in March.

And the foodies hope to collect even more cash to help cover the cost of bringing new refrigerators, coolers, and shelves of fresh fruits and veggies to the market’s

future home inside an old furniture store on Fulton Street between Classon Avenue and Claver Place, according to Reichart.

“We hit our minimum goal, but we still hope to surpass \$50,000,” she said. “It’s a great location, but it needs quite a bit of work.”

Loyal patrons of Greene Hill Food Co-op — which now boasts more than 300 members, some of whom also belong to Brooklyn’s original bastion of socialist shopping, the Park Slope Food Co-op — are hosting an April 30 fund-raising bash featuring live music, food, and an auction at a Clinton Hill bar, which they hope will rake in the extra money needed for the new location’s transformation, Reichart said.

“We’re looking forward to raising another chunk of funds to contribute to our buildout of Greene Hill 2.0,” she said.

*Greene Hill Food Co-op fund-raiser at C’mon Everybody (325 Franklin Ave. between Clifton Place and Greene Avenue in Clinton Hill) on April 30 from 7:30 pm to 11 pm. \$20.*

# No-fun zone

## City again snubs promoter’s PLG bash

BY COLIN MIXSON

It’s the number-two time officials pooped on this promoter’s party.

The city pulled the plug on an April 21 bash planned for the bottom floor of a Prospect-Lefferts Gardens residential building, denying the host’s second round of permit applications the day before the event.

Promoter Sonic Jungle — whose attempt to throw a rager at the then in-construction 510 Flatbush Ave. last year was foiled when this newspaper reported the outfit lacked the necessary permits — cancelled its so-called “eco-fashion show” hours before the soirée after the Brooklyn head of the Department of Buildings refused to allow the party on a “bullshit technicality,” according to organizers.

“They never mentioned the issue ever to us, when we first applied,” said Andrew Goldin, founder of Sonic Jungle. “Our architect could’ve fixed it any moment.”

But the Buildings Department’s Brooklyn Borough Commissioner rejected the promoter’s second request because the booze and live-music-packed affair defied regulations that stipulate the mixed-use building’s ground floor be reserved for a medical office, according agency spokeswoman Abigail Kunitz, who said its first application had the same problem.

Many residents, however, cheered news of the last-minute cancellation, after claiming their landlord refused to share any information about the bash leading up to it.

“Members of the tenants association were pretty happy it wasn’t happening,” said Jonathan Boucher. “We foresaw a lot of issues that weren’t addressed in terms of security and things like that.”

Sonic Jungle originally advertised the party as an overnight extravaganza from 8 pm to 6 am that would feature reiki-healing ceremonies, a mystic-tea lounge, guided meditations, an immersive aromatherapy experience, and a room full of fancy rocks, according Goldin.

“We’re going to have a re-



**FOILED AGAIN:** Sonic Jungle cancelled its planned April 21 rager at 510 Flatbush Ave. because the city refused to sign off on the necessary permits — for the second year in a row.

ally cool crystal room, with big crystals where people can sit around, meditate, and feel the power of the earth,” he said.

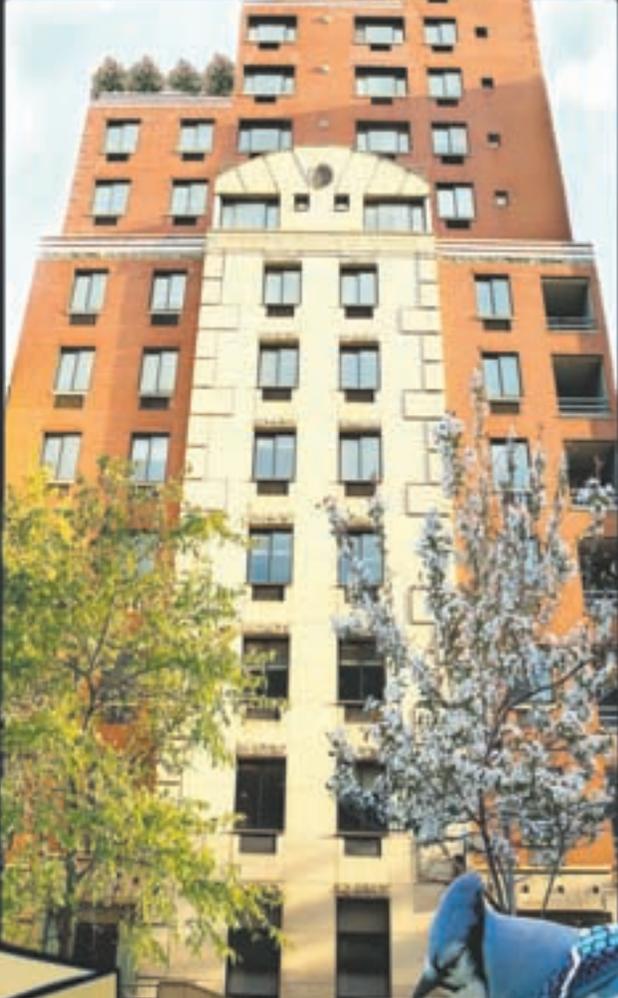
Tickets to the wellness rager — which the promoters also billed as an “Earth Weekend” fund-raiser for Brooklyn Botanic Garden — included \$100 Sustainability Superstar and \$1,500 Eco Warrior passes, the latter buying revelers admission along with an herbal elixir, a private sound-meditation session, private tours of a “secret underground street-art project,” a 30-minute massage, and two bottles of either mescal, rosé, Champagne, Grey Goose, or Patron.

But the hosts lacked the necessary permits days before the event, according to a Department of Buildings spokeswoman, who said the agency rejected the promoter’s initial application for a Temporary Place of Assembly certificate required for the bash — and for the pop-up gallery Sonic Jungle intended to run in the space for three months following it — because the roughly 2,631 folks the promoter planned for far surpassed the spot’s occupancy limit of a few dozen people.

Goldin first claimed the Buildings Department received his second request more favorably, assuring on April 19 that it just needed a sign-off — and that the State Liquor Authority, which didn’t authorize serving booze at Sonic Jungle’s failed 2017 bash, did issue him a permit this year, which an authority rep confirmed.

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**SLUDGEY STROKES:** Daredevil Christopher Swain, left, floated through Gowanus Canal on April 22 in a stunt to encourage a speedier cleanup of the contaminated waterway.

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## His mucky day!

### Activist returns to canal for Earth Day dip

BY JULIANNE CUBA

He lapped this s--- up!

An environmentally conscious daredevil once again swam the dank Gowanus Canal on April 22 in a stunt to raise awareness for Mother Nature on Earth Day.

And the water smelled just as pungent as he remembered — despite claims that its levels of feces decreased over recent years — according to the activist-athlete, who in 2015 set a record as the first person to swim the length of the toxic canal and once described paddling in it as “swimming through a dirty diaper.”

“I could smell poop and gas, and I bumped into trash,” said Christopher Swain. “You can see visible sewage, and a rainbow sheen on the water from the oil.”

Swain said he dove back into the 1.8-mile waterway tainted by chemicals, raw sewage, sexually transmitted diseases, and animals’ corpses to encourage a speedier cleanup of the canal roughly 18 months after Environmental Protection Agency officials began its federally led scrub, which has already faced delays.

“People say it’s crazy I’m swimming in here, but what’s crazy is that it is not clean enough to swim in — and I’ll keep going until it is,” he said. “I’m proposing a pristine waterway, one safe for swimming every day. We got a long way to go.”

Brooklyn’s toxic avenger — who floated through other contaminated



**WASHING OFF:** Swain rinsed himself with clean water after his swim in the fetid canal.

Photo by Jason Speakman

channels including Newtown Creek and the East River following his first successful canal swim — covered his body in petroleum jelly and threw on a protective drysuit, earplugs, a silicone cap, gloves, boots, and goggles before taking to the muck, where he propelled himself from the Hamilton Street Bridge to the Third Street Bridge as a kayaker paddled close behind to monitor his progress.

Elsewhere on the Gowanus Canal, the Feds recently restarted a pilot program to dredge the so-called black mayonnaise from its floor and then cap the ground to prevent further chemicals from seeping in. And officials are in the process of creating signs warning local anglers of the dangers of eating fish hooked in its murky waters.

# Man arrested for stabbing

## Two accomplices remain at large

BY COLIN MIXSON

Cops busted a man suspected of brutally slashing another guy and leaving him for dead on a Borough Park street early on the morning of April 22.

The victim told police he noticed the 21-year-old suspect and two other men following him down 14th Avenue near Church Avenue at 3:55 am, when one of the trio hurled a brick that hit him in the back of the head and sent him flying to the pavement, according to court documents.

The three men then beat the victim and stabbed him several times in the back with a knife, before leaving him on the blacktop in a pool of his own blood, court documents show.

An eyewitness described the victim as a senior and claimed the attack followed a dispute between the man and

the suspects, which turned violent after the victim fell while chasing the trio on foot.

"First the older man ran after them, and they ran away, but then he tripped," said Joseph Friedman, who was in town visiting from upstate New York when he spotted the assault. "They had a bat in hand, and they started beating him very strongly. He didn't scream and he tried to protect himself."

A good Samaritan behind the wheel of a Ford Explorer eventually pulled up and chased the suspects away, according to Friedman, who said the experience scarred him.

"I was really traumatized, I couldn't sleep, it was horrible," he said. "I wanted to help, but I don't have any muscle. That's why I called the police."

Paramedics rushed the



**SLASHED ON THE STREET:** (Top) Police arrested one of three men suspected of attacking and stabbing a man near the Borough Park-Kensington border on April 22. (Right) The victim's blood pooled on 14th Avenue after the assault.

Photos by Mark Mellone

wounded man to Maimonides Medical Center to be treated for multiple stab wounds, a broken nose, and a gash on the back of his head, according to officials, who said the victim is in stable condition.

Police caught the suspect hours after the attack, and charged him with assault

and criminal possession of a weapon, cops said. His two accomplices, however, remain at large.

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# An all-natural affair

BY COLIN MIXSON

These Brooklynites love their Mother!

Kids and kids at heart flocked to Prospect Park's bird sanctuary on April 22 where they honored Mother Earth with the help of some feathered friends.

"We love the park and the Audubon Center as a family, because they're a great way for our daughter to experience the outdoors," said mom Alyson Vitticore, who brought her husband Matthew and tyke

Viola to the annual Earth Day event in Brooklyn's Backyard.

The park's bird experts showed off several winged predators during the celebration, including a screech owl, a tiny American kestrel falcon, and a red-tailed hawk — all of which dazzled the nature-lovers in attendance, according to another dad.

"It was great to get up close and personal with the birds," said Matthew Gelb, who came with his kids Beecher and Wyatt.

The festivities inside the green space also featured lessons for aspiring anglers, who learned how to safely bait a hook and cast a fishing line from state conservationists and employees of meadow caretaker the Prospect Park Alliance, Vitticore said.

"Viola learned out to put a worm on the hook, how to cast, and how to be safe with a fishing pole around lots of people, which is really important," the mom said.

And a few blocks away in

**PLANETEERS:** (From left) Sabine Baker celebrated Earth Day with pup Molly in Prospect Park. Bird handlers showed off a screech owl during the event. Luca Tang and mom Alice checked out the view from the upper deck of the park's Audubon Center while relaxing on a giant beanbag.

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Park Slope, other environmentally minded locals honored the planet by joining members of the Park Slope Civic Council

in a neighborhood cleanup, during which the do-gooders disposed of litter and decorated sidewalks with chalk.

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## 78TH PRECINCT

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### Nailed

Cops busted a woman for allegedly stealing more than 100 bottles of nail polish from a Flatbush Avenue chain store on April 11.

An employee told police the suspect was spotted attempting to smuggle 111 bottles of the finger lacquer from the big-box retailer near Atlantic Avenue at 4:55 pm.

Police nabbed her that day, charging the suspect with grand larceny, cops said.

### Zoomed away

Someone drove off with a man's Toyota Camry he left double parked — with keys in the ignition — on Fifth Avenue on April 15.

The victim told authorities he left his car running between Ninth and 10th streets to dash into a nearby smoke shop at 9:10 am, and returned a few minutes later to find his imported sedan stolen.

### Car lark

Cops arrested two men who they said rode away with a man's car he parked inside a Fourth Avenue garage on April 13.

The suspects made their way into the garage between Third and Sixth streets at 4:23 pm, before hopping inside the victim's 2001 Camry, which they found unlocked and with the keys inside, according to police.

Authorities caught up with the suspects the following day, charging them with grand larceny auto, officials said.

### Bye, bye, baby seat

A thief pedaled away with a man's bike equipped with a baby seat that he locked to a Flatbush Avenue bike rack on April 13.

The victim told cops he chained up his bike near Plaza Street West at 6:30 pm, and returned five minutes later to find his and his baby's ride nabbed.

### Puff, puff, perp

Police busted a man for allegedly smoking pot on Carroll Street on April 12.

The arresting officer said he was between Bond and Nevins streets at 2:05 pm when he spotted the suspect puffing away on a "marijuana cigarette" in full view of the public.

— *Colin Mixson*

## 84TH PRECINCT

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS-DUMBO-BOERUM HILL-DOWNTOWN

### Belt bruiser

Some villain attacked a man with a belt near MetroTech Center



# POLICE BLOTTER

on April 13, police said.

The 26-year-old victim told cops he was near Jay Street around 9 am when the snake came up to him and struck him with a belt buckle, leaving a gash on his head.

### Subway savage

Cops cuffed a guy for slashing someone in the arm with a knife on April 17 while aboard a subway near Willoughby Street.

The 39-year-old victim told police he was on a Bay Ridge-bound R train near Lawrence Street around 3:10 pm when the suspect hopped on and the two started arguing about a seat.

The verbal dispute escalated, and then the suspect slashed the man in the left arm with a switchblade, officials said.

### Cashed out

Police arrested a guy for stealing a wad of cash from a Henry Street restaurant on April 16.

The suspect kicked his way into the eatery near Cranberry Street around 5 am and then ran out with \$800 from the cash register, according to a report.

### Stolen data

Authorities arrested a guy for stealing a victim's two laptops from his office on Jay Street sometime between April 13 and 16.

The suspect broke into the building near Plymouth Street and stole an Apple MacBook Pro and a Lenovo laptop, officials said.

### Gym rat

A punk stole a guy's wallet from his locker at an Atlantic Avenue gym on April 12, police said.

The victim told cops he left his wallet in an unlocked locker inside the fitness center near Court Street around 4 pm before going for a swim, and when he got back an hour later, his billfold containing his credit card, driver's license, and MetroCard was gone.

## 88TH PRECINCT

FORT GREENE-CLINTON HILL

### Not horsin' around

Some crook stole a guy's horse statue from his S. Oxford Street apartment on April 15, cops said.

The 67-year-old victim told police he invited two guests to his apart-

ment near Lafayette Avenue around 6 pm, and when they left at 11 pm, his bronze steed was gone.

### Up in smoke

A lout swiped a bunch of cigarettes from a Myrtle Avenue pharmacy on April 18, police said.

The baddie broke into the store near Adelphi Street around 1 am and ran out with several different packs of smokes, according to authorities.

### What a tool!

A baddie stole a bunch of tools from an Atlantic Avenue construction site sometime overnight on April 15, officials said.

The sneak entered through the site's locked gates near Grand Avenue sometime between 1 pm and 8 am, and ran off with a Bosch breaking hammer and a DeWalt grinder, according to a report.

### Not so pie-us

A punk stole a woman's wallet on Flatbush Avenue Extension on April 9 and used its contents to buy pizza, police said.

The 31-year-old victim told cops on April 16 that she realized her wallet containing her credit cards, debit cards, identification card, and MetroCard went missing near Fulton Street around 2:45 pm, and that some jerk then ordered \$45 worth of pizza from Dominos.

— *Julianne Cuba*

## 68TH PRECINCT

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### Drug bust

A man tried to flee from officers when they found him with marijuana and heroin inside a car on 90th Street on April 21, cops said.

Officers reported finding the man in a 2018 Infiniti between Third and Fourth avenues just after 1:45 am, when they approached the car because it was blocking a fire hydrant.

They then smelled the reefer, and when the man stepped out of the vehicle, he threw a plastic straw to the ground and kicked it under the car, according to a report.

When the officers recovered the straw, they found heroin residue on it, and more heroin in the car and in his sock, according to authorities.

The man then refused to put his hands behind his back, flailed his

arms, and tried to flee, officers reported.

### Spent

A liar stole a Shore Road resident's debit-card information and made withdrawals valued at more than \$2,100 from cash machines on April 16.

The perp stole the info from the man, who lives at 68th Street, and obtained the cash just before midnight, police said.

The victim is still in possession of his card, according to a report.

### Scratch attack

Police arrested a man who they said grabbed and scratched a woman inside a 78th Street building on April 18.

The assault occurred between Fifth and Sixth avenues around 3 pm, and left the woman with redness and pain to her left shoulder and neck, according to authorities.

### Window shopping

A burglar shattered a window of a woman's car parked on 82nd Street on April 20 and stole her purse containing \$400 and her credit cards from within the vehicle.

The car was parked between 13th and 14th avenues, and the theft occurred around 2:30 pm, police said.

### Speed demon

Authorities arrested a man for speeding in his car on 13th Avenue on April 21, and found him in possession of marijuana and cocaine.

Police apprehended the man at 79th Street around 10:15 pm, according to a report.

The suspect is known to be affiliated with a gang, according to officials.

### Beat down

A trio of baddies assaulted a man on Fifth Avenue on April 22.

The nogoodniks approached the man at 67th Street around 12:30 am, when two of them punched him in the face repeatedly and kicked him in the legs, causing injuries, according to authorities.

### Big phony

A lout tried to swindle a Seventh Avenue gas station employee with a fake \$100 bill after filling up his tank with fuel on April 22.

The perp arrived at the station between 85th and 86th streets just after 5:30 pm, when he tried to pay with the fake cash, and then drove away without paying when the cashier refused the illicit green, police reported. — *Julianne McShane*

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# March sadness

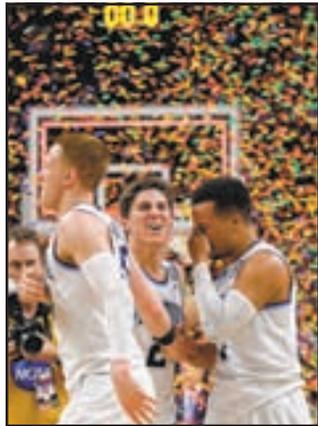
Tenants honor staffer who died amid NCAA tourney

BY JULIANNE CUBA

A sports-obsessed worker at a Williamsburg apartment complex who took part in fantasy leagues and pools with others there claimed his first victory when he won the group's college-basketball contest earlier this month — roughly two weeks after he died.

But late building porter Willy Ojeda's winning picks for the National Collegiate Athletic Association's 2018 March Madness tournament — won by his favorite team Villanova — did not go uncelebrated. The other participants who wagered friendly bets on the contest decided to donate the prize money Ojeda would have claimed to his next of kin, according to a tenant.

"He was a beloved member of the staff, so we decided to give the modest cash prize to his surviving sons," said Evan Thies, who lives in the complex on N. 11th Street between Driggs Avenue and Roebling Street and launched a



Associated Press / David J. Phillip

**CHAMPS:** Villanova basketball players celebrated their April 2 victory about two weeks after superintendent Willy Ojeda died.

GoFundMe page to support the deceased's family.

And watching their 54-year-old dad's beloved Pennsylvania squad take the title of Division I men's basketball champs on April 2 — just weeks after he died on March 15 — was bittersweet, according to one of Ojeda's two sons,

who said his father expressed optimism about taking the top honors in his own competition before his sudden passing.

"For March Madness, he was in second place, he told me to watch out for that," said 23-year-old Kevin Ojeda. "So when I saw Villanova won, I saw my dad won as well — but he never got to see the day because he passed away."

The younger Ojeda — who lives in the outer borough of Queens with his 26-year-old brother, both of whom lived with their father before he died — said his pop woke up perfectly healthy on his last day on earth, but later collapsed at home due to unexpected heart failure.

"He had a massive heart attack while taking a shower," Kevin Ojeda said of his dad, who submitted his winning basketball bracket two days before his death.

The deceased was a single parent who always made time for his boys, taking them



**IN MEMORIAM:** Residents of the building where the elder Ojeda worked donated the deceased's prize for picking a winning March Madness bracket to his son Kevin Ojeda, above holding a photo of his dad, and his brother.

Photo by Jason Speakman

to shoot hoops and see ball games, and teaching them to be the young men they are today, his son said.

"My father taught us how to play sports and get through our lives," Kevin Ojeda said. "He raised us right. It's hard losing the number-one person in your life."

The elder Ojeda took home

\$210 for winning the March Madness pool at his place of work, which will be put toward a final-resting place that honors his love of the game, his son said.

"We want something to do with sports on the urn," Kevin Ojeda said. "He was a big sports fan, and we want to get that right for him."



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# 'No plans' for Action

## Mayor: City will continue to contract deadly hauler

BY JULIANNE CUBA

Whatever it takes to get the job done.

Mayor DeBlasio is okay with the city's multi-million-dollar business with private-sanitation company Action Carting, whose drivers have hit and killed five people in the last decade, according to his spokesman.

"There are no plans to sever contracts with the company at this time," said Eric Phillips. "The mayor does not have a personal opinion about this company."

Phillips relayed his boss's comments after Hizzoner — while taking questions at an unrelated press conference on April 12 — said he wasn't aware of the trash collector's history of recklessness on the road, and promised to look into it in order to form an opinion.

"I'm concerned about the issue, but I'm not familiar with the specifics. So, this is one where I have to in a very straightforward way say I need to get you an answer because I don't have the facts to be able to give you the full answer," DeBlasio said. "Anything involving safety, I'm concerned about. We're certainly not afraid to take aggressive action if there is a safety problem, but I need to get briefed on this before I can give you a good answer."

The private hauler — which authorities slapped with nearly 2,000 violations since 2012, 342 of which are criminal — raked in a whopping \$104,286,930 via city contracts since 2007, records show.

And less than a year ago, the firm racked up its latest fatality when one of its trucks plowed into 27-year-old cyclist Neftaly Ramirez in Greenpoint while behind the wheel without the proper license, then fled the scene.

Police issued that driver a summons four months after the deadly



**BUSINESS AS USUAL:** Mayor DeBlasio said he has no personal opinion on private garbage collector Action Carting — whose drivers have killed five and injured dozens more while behind the wheel over the past decade — after promising to look into the company when asked about it at an unrelated press conference on April 12.

File photo by Georgine Benvenuto

collision, and the district attorney let the man off the hook in January after a separate investigation by his prosecutors did not find enough evidence to convict him.

The Police Department denied several requests for records from the Ramirez investigation filed under the Freedom of Information law, and this newspaper is still waiting for a response from officials about similar documents from the district attorney.

## Cops catch man who socked kid

BY JULIANNE CUBA

Police busted this bully.

Authorities on April 19 arrested a man suspected of slugging a kid while riding a G train last month.

The 5-year-old boy and his mother were aboard a Church Avenue-bound Brooklyn Local on March 25 when the 25-year-old punched the youngster in the face as it pulled into Bergen Street station, authorities said.

The suspect then allegedly taunted the tot before hopping off the train at the Boerum Hill hub, yelling "Are you going to cry to your mommy?" according to a New York Post report that a police spokesman said he couldn't confirm at the time.

The youngster received treatment for bruising and swelling on the left



**CUFFED:** Police arrested this man who they said punched a 5-year-old in the face while aboard a G train last month. NYPD

side of his face at New York University Langone Hospital in Cobble Hill following the attack, according to officials.

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# Bar fight brewing

## Sunset Parkers fear return of nightmare nightclub

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

They don't want to join this club.

A bar set to open on 39th Street between Third and Fourth avenues will cause the same late-night nuisances as the seedy establishment that previously occupied the space, complained Sunset Parkers at a recent meeting of Community Board 7. One local who lives across the street from the soon-to-open watering hole — which the owner promised would be “upscale” — said it sounded just like the old nightclub, and that the neighbors were ready to fight to keep their peace.

“It’s a windowless bar, so it gets a particular stripe of patron,” said Danny Stoddard. “This guy doesn’t seem to be interested in running an establishment that is at all different from what we’ve experienced.”

But when the new bar’s owner and manager Pablo Nivicela appeared before CB7’s Public Safety Commit-

tee with his accountant Renan Mazorra at the April 9 meeting, they promised the spot at 1004 Fourth Ave. — ominously dubbed “Explosion 21” — would be nothing like its predecessor, “El Tropicoso.”

That nightclub received 62 Criminal Court summons for excessive noise, public urination, and drinking in public during its two-year reign from 2014–16, according to the local 72nd Precinct’s community affairs officer, Sean Spencer, who added that locals made 44 calls to 911 about the club during the same period, and that a sex crime also occurred at the site.

A Sunset Parker who lives across the street said she heard rumors the bar was known for prostitution.

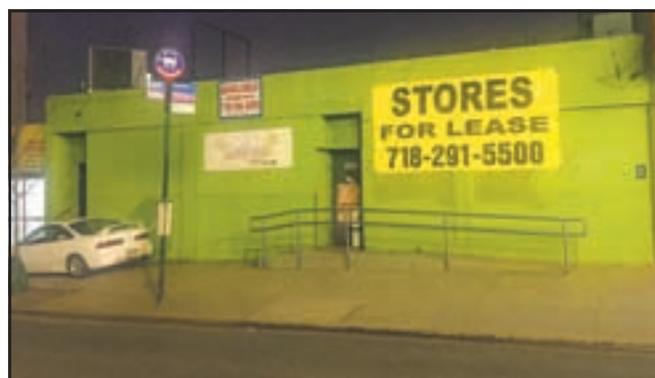
Nivicela promised there would be neither dancing nor a lounge at Explosion 21 — even though it would be open from 7 pm until 4 am and likely feature a deejay. Locals quickly called out the inconsistencies, charging that the plans were

a recipe for reopening a den of debauchery unless Nivicela made major changes, such as adding windows.

“When it was the club, there were lots of nefarious things going on that we couldn’t see from the street,” said Anthony Sisto, who also lives across the road. “We want to see what the hell’s going on inside, because people are sitting on my street after they leave the bar, and puking, and p-----, and doing coke, and fighting.”

The locals demanded that Nivicela soundproof the space, and the head of the board said that the pair should return to the panel with a security plan and details on how they would shut down every night to avoid encouraging the loiterers who wreaked havoc in the neighborhood after El Tropicoso would lock up.

One neighbor said the low-lives caused hundreds of dollars in damage to her property when they left the club drunk, and that she was doubtful the new place would be different.



**SCENE OF THE CONFLICT:** Locals worry that the new owner of this bar at Fourth Avenue and 39th Street will allow rowdiness common under its previous management. Community News Group / Julianne McShane

“I’ve had my car vandalized, I’ve had liquor bottles thrown at the front of my building while I was sitting on my stoop,” said Erin Giacinto. “I’ve never been to an upscale jazz club that’s open till 4 am — it’s just not the case.”

Sisto — and the board — also suggested that Nivicela consider changing the new bar’s name, worrying that it could attract the same sort of rowdy crowd that frequented the previous club.

“You coming in with the name ‘Explosion 21’ is not really welcoming to the neighborhood,” he said. “How about ‘Quiet 39?’”

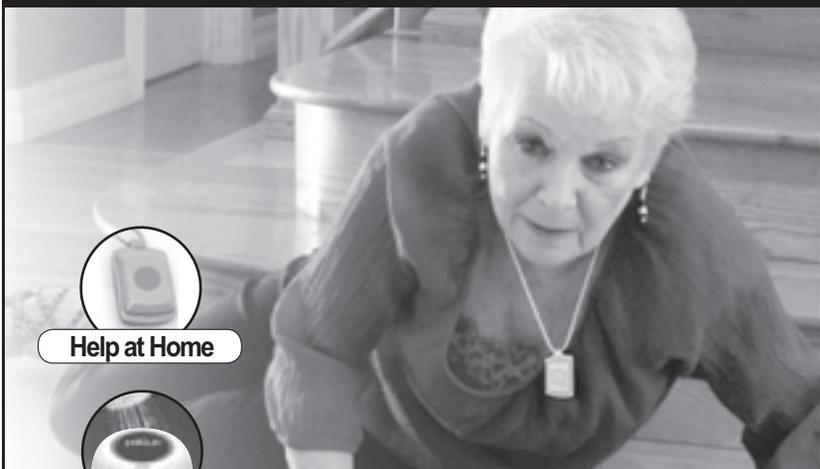
Mazorra insisted he didn’t know about any of the previ-

ous problems plaguing the site, and that his deejay would only play “soft, ’80s background music” that would discourage dancing — and thus, presumably, debauchery.

“It’s not a cabaret — we’re not going to encourage dancing. We trust that people are not going to get up and dance,” he said. “We feel it’s going to be a benefit to the neighborhood.”

The meeting with the community board was a customary, non-binding courtesy as part of the process to obtain a liquor license, which the State Liquor Authority ultimately grants or denies. The pair promised to return to the board with more details next month.

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BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

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(Clockwise from left) Dr. Melinda Keller of the Brooklyn Spine Center helps a patient use the LPG Spine Force. Dr. Keller in her office. Cecilia and Nadia greet patients at the front desk.

Photos by Georgine Benvenuto

invasive, and patients do not feel any pain when undergoing the treatment. The only thing they may feel is a gentle tug to the spine as the machine works to ease the symptoms associated with herniated discs, degenerative disc disease, and sciatica. While this is taking place, patients are lying comfortably on top of the machine's cushioned table. The treatment takes place slowly and gradually, so that patients are relaxed and stress-free.

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# STATUE

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ter arriving there later last week.

And two days later, on April 18, Zuniga put forth a motion urging Green-Wood leaders to reconsider taking the statue at a meeting of his civic panel, but quickly withdrew it after multiple members — including a former chairman — said the board should focus its attention elsewhere in the community.

“We are wasting our time shaking our fists and clucking our tongues at a statue,” said Daniel Murphy.

One former CB7 member, however, accused those who supported the sculpture’s relocation of being a bunch of clueless white guys.

“They were all white men saying these things,” said Malissa del Valle Ortiz, who is black. “It was very offensive, and if you’re not a woman — a woman of color — you don’t know where I’m speaking from.”

Zuniga ultimately told the board’s district manager to reach out to the cemetery after Greenwood Heights Councilman Carlos Menchaca washed his hands of the matter at the

meeting, telling attendees a solution must “come from you.”

Graveyard honchos have yet to set a date for the Sims summit with residents, whose opposition to the statue likely won’t die any time soon, according to Zuniga.

“We’ll have a range of conversations, including what can we do to be responsive to women of color who say this is a very historical figure, and we don’t want him in our community,” he said.

Cemetery officials previously vowed to use the effigy as a learning device, promising to display it along with informational material that explains the dastardly medical practices of the so-called “father of modern gynecology,” who himself is buried in one of the site’s roughly 500,000 graves.

But Ortiz said she would rather see the statue destroyed, and its metal reshaped into a new monument honoring women.

“It would be great if they could recycle and repurpose it as a positive image,” she said.

*Locals interested in attending Green-Wood Cemetery’s meeting about the statue can contact Community Board 7 at (718) 854-0003 for information.*

# 80 FLATBUSH

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high-rises’ proposed density — which is triple the size of what zoning laws currently allow on the lot — and height are both too large for structures in the low-rise neighborhood, echoing other locals’ complaints that the development’s size would be “unprecedented” for the enclave, and that its taller tower will block precious light from green things growing in the community.

The committee took little time to cast its vote, coming to a consensus roughly 15 minutes after first raising the proposal as attendees applauded and cheered in support.

The quick decision followed two-and-a-half hours of members belaboring the details of other requests before them, which included making minor tweaks to single-family homes in the area, and altering an Adidas sign on a landmarked Fulton Street building.

Community Board 2’s full board will cast its advisory vote on the scheme on May 9, about two weeks following Borough President Adams’s



**REJECTED:** Community Board 2’s Land Use Committee voted 10-0 against the rezoning application for 80 Flatbush, with one member abstaining.

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April 30 public hearing on the proposal, after which he will issue his own recommendation. The upzoning application then moves on to the City Planning Commission, Council, and finally Mayor DeBlasio, who will

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# Celebrating 125 years with a gala

### DOWNTOWN

Let's hear it for **Helen Keller Services for the Blind, Darcy Stacom** and **Robert B. Catell**. The venerable institution will culminate its year long celebrations of its 125th year on Sept. 13 at a gala at **Liberty Warehouse** in Red Hook as well as honoring Stacom, the Chairwoman of CB Richard Ellis, New York City Markets and former chairman of National Grid Robert Catell (below).

**Joseph Bruno**, president and chief executive officer, shared, "We're pleased and excited that two of New York's most respected and influential professionals will be honorees at our gala. Darcy Stacom (below) led the extraordinary CBRE team



responsible for the successful sale of our Willoughby Street headquarters building. She is a leading figure in New York City's real estate community and a true friend of Helen Keller Services."

Bruno said of Catell "He is someone I've known personally and professionally for many years, going back to his Brooklyn Union Gas and Keyspan Energy days."



Additionally Bruno added, "By serving as honorees, Darcy and Bob each bring considerable support to Helen Keller Services and its mission to enable individuals who are blind, visually-impaired, deaf-blind or have combined hearing-vision loss to live, work and thrive in the communities of their choice."

Helen Keller Services began in Brooklyn in 1893 as The Industrial Home for the Blind. Two years later, National Grid, then Brooklyn Union Gas, opened its doors around the corner. "Our two organizations have been linked ever since. This is a very exciting time for Helen Keller Services," said Bruno. "We are honoring our 125-year-old Brooklyn roots with the gala and the move to a new space in Brooklyn."

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**SUPER VOLUNTEERS!:** Be Proud Foundation volunteers, from left, Antonia Sitova, Philip Gurevic, Esq; Anna Malkina-Shumaeva; Be Proud Foundation board member Dmitriy Azayev; Faina Konusova; Boris Malkiyev, Mara Goldshtein; Yevsey Denenberg; and Inna Lukyanenko participated in the ninth annual Passover Food Distribution effort in the Coney Island-Brighton Beach area.

## A bit of bread is life to the poor

### BOROUGH WIDE

Standing O sends loads of thanks to **Raisa Chernina**, executive director and founder of **Be Proud Foundation**.

The organization with giving volunteers, including **Antonia Sitova, Philip Gurevic, Esq; Anna Malkina-Shumaeva; Dmitriy Azayev**, member of board of Be Proud Foundation; **Faina Konusova; Boris Malkiyev, Mara Goldshtein; Yevsey Denenberg;** and **Inna Lukyanenko**, packaged and handed out more than 600 bags of groceries for the needy on the ninth

annual **Passover Food Distribution** initiative. At the kick-off event at the **National** restaurant in Brighton Beach, Raisa thanked the **Community Affairs Office of the 60th Precinct** for "Providing the safety that made this event possible."

She added, "I don't want people to not have food on this special holiday." Adding, "I believe hunger doesn't have a language, people in need — no matter skin color or religion."

*Be Proud Foundation [2805 E. 26th St. between Emmons Avenue and Shore Parkway in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 788-7773].*

*gala visit: [www.helenkeller.org/hks/events](http://www.helenkeller.org/hks/events).*

*Helen Keller Services for the Blind [57 Willoughby St. in Downtown, (718) 522-2122].*

### GRAVESEND

## Hip, hip hooray!

For the second year in a row, **Coney Island Prep High School's** graduating seniors have all been accepted to college. Last year's seniors, who were the first graduates of the charter school, started the trend, which founder **Jacob Mnookin** says is what he promised to families when he started the school nine years ago.

"From the beginning, we have been laser-focused on preparing our students to succeed in the college and

career of their choice. I am unbelievably proud of all of the hard work of the students, teachers and counselors, and the support of their families that have brought us here, one step closer to achieving that dream."

Last year's graduating class saw 85 percent attend four-year colleges or universities, and 15 percent attended two-year community colleges. While this year's senior class has until May 1 to make its final decision regarding college matriculation, a similar ratio is expected.

"To have every single one of our seniors accepted to college is an incredible achievement," added Mnookin.

**Naa'ilah Frazier**, a senior from Bath Beach, was accepted to 33 colleges. "As soon as the application windows opened up, I started applying. I spent hours and hours doing it, be-



### BOROUGH WIDE

## What a scout!

Congratulations to borough son **Thomas Verveniotis** of **Boy Scout Troop 715** for receiving the **2018 New York Knicks Dave DeBusschere Award**.

The excelling teen was so honored on April 6, mid-court at **Madison Square Garden** during a New York Knicks game.

The Dave DeBusschere Award goes to a junior high school basketball player between the ages of 11-14 who excels on the court and in the classroom, and who exemplifies the heroic characteristics of the late Dave DeBusschere.

DeBusschere was a member of the NBA champion Knicks of 1970 alongside Willis Reed, Bill Bradley, Dick Barnett and Walt Frazier.

"We are proud to see Thomas recognized for his achievements and for his commitment as a scout and student," said **Ethan Draddy**, chief executive officer of the Greater New York Councils, Boy Scouts of America.

"Thomas is an exemplary Scout and role model to all of us."

Thomas was nominated as an active athlete in the **Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church Sports League**.

To honor his DeBusschere Award, the New York Knicks donated new basketball equipment to Thomas's community athletic center and hosted a basketball clinic.

cause I can't wait to go to college and be more independent," she said.

There are 74 seniors in this graduating class.

**Evan Burns**, principal shared, "We always knew they could do it, but to see every one of our scholars have a great choice of colleges to attend is so exciting. I'm so proud of our scholars and our teachers for helping them every step of the way."

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The neighborhood is named for 17th Century French Walloon settler Wolfert Gerritsen,

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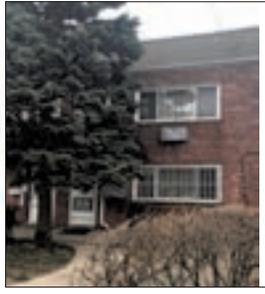
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# Locals cry: Towers would be too high!

*Civic gurus unanimously rejected a real-estate firm's plan for a five-building megadevelopment on the edge of Boerum Hill. ("CB2 Land Use Committee votes down massive 80 Flatbush project," by Julianne Cuba, online April 20). Members of Community Board 2's Land Use Committee shot down the controversial 80 Flatbush project — whose builder is seeking a zoning change that would allow the construction of 74- and 38-story towers as part of a complex that incorporates residential, commercial, cultural, and school spaces on a lot bordered by Flatbush and Third avenues and State and Schermerhorn streets — in a 10-0 vote with one abstention.*

*Committee members — echoing locals' complaints — said the proposed density and height of the high-rises were too large for structures in the neighborhood. This is what some of our readers think:*

"The quick decision followed two-and-a-half hours of members belaboring the details of other requests before them." Sounds like somebody doesn't love community board meetings.

**Mike from Williamsburg**

No, it sounds like a plan that stinks for the community. CB2 can focus on projects with more merit, or that need more deliberation.

**Peter Engel from Fort Greene**

The city desperately needs more housing. This is a neighborhood with excellent mass transit, perfect for high-density housing. We need more of these projects, not less.

**GL from Williamsburg**

As a former resident of Downtown and member of CB2's Land Use Committee, I wholeheartedly agree with the committee's recommendation. And when it comes to the "excellent" mass transit (in theory only), I wonder whether GL from Williamsburg has ever tried to get on a Manhattan-bound subway train, particularly during morning rush hours.

**UJH from Sleepy Hollow, NY**

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## SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

### LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

Follow the money. If the developer is "paying to play" with the mayor and city officials, the community input will mean nothing.

**Charles from Bklyn**

A tower for rich people doesn't alleviate the housing needs of the city. Take that real estate people!

**Bkmanhattan from Nubrucklyn**

A tower for rich people alleviates the housing needs of the city. Rich people live in the tower instead of buying brownstones and converting them back to single-family residences.

Maybe all the rich people [will] live in new towers so that none try to live in my ramshackle apartment!

**Mike from Williamsburg**

*The district attorney's office continues to prosecute the majority of low-level weed-possession cases despite its pledge to stop trying petty pot disputes in 2014, and most defendants are people of color, according to a public defender who called the so-called progressive policy a failure ("Reefer badness: DA's progressive pot policy falls short, activists claim," by Colin Mixson, online April 19).*

*"If the stated goal was to stop arrests, or stop prosecuting the majority of marijuana offenses, it failed," said Scott Hechinger, a senior attorney and policy director at legal-advocacy group Brooklyn Defender Services.*

*Former District Attorney Ken Thompson told voters he wouldn't prosecute Kings County stoners caught with 25 grams or less of the illicit herb, and after he passed away his successor, Eric Gonzalez, has maintained that stance. These locals had their own thoughts:*

Enforcing the law should not be an excuse to discriminate. The answer is not to give up on enforcing laws, it is to enforce them equally. It's time to crack down on white people flagrantly breaking the law. You can't walk a block in Bay Ridge without smelling disgusting pot smoke. The worst part is the smell is usually coming from moving cars. Wake up 68 [Precinct] and do your damn jobs.

**Henry Ford from Bay Ridge**

"Outdated and shortsighted marijuana prohibition and it's past time we right this wrong." So true. It is not the toxic auto exhaust at all but

the non-toxic cannabis smoke. Henry Ford still wants to crack heads and throw people (any people) in jail. Must be some self-interest here: maybe a prison guard?

**Norman from Park Slope**

Oh for heaven's sake, let's legalize it already! For a zillion reasons. Arresting people for smoking weed in public? Really? Weed arrests have skyrocketed and so has public consumption. Anyone who thinks arresting weed smokers accomplishes anything is smoking something a lot stronger than weed! End all weed arrests, tax and regulate for adult use. Weed: the only drug that alters the minds of those that don't smoke it.

**Wayne from Kensington**

*The city moved one step closer to bulldozing the ancient Gowanus Station building after Council approved use of eminent domain to seize its Butler Street lot and neighboring land to make way for two underground sewage tanks the Feds require for their cleanup of the Gowanus Canal ("Council okays use of eminent domain to seize Gowanus plots as part of canal cleanup," by Julianne Cuba, online April 16).*

*Local activists have fought the plan to put the four-and eight-million-gallon tanks beneath the site to hold raw waste and storm water, saying the building should be spared from the wrecking ball because it is architecturally and historically significant. One of our readers weighed in with this:*

The EPA is not behind this eminent domain action, they repeatedly told the city that any such action was not necessary under the Superfund. The EPA allowed the city to go forward with the action because of the city's insisted on doing so.

As you have pointed out, "Empire State Development Corporation seized a massive swath of land in Prospect Heights." The City of New York did not insist on carrying out their own land-use action in that situation, but did so here in Gowanus. Why?

Could it be that the city is looking to do more with that land than what falls under the EPA actions — more than they have told the public throughout this process?

**Local Urban Dweller from Brooklyn**

*The top brass at a Brooklyn graveyard will meet with critics seething over a plan to place a polarizing statue in the cemetery that city officials banished from public display ("Monumental discourse: Cemetery leaders setting meeting with neighbors about controversial statue," by Colin Mixson, online April 24).*

*A Green-Wood Cemetery rep said the meeting will be held to ensure they are "good neighbors" to residents who blasted them for welcoming the likeness of 19th-century gynecologist J. Marion Sims — who performed experimental surgery on black female slaves — which the mayor proposed banishing from a Manhattan park last year as part of his citywide monument review. The sit-down will be the first time bigwigs address the issue with their neighbors. Some readers shared their opinions:*

Did those "experiments" lead to the slaves' relief? Curb your feigned outrage unless you know what you are talking about.

**Rufus Leaking from BH**

The specifics are critical to make an informed choice. The word "experiments" in itself means nothing. This story would be more valuable if it possessed the specifics of this man's work — were they only black women, what [was their] physical state, was pain involved, what was accomplished, etc.? Rather, the story only seeks to incite controversy without substance.

**Knowledge First from Brooklyn**

*A local cemetery offers parents-only stroller tours of the burial ground that are tailored to new moms and dads dying for an excuse to leave the nursery ("Infants meet mortality: Green-Wood Cemetery hosts stroller tours for new moms and dads," by Colin Mixson, online April 16).*

*"They're looking for something to do outside," said Park Sloper Susan Fox — and one reader agreed:*

Green-Wood Cemetery was created as a beautiful public garden... for strolling and enjoyment of nature (and for dead people). It's only the generations from the middle bit of the 20th century that have gotten all weird and uncomfortable with dead people.

**Tyler from PPS**

# Randa Jarrar and the problem with America

What would happen if Michelle Obama passed away and I tweeted "I'm happy the witch is dead" and am glad that Barack Obama "is really sad right now," while serving as a professor with the City University of New York, as I have for over 15 years? It is safe to assume that the mainstream media and progressive elected officials in New York would demand my firing, and there would be mass protests outside my college and home.

Last week, when former First Lady Barbara Bush died at 92 years old, Fresno State University English professor Randa Jarrar promptly tweeted, "I'm happy 'the witch is dead,'" and that "George W. Bush is really sad right now." Jarrar also called Bush an "amazing racist," and chastised those who were tweeting condolences with "F--- outta here with your nice words." She further boasted that she could "never be fired" because of her tenure.

As if celebrating the death of someone weren't bad



## THE RIGHT VIEW

Bob Capano

enough, in response to the outrage about her comments, Randa Jarrar tweeted, "If you really wanna reach me, here's my number," and gave the phone number to an emergency crisis hotline at Arizona State University. Needless to say, the hotline was deluged with calls from those thinking they were reaching

Jarrar. According to reports, a day after the professor gave the false number, it was receiving 50-70 calls per hour.

These calls overwhelmed the hotline and there is no way to know how many people who really needed life-saving help could not get through because of the professor giving out this bogus number.

All the while California Governor Jerry Brown — who can play a big role in the consequences handed down to an employee of the state — has remained virtually silent.

Progressives leaders throughout the country portray themselves as champions of mental health. In fact, Brown last year touted his signing of a new law that expands intervention programs for mental illness, including setting up public-private partnerships to provide more resources in this area. Here in New York City, Mayor DeBlasio and his wife, Chirlane McCray, often speak about their ThriveNYC program, which they claim is the most comprehensive mental health

plan of any city or state in the nation.

Brown should walk the walk and talk the talk by condemning Jarrar for her heartless comments about the Bush family and her wrongful use of a suicide hotline number. Unfortunately, I suspect he and others will stay silent because they do not want to upset the far-left progressive movement that is embodied by people like Jarrar.

Coincidentally, while in the White House, Barbara Bush spoke openly about battling depression during the 1970s. During this time, there was a stigma associated with mental health issues, but Mrs. Bush encouraged people not to be ashamed and to get help.

Bush, born in Queens in 1925, is considered to many as America's modern-day matriarch (after all, she is the only woman in American history since Founding Mother Abigail Adams to be both the wife and mom of an American president). Bush was a champion of universal literacy, founding the Barbara

Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, which seeks to improve literacy in the country through programs for preschool children and parents. One would think that an English professor like Jarrar would support this endeavor.

It is unfortunate that many in our society can't respect families during a time of mourning just because they have different political views. This polarization of our country must end, and it can begin with leaders across the political spectrum, along with the mainstream media, declaring that Randa Jarrar's comments about Barbara Bush are out of bounds in a civilized American society.

One of the most moving photos from Bush's funeral services was one of Presidents George H.W. Bush, Obama, Clinton, and George W. Bush, standing together along with First Ladies Michelle Obama, Hillary Clinton, Laura Bush, and Melania Trump.

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# Social-media justice

## Engaged citizen's Twitter bot outs bad drivers caught on local streets

BY JULIANNE CUBA

It's outing dangerous drivers one Tweet at a time.

A Brooklyn Heights cyclist and civic guru created a Twitter bot that spits out motorists' traffic violations so concerned users can identify reckless individuals who cruise their local streets.

Brian Howald, a member of Community Board 2's Transportation Committee, made the @HowsMyDrivingNY account so people can easily search the city's "Open Parking and Camera Violations" database — which dates back to 2000 and documents illegal behavior such as running red lights, speeding in school zones, and not paying parking meters — after news broke that the motorist who fatally smashed into two kids crossing a Park Slope street last month did so inside a vehicle that had already racked up several infractions.

"In the aftermath of the crash in Park Slope, several people on Twitter combed through the city's open-data portal for violations associated with the car, and found it had been cited 12 times," said Howald, who in Decem-

ber outed Bay Ridge state Sen. Marty Golden for allegedly impersonating a police officer as he tried to pull the cyclist over in a bike lane. "It started a conversation about how often people are driving dangerously near schools, or parking illegally. I wanted to make it easier for people to have access to this data."

The account, which has garnered more than 1,050 followers since its March 23 debut, asks Twitter users to provide a license-plate number the bot then uses to retrieve data including the amount of violations dealt to the vehicle associated with the plate.

Curious locals' Tweets must follow a simple format that includes tagging the bot and entering a vehicle's plate number and state in order to generate a response, according to Howald, who said the technology does the heavy lifting for people who quickly scribble down or snap a photo of a rogue car's plates.

"It allows people to access information from their phones at the moment it's most relevant," he said.

The bot's responses break down a vehicle's infractions by type, making



**CLEAR THE LANE:** Community Board 2 member Brian Howald created a Twitter bot that reveals vehicles' infractions. Photo by Caleb Caldwell

the important distinction between less dangerous violations such as failing to feed a meter and more serious offenses including pumping the gas in a school zone, its creator said.

"The fact that someone shows up in the database doesn't make them a bad driver — someone who doesn't pay the meter is different from someone who speeds next to a school," he said.

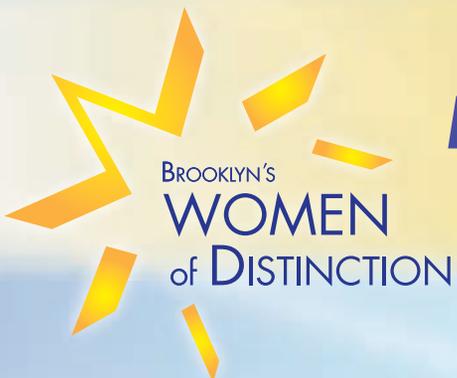
Howald, also a software engineer, hopes that his handle helps get unsafe drivers off the road by exposing repeat offenders' behavior before it

leads to deadly crashes, he said.

"This account helps make people aware of just how often people are doing it, and getting away with it, before their actions result in somebody being injured or killed," Howald said.

And the bot creator said he has one response to motorists who criticize him for putting them on blast — stop breaking the rules.

"If people don't want to be held accountable for doing dangerous things, they shouldn't be doing dangerous things," he said.



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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. Per-

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

## Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

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

Try to eat meals before getting in the car. For those who must snack while en route, take a moment to pull over at

a rest area and spend 10 minutes snacking there before resuming the trip.

## Reading

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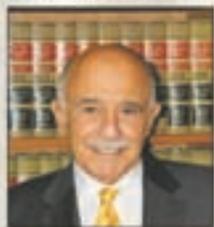
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## Get relief from the pain of sunburns

Summer draws people outdoors to enjoy fun in the sun. But not every aspect of summertime weather can be pleasant, especially when sunburn rears its blistery head.



Despite the health warnings about sun exposure, people still venture outdoors repeatedly without the use of a protective product with a high enough SPF. Side effects of failing to protect the skin can include nasty burns and an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. Perhaps individuals fail to take sunburns seriously because they don't associate sunburns with anything dangerous. But sunburn is just like any other burn and the skin pays the price.

The best way to treat sunburn is not to get it in the first place.

Most people wouldn't intentionally set fire to their skin or play with caustic chemicals. But they will spend hours in the sun unprotected. Just like the flames of a fire, the sun can cause serious burns, even second- and third-degree ones. A second-degree burn causes not only damage to the epidermis, or the outer layer of skin, but extends deeper into the dermis as well. A third-degree burn seriously harms the entire epidermis and dermis, as well as nerves and fatty tissue contained within, according to The Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. Because the epidermis and hair follicles are destroyed, new skin will not grow.

Sunburn can occur after roughly 15 to 30 minutes of exposure to the sun. The burn itself may not show up for hours later, which is why people often think they've avoided a burn. The results of sunburn are often pain, redness, and potential blistering, depending on the level of damage. Although there is no specific treatment for sunburn, there are some remedies that can help the pain and help to speed up recovery.

**Drink plenty of water.** Damaged skin may not be able to properly inhibit the loss of moisture from the body, resulting in dehydration. Drinking water can replenish fluids needed for comfort and health.

**Over-the-counter pain medications may alleviate the stubborn pain.** If the pain is very severe, consult a physician, who might feel prescription-strength pain relievers are necessary. There also are topical pain-relief sprays that temporarily dull the pain and cool the skin.

**Use cool, wet compresses.** Lotions that soothe can also be helpful and reduce swelling. Look for ones with natural ingredients, such as aloe vera.

**Oral antihistamines can help.** When the skin eventually starts to peel and becomes itchy, antihistamines can relieve the itch.

**If blisters are present, leave them be until they break on their own.** Prematurely breaking sunburn blisters can increase the risk of infection. An antibiotic cream may be applied after the blisters break to speed up healing and prevent infection.

**Know then to call a doctor.** If the sunburn is severe or accompanied by a fever, consult a physician.

The best way to treat sunburn is not to get it in the first place. This means being diligent about applying sunblock before going outdoors.

# Sunburn and skin cancer

Sunburn can be a painful, unsightly consequence of too much unprotected time spent in the sun. But sunburn is more than just a temporary nuisance. According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, sunburn can cause long-lasting damage to the skin and increase a person's risk of developing skin cancer.

Sunburn tends to be so common, particularly during the warmer months of the year, that many people may consider it a relatively harmless by-product of spending time outside under the sun. But the United Kingdom-based charitable organization Cancer Research UK notes that getting painful sunburn just once every two years can triple a person's risk of developing melanoma, the most dangerous form of skin cancer.

A better understanding of sunburn and its relationship with skin cancer may encourage more people to prioritize protecting their skin when spending time in the sun:

### What is sunburn?

Sunburn occurs when the DNA in skin cells has been damaged by ultraviolet radiation. Many peo-

ple associate sunburn with skin that peels or blisters, but any skin that turns pink or red in the sun has been sunburnt.

### Am I always vulnerable to sunburn?

Though many people may only get sunburns on hot days, that's not because the skin is not susceptible to sunburn year-round. In fact, sunburn can occur any time of year because it's caused by ultraviolet radiation, which has nothing to do with the temperature. Many people only spend time outdoors on hot days; hence, the reason they may only suffer sunburn in late spring and summer.

Since sunburn can occur at any time of year, it's imperative that skin is covered up and sunscreen is applied regardless of what time of year a person is enjoying the great outdoors.

### Am I out of the woods once my skin peels?

People who have experienced sunburn may have noticed their skin peeling in the days after they were burned, though not every sunburn victim's skin peels. Peeling is how the body rids itself of

the damaged cells that can lead to cancer.

But just because a sunburn victim's skin peels post-sunburn does not mean that person has necessarily dodged the skin cancer bullet. Some damage may remain after skin peels, and that remaining damage can still make sunburn sufferers vulnerable to skin cancer.

### I've been sunburned. Now what?

A sunburn, even a particularly bad sunburn, does not guarantee a person will develop skin cancer. But frequent sunburns increase a person's risk of the disease, so people who have been sunburned, whether it's just once or several times, should revisit what they're doing to protect their skin before going back out in the sun.

Wearing protective clothing, including long sleeve shirts and protective hats, and applying strong sunscreen with a minimum sun protection factor of 30 are just a couple of ways to protect skin from sun damage.

More information about sunburn and skin cancer prevention is available at [www.skincancer.org](http://www.skincancer.org).

# Don't let sunburn derail summer fun

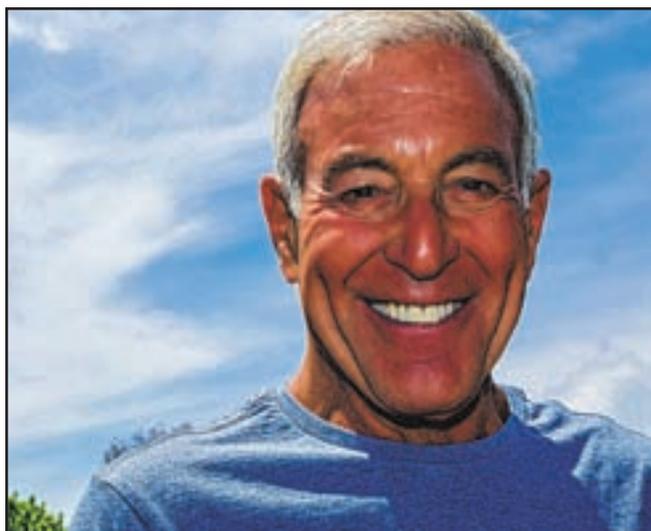
Many people find it impossible to think about summer without conjuring visions of spending endless hours outdoors from morning until evening, whether beachside, on the open water, or even floating in a backyard pool. Although a certain measure of sun exposure is required for some natural functions of the body, it's well documented that too much time in the sun can be hazardous to one's health. That's why summer frolickers need to exercise considerable caution each time they step outside.

Taking sunburn for granted can be a big mistake. Many people wouldn't risk burns from a hot stove or open fire, but they won't think twice about being unprotected under the very hot rays of the sun. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says more than one-third of adults and nearly 70 percent of children admit to suffering from sunburn within the past year.

Depending on the intensity of the sun and the amount of time spent outside, sunburn can be a first- or second-degree burn. In first-degree burns, damage affects the topmost layer of skin. However, sunburn can even affect deeper layers and cause blistering in addition to redness and pain.

Sunburn also can cause some irreparable damage that goes unseen. According to WebMD, ultraviolet light from the sun can alter DNA, prematurely aging skin or even contributing to skin cancers. It can take years before symptoms become noticeable. Therefore, it is best for people of all ages to exercise caution when spending time in the sun.

Sunburn is one of the most easily prevented summertime ailments. It's also important to note that sunburns are not just limited to the hot weather or when it is sunny outside. Ultraviolet damage can occur at any time of the year, and also from artificial UV sources,



Take considerable caution each time you step outside when the sun is at its strongest.

such as tanning beds. Preventing sunburn is simple:

**Take into account the time of day.** The Mayo Clinic says the sun's rays are the strongest between 10 am and 4 pm, so schedule outdoor activities for other times of day. Otherwise, limit exposure

to the sun and take frequent breaks in the shade.

**Wear protective clothing that covers the arms and legs.** Some outdoor gear is designed to offer sun protection. Tightly woven fabrics tend to help the most.

**Apply — and reapply —**

**sunscreen.** Look for products that offer an SPF of 15 or greater. The American Academy of Dermatology actually recommends an SPF of 30 or greater. Make sure the product is broad-spectrum, meaning it protects against UVA and UVB rays. Apply sunscreen thoroughly, paying attention to the tops of feet, hands, and other places that tend to go untreated. Reapply every two hours or more frequently, if necessary.

**Base tans do not protect the skin.** Research does not support the habit of getting a tan to prevent subsequent sunburn.

**Protect the face and eyes.** Wearing a wide-brimmed hat and highly rated UV protection sunglasses can protect these delicate spots.

The Skin Cancer Foundation says a person's risk for melanoma doubles if he or she has had five or more sunburns. Use protection, stay hydrated, and play it smart to enjoy summer to the fullest.

## About Skin Cancer: Treatment, Prevention, and Detection of Tumors

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer, but the types of skin cancer — basal and squamous cell, melanoma, Merkel cell, lymphoma of the skin, or capos sarcoma — vary vastly. Contrasts across different type of skin cancer affect treatment options and prognosis. "Awareness and respect for sunlight are crucial for skin cancer detection and prevention," according to Stephen Danziger, MD, chief of dermatology at NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. "We can't live without the sun, but we also need to be respectful of its potentially harmful ultraviolet rays."

Basal and squamous cell skin cancers are most often found in areas exposed to the sun, such as the head, neck, and arms, but they also can occur elsewhere. These tumors are common but are also usually very treatable. If detected at an early stage and removed promptly, they are almost always curable and cause minimal damage. However, if left untreated there is the risk that the cancers will spread to local lymph nodes,



distant tissues, and organs.

Melanoma skin cancer is less common than some other types, but it is more likely to grow and spread. Merkel cell carcinoma (MCC) is also quite uncommon, and it begins when cells in the skin — called Merkel cells — start to grow uncontrollably. Lymphoma is a cancer that begins in cells within the body's immune system, and rare lymphomas start in the skin. Additionally, Kaposi sarcoma (KS) is a cancer that develops from the cells that line lymph or blood vessels. It usually appears as tumors on the skin

or on mucosal surfaces such as inside the mouth

There are physical characteristics of lumps, moles, freckles, and sores that could point to skin cancer. Moles that may have changed into skin cancer are often irregularly shaped, contain many colors, and are larger than the size of a pencil eraser. They appear different from "normal" moles, which are smooth and can appear flat or raised. Additional features of potentially-cancerous moles include being asymmetrical, larger than a pencil eraser, shrinking, growing larger, changing color, begins to itch or bleed.

"We recommend that people get screened for skin cancer each year. Early detection is critical," says Dr. Danziger. "If you have any suspicion that you might have skin cancer or something that can turn into it, make an appointment with a dermatologist — that's why we're here."

Treating skin cancers typically includes removing the cancerous cells on the skin through different types of surgeries. The choice of treat-

ment is based on the tumor's type, size, location, and depth of penetration, as well as the patient's age and general health. Chemotherapy, radiation therapy, targeted therapy, and immunotherapy are also common treatments.

At NYP Brooklyn Methodist, surgeons offer skin cancer patients different procedures to remove tumors. These include cutting out the tumor along with a small margin of normal skin, or scraping away the cancerous tissue and destroying remaining cancer cells with an electric needle. Radiation and chemotherapy are also available for skin cancer patients and is a good option for patients with large cancers, especially in areas where surgery would be hard to do (such as the eyelids, ears, or nose) or for patients who can't have surgery.

Many skin cancer treatments can be performed on an outpatient basis in a physician's office or at a clinic. A local anesthetic is used during most surgical procedures. Pain or discomfort is usually minimal, and there is rarely much pain afterwards.

People can also protect themselves by being careful about how much time they spend in the sun, and wearing clothes that will cover the majority of their skin when in direct sunlight. According to Dr. Danziger, just putting on sunscreen is not enough protection for many hours in strong sun. For adequate protection, also be sure to reapply as directed.

Skin cancer prevention also includes avoiding indoor tanning and wearing hats with a wide brim to shade your face, head, ears, and neck in the sun. Too much time in direct sunlight can also damage the eyes' retinas and corneas, so protect them by wearing sunglasses that wrap around and block both UVA and UVB rays. Try to stay in the shade as much as possible, especially during midday hours.

*To schedule an appointment with a physician affiliated with NYP Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, please call 718-499-2273 or visit [www.nyp.org/brooklyn](http://www.nyp.org/brooklyn).*

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# Exploring the three main types of skin cancers



Skin cancer is a significant threat that does not discriminate based on age, gender or ethnicity.

Melanomas typically resemble moles, and some may even develop from moles. Melanomas are often black or brown, but the Foundation notes that they also may be pink, red, purple, blue, white, or even skin-colored. Early detection of melanoma before it spreads to other parts of the body is essential, as the Foundation notes that melanoma is hard to treat and potentially fatal once it has begun to spread.

More information about skin cancer and how to prevent it is available at [www.skincancer.org](http://www.skincancer.org).

## Squamous cell carcinoma

Squamous cell carcinomas most commonly appear on areas of the body that are exposed to the sun, though the Foundation notes they also may occur on the mucous membranes and genitals. According to the Foundation, in the United States alone, more than one million people each year are diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma, which is mainly caused by cumulative sun exposure over the course of a lifetime. Year-round exposure to ultraviolet light and UV rays from the sun, as well as UV exposure from tanning beds, can take a toll on the skin's squamous cells over time, ultimately leading to squamous cell carcinoma.

Squamous cell carcinomas may look like scaly red patches, open sores, warts, or elevated growths with a central depression. In addition, squamous cell carcinomas may crust or bleed.

## Melanoma

Though they are far less common than basal and squamous cell cancers, melanomas are more likely to grow and metastasize if left untreated. Melanomas develop when unrepaired DNA damage to skin calls triggers mutations that cause the skin cells to multiply rapidly and form malignant tumors. Ultraviolet radiation from sunshine or tanning beds is most often the cause of the damage connected to melanomas.

Skin cancer is a significant threat that does not discriminate based on age, gender, or ethnicity. According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, each year there are more new cases of skin cancer than the combined incidence of cancers of the breast, prostate, lung, and colon.

While the incidence rates of skin cancer are alarming, the good news is that skin cancer is highly curable if detected early and treated properly. Adults concerned about the threat posed by skin cancer can take a proactive approach by learning about the three main types of this often preventable disease:

## Basal cell carcinoma

The American Cancer Society notes that roughly eight out of 10 skin cancers are basal cell carcinomas. Basal cells are in the lower part of the epidermis, or skin, which is known as the basal cell layer. Basal cell carcinomas typically develop on the head and neck or other areas of the body that are exposed to the sun. Though they rarely metastasize, basal cell carcinomas can spread to other areas of the body if left untreated.

The Skin Cancer Foundation notes that basal cell carcinomas may look like open sores, red patches, pink growths, shiny bumps, or scars. Basal cell carcinomas can be a by-product of cumulative exposure to the sun or even intense, occasional sun exposure.

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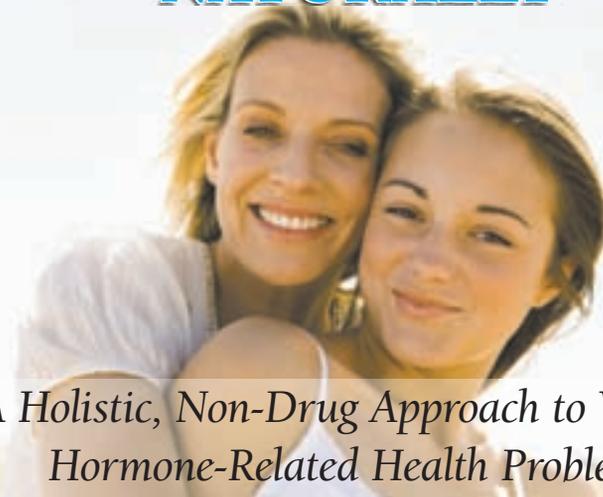
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# Keep skin healthy by knowing sunscreen facts

The best way to care for skin is to be smart about sun exposure. Too much unprotected exposure to the sun can cause a host of problems, from premature wrinkling to skin cancer.

According to the American Academy of Dermatology, millions of cases of skin cancer are reported each year, and many more may go undetected. The best way to protect skin from the sun is to stay out of the sun. When that is not feasible, using a broad-spectrum sunscreen can guard against damage from ultraviolet radiation.

Although sunscreen is an enormous help, it is not fool-proof. Sunburns and skin damage can occur even when using sunscreen, and user error accounts for much of that damage. To get the best results from any sunscreen product, consumers can educate themselves about proper application and avoid certain information inaccuracies.

**Myth:** The best sunscreen is the one with the highest

sun protection factor, or SPF. Actually, the best sunscreen is the one you will use regularly. Make sure you like the scent and the feel of the sunscreen. Decide if you prefer a sunscreen that is grouped together with a moisturizer or a makeup foundation. Try sunscreens that are lotions or sticks to figure out which application works best for you. Once you've found a product you like, stick with it. But make sure the sunscreen has an adequate SPF.

**Myth:** I only need sunscreen on sunny days. The sun can prove harmful even on cloudy days. You may not be safe indoors, either, particularly if you spend a good deal of time next to an open window. Window glass will only block certain types of UV light, making sunburn possible even if you are indoors or riding in a car. It's a good habit to apply sunscreen daily regardless of if you will be out in the sun.

**Myth:** Spray sunscreens are as effective as the rest.



The best way to protect skin from the sun is to stay out of the sun. When that is not feasible, using a broad-spectrum sunscreen can guard against damage from ultraviolet radiation.

Spray products may not deliver enough sunscreen to the skin because droplets are dispersed unevenly. Furthermore, the propellents used in spray sunscreens could be harmful if inhaled. Opt for sunscreens that are applied by hand and can be adequately coated over all areas of the skin.

**Myth:** Sunscreen does not need to be reapplied, especially if it's water-resistant. There is no such thing as a waterproof sunscreen. The Food and Drug Administration recently prohibited the use of the term "waterproof" because consumers falsely believed their sunscreen products would not

wash off. Water-resistant sunscreens will be effective for a certain number of minutes before they need to be reapplied, usually between 40 to 90 minutes. If you have been sweating profusely or have been in the pool or ocean for awhile, play it safe and reapply often.

**Myth:** A little drop of sunscreen is all that's needed. Many people are applying far too little sunscreen to protect themselves from the sun. The average person needs about an ounce of lotion to cover his or her entire body. Think about the size of a shot glass and use that amount.

**Myth:** Spending more money on SPF 50 will get me superior protection. The rate of protection from SPF 30 to SPF 50 is marginal. SPF 30 (when applied correctly) can protect against 97 percent of UVB rays. That's adequate for many people. It's most important to choose a sunscreen that protects against UVA and UVB rays.



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**Pour boys:** Ryan De Remer and Luke Woodard say that their new coffee shop in Park Slope will have the laid-back energy of their native Australia.   
Caleb Caldwell

# The beans from Oz

## Park Slope coffee shop is latest Aussie import

By Julianne Cuba

Welcome to Brooklyn, mates! Australian coffee shops are taking over the County of Kings! The owners of Lil' Sister, an Aussie pop-up cafe that opened in Park Slope earlier this month, say that the shops are more than just a place to grab some joe — they are little slices of the land Down Under, filled with calm and good vibes.

“Your local coffee shop is a local extension of your life, you know the owner intimately, know the barista by name,” said Ryan De Remer, who lives in Bushwick. “It becomes an experience. The vibe and energy is a huge thing.”

De Remer and his co-owner, fellow Australian Luke Woodard, also own the Williamsburg coffee shop Sweatshop. The

pair have taken over the ground-floor Flatbush Avenue storefront until October, where they plan to sling caffeinated beverages and host art events, talks, and meditation classes, said De Remer.

“We were given the opportunity to have the space until October and go crazy with it and really have this kind of experience. We want to do a variety of things — we also want to do cultural events, wellness, and a meditation studio,” he said. “Come and have a coffee — it’s meant to be feel-good vibes all around.”

Australian cafes are not just a place to grab a little picker-upper from Down Under — customers are welcome to sit, chat, and enjoy their beverages. They are also known for having healthier options to munch on rather than sugary snacks, said

Woodard, who lives in Greenpoint.

“Traditionally, in New York and other parts of America, the coffee is very good but it’s hard to find something that isn’t a donut or pastry to pair with delicious coffee,” he said. “If you go to any cafe back in Australia, they’ve all got top-of-the-line kitchens and chefs. It’s more of a dining experience.”

The Flatbush Avenue pop-up will serve up popular Australian drinks and dishes, like the millennial favorite Aussie Avo Smash (avocado on toast), granola bowls, flat whites (like a latte, but with more espresso and less foam), and a drink called the sparky, which is a double shot of espresso mixed with fresh tonic water, said De Remer.

Lil' Sister joins several other

Australian coffee shops that have already made their home in the borough, including Abbotsford Road Coffee Specialists, which opened in Gowanus last fall, and Bluestone Lane, which started brewing in Dumbo in 2016.

All of these Aussie cafes have been surprisingly supportive of each other, rather than competitive, said De Remer.

“New York City is such an amazing melting pot, we can be proud of bringing our flag,” he said. “We’re all in this group together, all want to bring this experience, all doing the same thing. No competition, just rocking it — team Australia!”

*Lil' Sister (336 Flatbush Ave. between Sterling and St. John's places in Park Slope, www.lilsister.nyc). Open 7:30 am–4 pm through October.*

# COMING HOME

*Broadway star celebrates songs of B'klyn*

By Winnie McCroy

She will sing the music of Kings! A Broadway legend will celebrate the songwriters of Brooklyn — and her own childhood in the borough of Kings — with a powerhouse solo show at On Stage at Kingsborough on April 28. Actress and singer Randy Graff, who originated the role of Fantine in Broadway's "Les Miserables" back in 1987, said that she is excited to bring her cabaret show "Made in Brooklyn... Bound for Broadway" to her home borough for the first time.

"I'm so grateful for the incredible career I've had. I've worked with some wonderful people, but one of the most thrilling things is to go back to Brooklyn and share my show with my hometown people," said Graff, who was born in East New York and raised in Canarsie.

The show will feature a line-up of songs written or performed by Brooklyn natives, including George Gershwin, Carole King, Neil Sedaka, and Barbra Streisand. The songs, including "Alfie," "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do" and Streisand's megahit "People," will be interspersed with stories of Graff's life in Kings County, singing on street corners with her friends during a more innocent time, when people left their front door unlocked and the milkman still made deliveries.

The evening will also cover her rise to the stage, and feature some show-stopping songs from her long



**Tune in:** Brooklyn native Randy Graff will belt out songs from her long Broadway career at On Stage at Kingsborough on April 28.

Chia Messina

career on Broadway, including "You Can Always Count on Me," from her Tony-winning turn in "City of Angels."

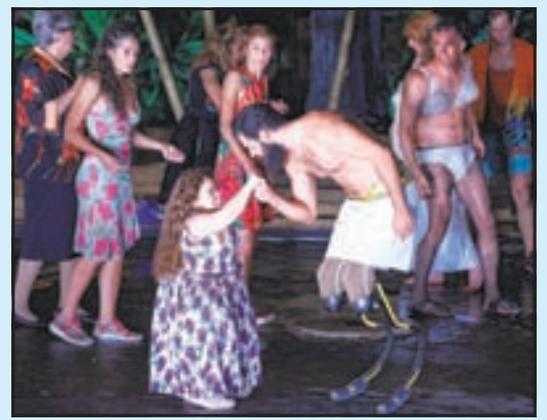
"Made in Brooklyn... Bound for Broadway" has toured the country, with stops at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, as well as more intimate venues, but no matter where she sings, Brooklyn natives come up after the show to introduce themselves. Graff says that Brooklynites, wherever they wind up, are always "real authentic people, with no B.S. They're the salt of the earth."

Graff lives in New Jersey now,

and is sometimes dismayed by some of the changes she sees when visiting friends in Brooklyn Heights — but she says the borough is in her blood.

"It looks just like SoHo," she said. "But underneath it all, there's that energy I tap into, that feels like home. No matter what it looks like, it's home. I'm home."

"Made In Brooklyn... Bound For Broadway" at On Stage at Kingsborough [2001 Oriental Blvd. between Quentin Street and Decatur Avenue in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5596, [www.onstageatkingsborough.org](http://www.onstageatkingsborough.org)]. April 28 at 8 pm. \$32-\$37.



**Down from heaven:** The modern take on the ancient play features a diverse cast portraying gods, men, and birds in a utopia well away from corrupt Athens.

Thomas Daskalakis

## 'Birds' of paradise

*An old comedy gets a new, idyllic ending*

By Alexandra Simon

This play showed up on a wing and a prayer! A freshly-hatched, modernized version of the ancient Greek comedy "The Birds" will migrate to Dumbo next week. The satire about a democracy starring gods, men, and birds, written by Aristophanes in 414 BC, will land at St. Ann's Warehouse on May 2 for a two-week run. But this production, adapted by playwright Nikos Karathanos in 2016, gives the play a shiny new setting and an optimistic ending that was only hinted at in the original, said the curator of a festival celebrating the show.

"This adaptation is very different from the original — the original is black in its outcome and its conclusion is that men are corrupt and can't build a society," said Violaine Huisman. "The play at St. Ann's imagines a happy ending, where birds, gods, and men are happy and can coexist in a utopian world, and it's aesthetically perfect."

The play, which is at the center of a city-wide series of events titled "Birds: A Festival Inspired by Aristophanes," follows two men who leave the corrupt democracy of Athens and seek to create a utopian society among the clouds.

The colorful, music-filled production was hatched in

Greece, and features a cast of 19 in beachwear — and sometimes much less (it is not a family-friendly production). The actors perform in Greek, with English supertitles for the American audience. But nothing will get lost in translation, said Huisman — the play's humor is universal.

"It's meant to be a comedy and it's meant to be funny," she said. "It's very playful and even in the translation, you'll be able to tell the playfulness in and around the language."

And modern American audiences may find some parallels between the play and headlines about a former reality-television star-turned President, said the curator.

"This story is very relevant to contemporary society because it questions the things we face daily, like corruption in democracy and a desire for peace and a utopia, even if it's just in our minds," said Huisman. "The original was made at a time in ancient Greece when politics and entertainment were merged together, something important about the interpretation of the play."

"The Birds" at St. Ann's Warehouse [45 Water St. between New Dock and Old Dock streets in Dumbo, (718) 254-8779, [www.stanswarehouse.org](http://www.stanswarehouse.org)]. May 2-13; Tue-Sat at 7:30 pm; Sun at 5 pm. \$36-\$56.

## Eyes on the band

By Adam Lucente

This group has Horse power! A band of brothers will bring a countrified cabaret of songs about queer cowboys, bedroom fires, and electoral politics to Williamsburg's Union Pool on May 2. The simple acoustic guitar, bass, and drums of the Horse-Eyed Men will give Brooklynites a break from the hustle and bustle of urban life for a night, said the group's guitarist.

"It's nice to play wooden instruments in a concrete context," said Noah Harley, a former Red Hooker. "So much of what's going on in the city feels like screaming into a hurricane."

Horse-Eyed Men, a Providence band that consists of Noah and his little brother Dylan Harley, along with bassist Ken Woodward, will open for folk star Willy Mason, and then back up his later set.

The guitar-playing brother said he is excited to play the band's artisanal

brand of country and Americana at the beloved watering hole.

"We're trying to make hand-made music," said Harley. "I feel like a lot of the music today, you can't really tell what instruments are being played."

The brothers are influenced by cabaret, and the show alternates between songs, back-stories, and banter. Their brotherly relationship makes the chatty back-and-forth come naturally, he said.

"There's a weird, synergetic, freaky sibling thing going on," said Harley. "The cabaret element is Dylan and mine's relationship."

The music also alternates between humorous and serious topics. The tune "Come On Cowboy," for instance, spoofs the machismo of contemporary country music by telling the story of two cowboys hooking up in a bar.

"If the boot fits, wear it, don't ask why," the song goes. "Come on, cowboy — let's take a ride."

More serious songs discuss the elec-



**Giddy up:** The Horse-Eyed Men will drop by Union Pool on May 2 to play a socially-aware brand of Americana.

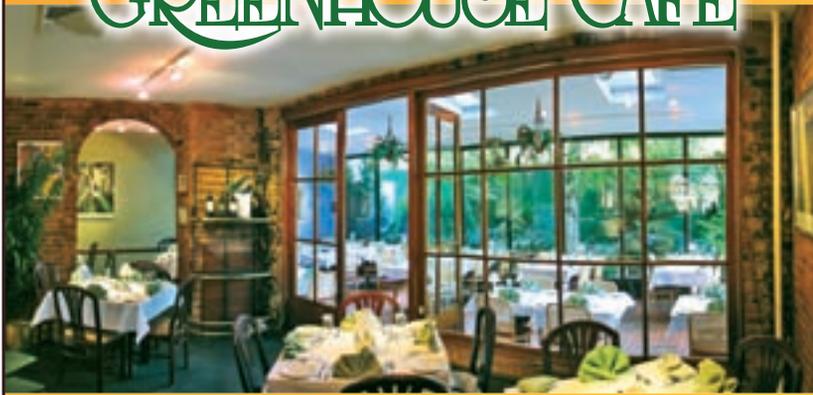
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tion of Donald Trump and political kidnappings in Bolivia, where Harley has worked. The song "The Hired Hand" describes a love letter a woman wrote to her disappeared husband in Bolivia in the '80s, and Harley explains the story before launching into the tune.

"We build up the myth of the song a bit," said Harley.

The Horse-Eyed Men with Willy Mason at Union Pool (484 Union Ave. at Meeker Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 609-0484, [www.union-pool.com](http://www.union-pool.com)). May 2 at 8 pm. \$15 (\$12 in advance).

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# SKETCHING UP

*Graphic novel details building BK Bridge*

By Julianne McShane

He's written a book that spans the years!

A comic book writer has turned from superheroics to history, penning a graphic novel about the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge and the true story behind the husband-and-wife duo who raised the steel. Writer Peter Tomasai, best known for writing about heroes Green Lantern and Batman and Robin, said that he was drawn to the story of Washington and Emily Roebling when he first heard about it in the 1990s, but he was spurred to write "The Bridge: How the Roeblings Connected Brooklyn to New York" by the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center.

"I ended up discovering the Brooklyn Bridge and its history, and it was more dramatic than I could've possibly imagined — an epic American story, wrapped in a love story," said Tomasai. "There was this destruction all around us [in 2001], especially as New Yorkers, and I wanted to write a story about hope and construction — about building. It just made me stop procrastinating and say 'Let me write this now and get it made.'"

The book details the tragedies and triumphs of the 13-year construction of the bridge, including the illness and injuries facing both Washington and the workers who finished the bridge under Emily's direction, and ends with the celebration of its com-



Swing high: An engineer demonstrates the strength of the wire cables stretched between the towers in a scene from "The Bridge" graphic novel. Sara DuVall

pletion — an enormous feat for the time, said Tomasai.

"When you think about it in that period of time, the amount of construction and amazing engineering, it was really like going to the moon in 1870," he said.

Tomasai relied on newspapers for research, and also trekked upstate to consult the Roebling archive at the Rensslear Polytechnic Institute, where Washington Roebling studied, to examine the couple's letters and journals. The research process helped put him in the mindset of the period, he said.

"That really helped a lot — being

able to go through the archives and go through boxes and boxes of materials," he said. "You feel like you're a citizen of New York in the late 1800s — you're kind of going along for the ride. You know the bridge is up, but you're on the journey to make the bridge."

Tomasai recruited illustrator Sara DuVall to bring the characters to life on the page. DuVall said they studied the Roeblings extensively, and practiced drawing the bridge almost constantly during the year-and-a-half drawing period.

"The Bridge" is available in bookstores now. \$24.99.



The best reads — handpicked by some of the best Bklyn bookstores

**Word's pick: "Catalina," by Liska Jacobs**

With her debut novel "Catalina," Liska Jacobs has rightly earned her comparisons to Joan Didion and Jean Rhys. Protagonist Elsa is still reeling from the loss of her job and the end of her affair with her married boss. She decamps to her native Los Angeles for a weekend sailing trip with friends (her ex-husband and his new girlfriend among them) and attempts to forget her loneliness with lots of pills, drinking, and sex. But this is much more than a story of a woman on the edge — it is a vivid and ultimately feminist exploration of modern womanhood and class. Jacobs' writing is lush and beautifully detailed, and I cannot wait for what she writes next.

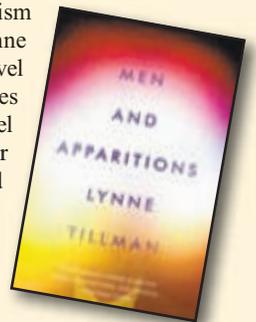
— Cait Mullen, *Word* [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096, [www.wordbookstores.com](http://www.wordbookstores.com)].



**Community Bookstore's pick: "Men and Apparitions," by Lynne Tillman**

Equal parts cultural criticism and coming-of-age story, Lynne Tillman's genre-defying new novel "Men and Apparitions" narrates the youth and career of Ezekiel Hooper Stark, an ethnographer of family photographs. In fluid prose, Tillman mines our collective obsession with images, and the ways in which we locate ourselves in media and memory.

— Samuel Partal, *Community Bookstore* [43 Seventh Ave. between Carroll Street and Garfield Place in Park Slope, (718) 783-3075, [www.communitybookstore.net](http://www.communitybookstore.net)].



**Greenlight Bookstore's pick: "Hello Hello," by Brendan Wenzel**

If Earth Day and the return of spring has rekindled your family's interest in our third rock from the sun, consider "Hello Hello" by Brendan Wenzel, a delight for children and adults alike. This clever, vibrant introduction to the diversity of the animal kingdom has enough hidden detail to satisfy the most voracious repeat reader. Its simple refrain combines with unexpected rhymes, opposites, shapes, and colors to create a perfect fit for the 3-5 crowd, and an illustrated index listing every creature with its conservation category calls out to the curious and concerned of any age. Wenzel's expressive, practically addictive mixed-media animal artwork is all over this book, right down to the end-papers and — underneath the jacket — embossed on the front cover. It's a gift that keeps on giving.

— Ben Hoffman, *Greenlight Bookstore* [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200, [www.greenlightbookstore.com](http://www.greenlightbookstore.com)].



# It's Friday night lit in Bay Ridge!

By Julianne McShane

Get sweaty and literary this weekend in the Ridge!

Kick off the weekend with a free Friday night celebration of Bay Ridge novelist Gilbert Sorrentino at the **Stand4 Gallery** (414 78th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues), on what would have been his 89th birthday. The neighborhood son-turned-scribe mentioned his hometown 'hood in his book "Steelwork," and is also known for his tomes "Imaginative Qualities of Actual Things," "Blue Pastoral," and "Mulligan Stew." Visitors will read their favorite Sorrentino excerpts and discuss the literary nature of the neighborhood during the two-hour soiree, which starts at 7 pm.

After a night drunk only on words, you can spring out of bed early on Saturday and jog to **Bookmark Shoppe** (8415 Third



Ave. between 84th and 85th streets) for a 9 am informational meeting with the New York Road Runners, which runs and walks along Shore Road Park every Saturday during

the summer. Then browse the books until 10 am, when the store celebrates Independent Bookstore Day with muffins, mimosas, a photo booth, and discounts.

Then dance on down to **Red, White, and Brew** (8910 Fifth Ave. between 89th and 90th streets), where you can pound a few pints while listening to four free hours of classic rock hits from the Groove band. The set starts at 3:30 pm.

And on Sunday, travel the spooky, ooky path to **St. Patrick's Catholic Academy** (401 97th St. at Fourth Avenue) to see its drama club perform "The Addams Family Young at Part," an adaptation of the Broadway musical about morbid parents Gomez and Morticia, who worry about little Wednesday when she falls for a boy from drearily ordinary Ohio. You can catch the show at 2 pm or 4 pm for \$10.

FRI, APRIL 27

**ART, PARK SLOPE ART EXHIBIT:** Check out oil paintings, watercolors, prints, illustrations, collages, ceramics, sculptures, and photographs from 19 members of the Park Slope-Windsor Terrace Artist group. Free. 1–7 pm. Ossam Gallery [300 Seventh St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (917) 974-9119], www.artspswt.com.

**READING, GILBERT SORRENTINO'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** A free-form celebration of Bay Ridge's greatest novelist on what would have been his 89th birthday. Read a short excerpts from any of his works, and discuss the state of literature in the community. Free. 7 pm. Stand4 Gallery (414 78th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Bay Ridge), standconnect.com.

**DANCE, MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP, PROGRAM A:** The company performs "Lou 100: In Honor of the Divine Mr. Harrison," works all performed to the music of the late Lou Harrison, Morris's friend and collaborator. \$75. 7:30 pm. Mark Morris Dance Group [3 Lafayette Ave. between Nostrand Avenue and Bedford Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 624-8400], www.markmorrisdancegroup.org.

**THEATER, "THE ADDAMS FAMILY YOUNG AT PART":** A condensed version of the Broadway show, in which Gomez and Morticia Addams face an existential family crisis as their daughter Wednesday falls for a boy from Ohio! Presented by the Drama Club at St. Patrick's Catholic Academy. \$10. 7:30 pm. St. Patrick Catholic Academy [401 97th St. at Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-0124].

**MUSIC, JAZZ FOR CAUSE:** Featuring Brazilian jazz singers Monika Oliveira, the Baby Soda Jazz Band, and more. \$30-\$50. 8 pm. Master Theatre [1029 Brighton Beach Ave. at Brighton 11th Street in Brighton Beach, (718) 732-3838], mastertheater.com.

SAT, APRIL 28

**THEATER, "SET IT OFF":** A new stage adaptation of the hit 1996 heist film. \$69-\$79. 3 pm. Kings Theatre (1027 Flatbush Ave. between Beverly Road and Tilden Avenue in Flatbush), www.kingstheatre.com.

**DANCE, MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP, PROGRAM A:** 7:30 pm. See Friday, April 27.

**THEATER, "THE ADDAMS FAMILY YOUNG AT PART":** 2 pm and 7:30 pm. See Friday, April 27.

**MUSIC, NEWPOLI, DOLUNAY:** The Turkish and Mediterranean bands share a bill. \$12. 8 pm. Jalopy Theatre [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Red Hook, (718) 395-3214], www.jalopy.biz.

**EVENT, SAKURA MATSURI 2018:** The Cherry Blossom Festival offers more than 60 events and performances that celebrate traditional and contemporary Japanese culture. \$25 (\$20 for seniors and students). 10 am–6 pm. Brooklyn Botanic Garden [1000 Washington Ave., at Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 623-7220], www.bbg.org.

# WHAT TO DO SEVEN EVENTS



**Dress up:** Members of the Mark Morris Dance Group will dance to the music of Lou Harrison as part of a tribute to the late composer, happening in Fort Greene between April 28 and May 6. Hilary Schwab

**FAMILY, TUFFY TIGER'S FAMILY DAY:** A day filled with music, arts and crafts, games, and puppets—including Tuffy Tiger! Free (some activities \$2-\$5). 11 am–3 pm. Near the Old Stone House [Fifth Ave. at Fourth Street in Park Slope, (718) 768-3703], www.puppetryarts.org.

**DINING, CINNAMON TOAST BRUNCH AND CAN RELEASE:** Coney Island Brewery releases its newest beer, Cinnamon Toast Kölsch! Served with a brunch menu and cereal bar. \$25. 11 am–1 pm. Coney Island Brewery (1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th Street in Coney Island), www.coneyislandbeer.com.

**ART, SOUTH SLOPE STUDIO TOUR:** More than 50 artists open their studios for weekend visitors. Free. 1–6 pm. MadArts (255 18th St. between Fifth and Sixth Avenues in Park Slope), www.artspswt.com.

SUN, APRIL 29

**OUTDOORS, A PICNIC IN THE RUINS:** The Middle Ages come to life at the Grecian Pavilion in Prospect Park! The Society for Creative Anachronism hosts an afternoon of medieval fun, activities and adventure. Free. 2–5 pm. Grecian Pavilion (In Prospect Park, near Parkside Avenue and Parade Place in Prospect Park South), ostgardr.eastkingdom.org.

**DANCE, MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP, PROGRAM B:** The company performs a collection of solos, duets and trios, including the world premiere of the piece "Little Britten" and "Old Seville," with Morris as a castanet player.

\$75. 3 pm. Mark Morris Dance Group [3 Lafayette Ave. between Nostrand Avenue and Bedford Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 624-8400], www.markmorrisdancegroup.org.

**MUSIC, PHALANX TRIO AND KUSH:** \$15. 8 pm. Brooklyn Conservatory of Music [58 Seventh Ave. between Lincoln and Saint Johns places in Park Slope, (718) 622-3300], www.bqcm.org.

**MUSIC, "SWING ALONG BROADWAY" CONCERT:** This two-hour program of classic and contemporary Broadway selections, presented by Regina Opera Company, also features Spanish and Italian songs. \$15 (\$5 teens; kids free). 3 pm. Our Lady of Perpetual Help School Auditorium [5902 Sixth Ave. at 60th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 259-2772], www.reginaopera.org.

**COMEDY, "DEAD MEET" LIVE SHOW!:** The podcast about suburban dog groomers, played by Maggie Widdoes and Jaime Lutz, who contact the dead celebrities, has a live show. \$10 (\$6 in advance). 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

**MARKETS, FLEA MARKET:** More than 50 vendors, new and used items, crafts, and more. Free. 9 am. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [8025 Fourth Ave. between 80th and 81st streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-3103], www.brjc.org.

MON, APRIL 30

**WORLD TAI CHI DAY 2018:** A mass gathering of tai chi practitioners. Free. 9:30 am. Grand Army Plaza, (718) 768-7762, www.qitaobrooklyn.org.

**THEATER, "IMPOSSIBLE BUT TRUE":** Dan Furman's new immersive musical revisits the Washington Irving classic Rip Van Winkle. Free. 7 pm. Franklin 820 (820 Franklin Ave. between Union Street and Nostrand Avenue in Prospect Heights).

TUES, MAY 1

**TALK, INSIDE THE MALE BRAIN:** A panel of psychologists discuss toxic masculinity and #MeToo. \$5. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierreport St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklyn-history.org.

**COMEDY, "DON'T THINK ONCE!":** Brandon Collins hosts a "Black Panther" edition of his unpredictable comedy show, featuring black comedians Abbi Crutchfield, Chris Lamberth, Dillon Stevenson, and Shalewa Sharpe. \$8-\$12. 7:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

WED, MAY 2

**READING, ARUNDHATI ROY:** The celebrated Indian author reads from his new novel "The Ministry of Utmost Happiness." Free. 7:30 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [10 Grand Army Plaza between Eastern Parkway and Flatbush Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 230-2100], www.bklynlibrary.org.

**MUSIC, "NINE NUMBERS, VOL. 1":** A program of modular "Sudoku" works, by composer Jason Treuting, performed by his ensemble S Percussion and Tigue. \$25 (\$20 in advance). 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (917) 267-0363], www.roulette.org.

THURS, MAY 3

**READING, "BROADWAY — A HISTORY OF NEW YORK CITY IN 13 MILES":** Architectural historian Fran Leadon delves into the history of NYC's iconic artery. \$5. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierreport St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklyn-history.org.

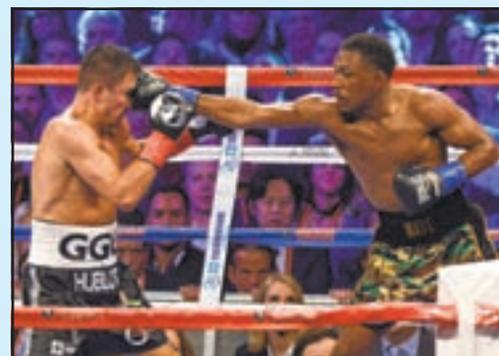
FRI, MAY 4

**FILM, "THE CABINET OF DR. CALIGARI":** The 1920 German Expressionist film gets a live soundtrack from Rag and Roots. \$25. 7:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouse.com.

SAT, MAY 5

**TMUSIC, "MESSIAHS FALSE AND TRUE":** A choral concert about the rise and fall of a messianic figure, juxtaposed with passages from the Old and New Testaments. \$12-\$15. 7 pm. Plymouth Church [75 Hicks St. at Orange Street in Cobble Hill, (718) 624-9385], www.plymouth-church.org.

**MUSIC, REVEREND MARY'S BLUES JAM:** Blues, burlesque, and open mic. Free. 11 pm. Freddy's Bar [627 Fifth Ave. between 17th and 18th streets in Greenwood Heights, (718) 768-0131], www.freddysbar.com.



**Apply directly to the forehead:** Brooklyn native Daniel Jacobs, right, will face off against Maciej Sulecki on April 28 for a shot at the middleweight title. Associated Press / Williams Paul

## COMING SOON TO BARCLAYS CENTER

SAT, APRIL 28

**SPORTS, STRAIGHT OUTTA BROOKLYN BOXING:** Daniel Jacobs v Maciej Sulecki. \$49-\$357. Time tba.

FRI, MAY 11

**MUSIC, KYGO:** With opening act Blackbear. \$45-\$99. 7:30 pm.

SAT, MAY 12

**MUSIC, MOTHER'S DAY GOOD MUSIC FESTIVAL:** With Charlie Wilson, Kem, Boyz II Men, and Joe. \$66-\$156. 7 pm.

WED, JUNE 6

**MUSIC, DEPECHE MODE:** \$55-\$179. 7:30 pm.

FRI, JUNE 8

**MUSIC, SOULFRITO URBAN LATIN FESTIVAL:** With Bad Bunny, Miky Woodz, Liro Shaq, and many more. \$76-\$181. 8 pm.

SAT, JUNE 9

**MUSIC, 34TH NEW YORK SALSA FESTIVAL:** With Willie Colón, Oscar D'León, Rey Ruiz, Andy Montañe, and many more. \$71-\$146. 8 pm.

TUE, JUNE 26

**MUSIC, PARAMORE:** \$35-\$89. 7 pm.

WED, JUNE 27

**MUSIC, SAM SMITH:** \$54-\$125. 8 pm.

WED, JULY 11

**MUSIC, GOT7:** \$59-\$249. 8 pm.

FRI, JULY 13

**RELIGION, JOEL OSTEN:** \$15. 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm.

SAT, JULY 14

**MUSIC, SHANIA TWAIN:** \$59-\$205. 7:30 pm.

MON, JULY 16

**MUSIC, CHRIS BROWN:** \$61-\$316. 7 pm.

WED, AUG 1

**RELIGION, HILLSONG CONFERENCE:** \$200. tba.

THU, AUG 2

**RELIGION, HILLSONG CONFERENCE:** \$200. tba.

FRI, AUG 3

**RELIGION, HILLSONG CONFERENCE:** \$200. tba.

SAT, AUG 18

**SPORTS, WWE NXT TAKEOVER:** \$tba. tba.

SUN, AUG 19

**SPORTS, WWE SUMMERSLAM:** \$550-\$600. 6:30 pm.

MON, AUG 20

**SPORTS, WWE MONDAY NIGHT RAW:** \$tba. tba.

TUE, AUG 21

**SPORTS, WWE SMACKDOWN LIVE:** \$tba. tba.

THU, OCT 4

**MUSIC, BRUNO MARS:** \$81-\$236. 8 pm.

FRI, OCT 5

**MUSIC, BRUNO MARS:** \$81-\$236. 8 pm.

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

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**NOTICE OF SALE**

Supreme Court County Of Kings  
The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee CWALT 2005-59, Plaintiff AGAINST Duane Grant, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 6/30/2017 and entered on 7/7/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on May 24, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 2168 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 3741, LOT: 22. Approximate amount of judgment is \$653,235.08 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 002322/2008. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Helene E. Blank, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706

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**CITATION File No.** 2 0 1 6 - 2 6 8 2  
SURROGATE'S COURT, KINGS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: James Sessa, Joseph Sessa, Antonio Sessa, Emanuella Sessa, Giovanni Sessa, Rosie Sessa, Charlie Sessa, Michael Sessa, Mary Sessa, Kings County Public Administrator and any and all unknown persons whose names or parts of whose names and whose place or places of residence are unknown, and cannot, after due diligent inquiry, be ascertained, distributees, heirs at law and next of kin of said Rudolph Degennaro a/k/a Rudolph De Gennaro and if any of the said distributees, heirs at law

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or next of kin of deceased be dead, their legal representatives, their husbands or wives, if any, distributees and successors in interest whose names and/or places of residence and post office addresses are unknown." A petition having been duly filed by Peter McHugh who is domiciled at 5093 Post Road, Bronx, New York 10471 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, at 2 Johnson Street, Room 319, Brooklyn, New York, on May 24 th , 2018, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Rudolph Degennaro, aka Rudolph De Gennaro lately domiciled at 9602 4 th Avenue, Apt. 1-G, Brooklyn, New York 11209, United States admitting to probate a Will dated April 17, 2009, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Rudolph Degennaro deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that: Letters Testamentary issue to Peter McHugh. Dated Attested and Sealed, March 27 th , 2018. Hon. John G. Ingram Acting Surrogate, Doreen A. Quinn Chief Clerk, Robert L. Howe, P.C. Attorney, Robert Howe P.C., 251 86 th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11209, (718) 748-9700. [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.]

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**KINGS COUNTY SURROGATE'S COURT FILE NO. 2010 - 3663/A CITATION**  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: Enos Franklyn; Sonny Franklyn; New York City Human Resources Administration Department of Social Services TO: Sheldon Williams if living and if dead, to his heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of

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residence are unknown and if he died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his e x e c u t o r s , administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of James Adolphus Franklyn, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained being persons interested as creditor, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, distributees or otherwise of the estate of James Adolphus Franklyn, deceased, who at the time of death resided at 300 Schenectady Avenue, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, New York, 11213. A Petition having been duly filed by Amanda Bailey, who is domiciled at 937 East 79th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11236. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County at 2 Johnson Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11201 on May 17, 2018, at 9:30 a.m in Room 319. WHY the account of the proceedings of Amanda Bailey, as Administrator of the estate of James Adolphus Franklyn, deceased, should not be judicially settled, and the said Administrator is hereby released and discharged of any further liability, and WHY the Administrator should not be empowered to compromise and settle a claim for wrongful death against Stephen Burton, Jr. and Sanda Lord for the sum of \$100,000.00 and upon the Court's d e t e r m i n a t i o n , discontinue any claim for conscious pain and suffering, and WHY the provisions in the Letters of Administration issued to the Petitioner on March 25, 2011, restraining the compromise or collecting upon the aforesaid claim and cause of action, should not be modified to permit said compromise, and WHY the filing of a bond should not be dispensed with, and WHY Louis Grandelli,

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P.C., attorneys for the Administrator should not be allowed attorney's fees in the amount of \$32,526.97, an amount which has previously been approved by the Supreme Court, and WHY Louis Grandelli, P.C., attorneys for the Administrator should not be reimbursed \$2,419.07, an amount which has previously been approved by the Supreme Court, and WHY Louis Grandelli, P.C., attorneys for the Administrator should not be reimbursed \$420.00 for the filing fees associated with the Compromise Proceeding, and for any additional fees for the service of the Citation including service by publication, and WHY the funeral expenses of \$7,796.00 should not be paid to the funeral creditor, Enos Franklyn, and WHY the claimed lien from the New York City Human Resources Administration Department of Social Services should not be extinguished, and WHY the remainder of the settlement, to wit, the sum of \$56,837.96, minus further expenses unknown at this time, should not be distributed to those distributees having sustained a pecuniary loss as follows: 100% of the balance to Amanda Bailey, child of the decedent, and 0 % of the balance to Sheldon Williams, child of the decedent, DATED, ATTESTED, AND SEALED March 29, 2018 Hon. John G. Ingram, Acting Surrogate Doreen A. Quinn Chief Clerk A T T O R N E Y Louis Grandelli, P.C. Attorneys for the Estate of James Adolphus Franklyn 90 Broad Street - 15th Floor New York, New York 10004 Tel. (212) 668-8400 NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. You have the right to have an attorney appear for you. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested.

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**PROBATE CITATION**  
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TO any and all unknown persons whose names or parts of whose names, and whose place or places of residence are unknown, and cannot, after due diligent inquiry, be ascertained, distributees, heirs at law and next of kin of said ANNIE MAE JONES, a/k/a ANNIE JONES, ANNIE M. JONES and if any of the said distributees, heirs at law or next of kin of the deceased, be dead, their legal representatives, their husbands or wives, if any, distributees and successors in interest whose names and/or places of residence and post office addresses are unknown. A petition having been duly filed by HIRAM L BELL a/k/a HIRAM LEWIS BELL, III, who is domiciled at 898 Lincoln Place Brooklyn, NY 11213  
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**122 Stockholm Street LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 2/2/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 303 6th Ave., #3, Brooklyn, NY 11215. General Purpose.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**386 Arden Ave LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 11/1/2017. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Joseph Ferrara, 149 33rd St., Brooklyn, NY 11232. General Purpose.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**550 V 806 LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/30/2017. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Miriam Klein, 550 Vanderbilt Ave., Unit 806, Brooklyn, NY 11238. General Purpose. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2095.

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**Charmaine Hair Salon LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/6/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 97 7th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11215. General Purpose.

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**David Cicconi Studio LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/23/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 500 4th Ave., Apt. 10D, Brooklyn, NY 11215. General Purpose.

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**Friendly Machine LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/23/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 1 Tiffany Pl., #2G, Brooklyn, NY 11231. General Purpose.

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**Futura Communications LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/9/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Ronny J. Caceres, 654 Sapphire St., Brooklyn, NY 11208. General Purpose.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Granddecorations LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/27/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Hamilton Pkwy., Apt. B4, Brooklyn, NY 11217. General Purpose.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Hasi & Co. LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/26/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 2 N. 6th Pl., Apt. 7J, Brooklyn, NY 11249. General Purpose.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**LPWB, LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/02/18. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2660 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Muse Properties LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/19/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 1 Grand Army Plz, Apt. 7b, Brooklyn, NY 11238. General Purpose.



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## LEGAL NOTICE

**Name of LLC:** ULY 841 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 3/12/18. Office location: Kings County. Sec. of State designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: PO Box 24688, Brooklyn, NY 11202. Purpose: any lawful act.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**ND Realty Development LLC,** Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/5/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Michael Early, 149 33rd St., Brooklyn, NY 11232. General Purpose.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**-NOTICE- FORMATION OF DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY** Take notice that Synesthesiac Selections L.L.C. was formed as domestic Limited Liability Company on March 5, 2018. The LLC office is located in Kings County. The New York State Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the LLC for the purposes of service of process. Copies of service shall be sent to Travis Kauffman at 195 Luquer Street, Apt. 4R, Brooklyn, NY 11231. The purpose of the LLC is any lawful purpose.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of formation of** 1201 AVE Y LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/3/18. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to: 1201 Ave. Y, Bklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: any lawful act

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of formation of** 1362 EAST 18TH, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the NY Sect'y of State (SSNY) on 2/14/2018 and is set to expire on 1/2/2118. Office located in Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Joseph DiCanio, Jr., 155 Centre St. Brooklyn NY 11231. Purpose: any lawful act.

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**Notice of formation of** 1368 EAST 18TH, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the NY Sect'y of State (SSNY) on 2/14/2018 and is set to expire on 1/2/2118. Office located in Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Joseph DiCanio, Jr., 155 Centre St. Brooklyn NY 11231. Purpose: any lawful act.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of formation of** 684 MADISON ST LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/2016. Office located in Kings County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 684 MADISON ST LLC, 1202 Halsey Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of** CASA KITNICK LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/26/18. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 63 Flushing Ave., Unit 360, Brooklyn, NY 11205. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Zachary A. Kitnick at the princ. office of the LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: RIDERS R US, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/21/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: HANYUAN NORTH AMERICAN LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/16/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: TONG XU 99 KINGSLAND AVENUE APT 305 BROOKLYN, NY 11222. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 758 HOME IMPROVEMENT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/08/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 758 HOME IMPROVEMENT LLC 77 LINDEN BLVD APT 6K BROOKLYN, NY 11226. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: UNITY ONE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/29/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: INCORP SERVICES, INC. 99 WASHINGTON AVE STE 805-A ALBANY, NY 11210-2822. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 6307 18AVE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/08/2018. Office

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SPLIT EIGHTS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/30/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 378 MYTRLE AVENUE #3 BROOKLYN, NY 11205. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of formation of** Limited Liability Company. Name: Spring Creek 4C Owner LLC ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York ("SSNY") on April 11, 2018. NY office location: Kings County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to Spring Creek 4C Owner LLC, 155 Third Street, Brooklyn, New York 11231. Purpose/character of LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name:

## LEGAL NOTICE

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: EVIDENCE DANCE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/13/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: EVIDENCE DANCE LLC 1368 FULTON STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11216. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: LIQUID SKY CBD, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/06/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: UNTIED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE, SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: GABRIELA OSTOLAZA L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/20/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: GABRIELA OSTOLAZA 83 WYCKOFF AVENUE 1A BROOKLYN, NY 11237. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: PAT G WRIGHT, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/20/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: PATRICIA G WRIGHT 330

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Qualification** of BROOKLYN CHEMIST, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State 03/12/2018. Office location: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: NATIONAL REGISTERED AGENTS, INC. 111 EIGHTH AVENUE NEW YOR, NY 10011. LLC formed in DELAWARE on 9/12/2017. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: NATIONAL REGISTERED AGENTS, INC. 111 EIGHTH AVENUE NEW YOR, NY 10011. 160 GREENTREE DRIVE, SUITE 101, DOVER, DELAWARE, 19904 Cert. of Form. filed with CORPORATE DIVISION, JOHN G. TOWNSEND BLDG., 401 FEDERAL STREET, SUITE 4, DOVER, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 383 ATLANTIC AVE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/05/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: DAVID H. PERLMAN 186 MONTAGUE STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: ANOTHER BROOKLYN PRODUCTION LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/27/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 225 EASTERN PARKWAY, APT 3C BROOKLYN, NY 11238. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: ACROSS THE CITY SERVICES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/07/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: ACROSS THE CITY SERVICES, LLC 2913 FOSTER AVE #5H BROOKLYN, NY 11210. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Notice of Formation of** S6D1, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 4/11/18. Office location: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: 401 Smith St., Apt. 4R, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Thomas A. O'Rourke, Bodner & O'Rourke, L.L.P., 425 Broadhollow Rd., Suite 120, Melville, NY 11747. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Notice of Qualification** of Maycomb Outcomes LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 9/14/17. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in DE on 7/28/16. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to

**LEGAL NOTICE**

the principal business address: 105 Baltic St., #501, Brooklyn, NY 11201, Attn: Andrea L. Phillips. DE address of LLC: c/o Cogency Global Inc., 850 New Burton Rd., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19904. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Peak One Holdings LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/18/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Roger Greenberg, 360 Court St., Ste. 3, Brooklyn, NY 11231. General Purpose.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Stick Labs LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/19/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 61 3rd Pl., Apt., 4L, Brooklyn, NY 11231. General Purpose.

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