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Pol: Shutter car dealers for blocking sidewalks

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

Car dealers in Bay Ridge and beyond who illegally park vehicles on the sidewalk should be shuttered by the city if they are caught repeatedly breaking the law, a local pol asserts.

Councilman Justin Brannan said he and his constituents are tired of cars crowding sidewalks around dealerships clustered on Fourth Avenue between 88th and 95th streets, so he is penning a law that he thinks will stop the businesses in their tracks.

"People complain and rightfully so: it's not right, it's hard to navigate for seniors, for people pushing baby strollers, and not only that, you're not supposed to park on the sidewalk," he said. "If I parked on the sidewalk I would get a

The bill — which Brannan co-sponsored in Council on March 7 with Councilmen Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Queens) Rafael Espinal (D-Bushwick) — gives the Commissioner of the Consumer Affairs Agency the power to suspend or revoke the license of any car dealership which receives two or more violations in a year for illegally Continued on page 12

OPENING BID

Ridgites seek Third Avenue 'Business Improvement District'

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

It is rocket fuel for the Ridge!

attract more shoppers, and increase revenue for store owners if a plan to create a Business Bay Ridge's Third Avenue will get cleaner, Improvement District to promote the com-

mercial strip is approved, locals say.

"The merchants on the avenue realize that to continue to be competitive they too have to reach out to have more of a borough-wide and citywide presence," said Ridgite Rob Howe, who also owns property on Third Avenue.

Howe began considering starting a Business Improvement District, which pools money raised through special taxes on building and business owners within the district to pay for improvements including sidewalk cleaning, additional signage, and promotion, in January, figuring it would benefit owners of the grocery stores, banks, and retail shops from 67th Street to Marine Avenue.

So far, more than 50 stakeholders have signed on, according to Howe. Fifty-one percent of businesses in the proposed district have to endorse the plan before it can move forward.

A Board of Directors manages the partnership and decide on the tax, which is used to fund the services, according to the city Department of Small Business Services.

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Dog day afternoon

Scott and Joy Kessler painted a barrel in honor of their canine. Bernie, at the annual Barrels of Fun painting event at Coney Island on May 5. For more, see page 6. Photo by Caleb Caldwell

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DRIVER IN THE DOCK

DA seeks 15 years in prison for woman who killed two kids in Slope

BY COLIN MIXSON

A driver who hit and killed two children crossing a Park Slope street faces up to 15 years in prison, after a grand jury indicted the woman on reckless manslaughter charges for ignoring doctors' orders to stay off the road due to her history of seizures.

Dorothy Bruns knew full well not to get behind the wheel on March 5, according to a prosecutor for the district attorney, who said that if she listened to her physician, 4-year-old Abigail Blumenstein and 1-year-old Joshua Lew would be alive today.

"This tragic incident was foreseeable, judge, and it was avoidable," said Assistant District Attorney Craig Esswein. "She is the last person that should have been in a car, but ... she continued to drive, and unfortunately two families lost children because of the defendant's selfishness."

Prosecutors allege Bruns suffered her first seizure months before the horrific crash, when she felt her left side go numb while driving in her home borough of Staten Island on Jan. 8 and started convulsing at a hospital there later that day. Esswein said.

Two days after that, a neurologist told Bruns she could not drive in her condition, according to the prosecutor, who claimed doctors warned her to stay off the road on multiple occasions leading up to the childrens' death.

But Bruns ignored those orders and routinely returned to the driver's seat, behavior that prosecutors allege led to her Jan. 20 fender bender in Staten Island, according to Esswein, who said she fled the scene of that minor collision to avoid facing police.

And less than two months later, Bruns climbed behind the wheel of a white Volvo sedan and plowed into the chil-



ROAD TO JUSTICE: Staten Island resident Dorothy Bruns, seen here leaving the courtroom with her walker, faces up to 15 years in prison for driving into two kids in Park Slope, despite doctors' warnings that she should stay off the road.

Community News Group / Colin Mixson

dren on Ninth Street after running a red light at Fifth Avenue, killing the youngsters and injuring three others, including their mothers— one of whom is pregnant, Tony Award—winning actress Ruthie Ann Miles, whose unborn baby survived the deadly crash

Investigators with the district attorney's office interviewed multiple witnesses to the collision, several of whom claimed Bruns exhibited symptoms of some sort of illness during and immediately following the incident.

A woman who told inves-

tigators that Bruns almost hit her as she crossed Ninth Street at the same time as the victims said the driver "appeared to be stiff" and her "head was looking up and her back was arched" as the car barreled through the intersection, according to Esswein.

And a nearby off-duty cop—who rushed to the scene after he heard loud noises coming from the crosswalk—described Bruns as "foaming at the mouth" when he found her inside her vehicle, the prosecutor claimed.

Paramedics told investigators that Bruns suffered a

seizure after the crash while inside an ambulance taking her for treatment at Lutheran Medical Center, where a second seizure struck her upon arrival, according to Esswein.

Bruns's attorney David Jacobs, however, argued doctors cleared his client to drive before she slammed into the kids in Park Slope — and told Supreme Court Justice Danny Chun he has a letter to prove it.

The missive from Bruns's physician states she was fit to resume her work for a company that provides specialty phones for the deaf, Clear Captions — a job Jacobs claimed the doctor knew would require his client to use a vehicle in order to transport the "heavy" phones, according to the lawyer.

"Without driving, she would be no use to Clear Captions. The neurologist knew that and wrote her a letter that clearly, in plain English, said she could resume all prior functions," Jacobs said. "Understanding that, she drove on the date of what can only be described as a horrific accident."

Essewein pushed Chun to set Bruns's bail at \$100,000, claiming her January hit-andrun made her a flight risk. But Jacobs countered that his client should be spared from a Rikers Island cell because of her health, and asked she be placed on house arrest for the duration of the trial instead.

Chun ultimately split the difference, setting bail at \$75,000 bond and \$25,000 cash.

Bruns, a mother herself, has never been convicted of a felony, according to Jacobs, and could potentially avoid any prison time if convicted through a conditional discharge, according to a spokesman for the district attorney — who in February charged a

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MAKE IT RAIN: Councilman Chaim Deutsch is leading a rain barrel giveaway on May 27 at Madison High School. The big buckets can be used to collect rain for washing and gardening purposes.

Get your free rain barrel on May 27

BY JAMES HARNEY

The rain, it's plain, falls mainly ... in the barrels!

And that's a good thing, Councilman Chaim Deutsch(D-SheepsheadBay), who will hold his fourth-annual rain barrel giveaway May 27, where free rain barrels will be distributed on a reservation-only basis at Madison High School.

"Reusing rainwater is an easy, practical, and effective way to be environmentally conscious," Deutsch said. "In addition, repurposing rainwater for activities - such as watering the lawn, washing your car, or cleaning the exterior of your home — also offers homeowners the opportunity to save money on their water bills."

About 200 free barrels will be available, according to a spokeswoman for Deutsch, but she warned that interested parties must reserve a barrel in advance by calling the councilman's district office. She added that the barrels will be equipped with a cover, as well as a small attachment that can be connected to a hose for draining, so there's no need to leave standing water uncovered.

"I'm happy to partner with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection to offer my constituents the opportunity to collect a free rain barrel for their home," Deutsch added. "Recycling natural resources and saving money - it's a win-win!"

Rain barrel giveaway at Madison High School (3787 Bedford Ave. at the corner of Avenue P), May 27 from 10 am-noon. Call (718) 368-9176 to reserve your barrel ahead



Growing together

Murrow High School students Raymond Lu, Emily Joseph, Juliet Grochowski, and Amanda Beckman showed off their mason jars, each bearing a sprig of young basil, during It's My Estuary event at Kaiser Park on May 5. Photo by Steve Solomonson

Not-quite-dead drunk

Brooklyn Couple's 'immortal' cider made with apples growing wild in Green-Wood Cemetery

BY COLIN MIXSON

It's a taste of the other cider!

An entrepreneurial Greenwood Heights couple is using apples grown in Brooklyn's biggest graveyard to produce a hard cider that they say is to

"It's delicious," said Jeremy Hammond, one half of the fruit-fermenting outfit. "It's delicate, it's interesting, and it's quite unique from anything else we've made."

Hammond and his "partner in life and cider," Joy Doumis, started turning Green-Wood Cemetery's apples into hooch in 2015, he said, after he spotted a fruit-bearing tree near the grave of inventor Samuel Morse — the man who famously thought up the telegraph and Morse Code — and reached out to burial-ground leaders about using the produce to make booze.

"We thought they'd be super conservative about it, but they called us like two hours after we contacted them," Hammond said. "It was great."

The duo forages for fruit hanging from trees that grow naturally on the necropolis's sprawling campus, then hauls their harvest back to their 23rd Street home, where they produce their libation, he

And the twosome's Malus Immortalis cider is far more sophisticated than the sugary varieties bartenders typically serve at your local dive, according to Hammond, who described his sparkling blend as dry and elegant — much like the graveyard its apples are plucked from.

"We wanted to make something that was respectful of where it came from," he said. "It's something you'd pour in a Champagne flute, not a pint

Hammond — a cider-making hobbyist who with Doumis ferments other home brews using apples grown outside the city — said Green-Wood Cemetery's fruit differs from that found in your garden-variety orchard, and mostly consists of crab apples aside from a handful of varieties, such as Baldwin apples, similar to those sold at grocery stores.

And before graveyard bigwigs let the site's current crop of wild-apple trees grow freely, Malus Immortalis isn't dis-



DEAD DELICIOUS: Jeremy Hammond and Joy Doumis produce Malus Immortalis brand cider from apples they forage out of Green-Wood Cem-Photo by Stefano Giovannini

their early 20th-centry predecessors actually banned sewing the hallowed ground with apple seeds during Prohibition, according to the cider maker.

"In the early 1900s, there was a moratorium placed on fruit trees," Hammond said. "I think it was because people were fermenting anything they could find."

Today, Green-Wood workers are too busy manicuring the rest of the bucolic burial site to fuss over apple production, which Hammond said varies drastically from year to year. In 2015, for instance, he and Doumis harvested enough fruit to produce 40 gallons of their graveyard blend, but last year's apple haul only resulted in a paltry five gallons of lessthan-perfect booze, he said.

But the couple isn't fermenting Green-Wood's apples into cider to pay the bills. tributed, and is only served at cider-making workshops its producers host at the cemetery, according to Doumis, who said their primary motivation for making the beverage is to draw new visitors to their favorite hangout, which she called one of the borough's hidden gems.

"Every time we talk to people about the fact that we hang out in Green-Wood Cemetery, they say, 'Oh, that's weird," she said. "And it clicked with us that this is a way to help other New Yorkers connect with Green-Wood as this rural landscape that's been virtually untouched since it was first carved out."

Try some cider made with the graveyard's apples yourself at the "Pouring Green-Wood" event at Green-Wood Cemetery [500 25th St. near Fifth Avenue in Greenwood Heights, (718) 210-3080, events@green-wood. com] on May 20 at 11 am. \$25.

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Head for the Hill

Mayor's 'Gowanus' injection site is actually in upscale Boerum Hill

BY COLIN MIXSON

Mayor DeBlasio pulled a fast one on Boerum Hillers on May 3 when he announced plans to open one of the nation's first state-sanctioned drug-injection facilities at a needle-exchange site in Gowanus — that's actually in the

Hizzoner wants to put the so-called safe-consumption site for opioid addicts inside an existing facility where clean hypodermic needles and other resources are provided to drug users — at 80 Fourth Ave. between Bergen Street and Saint Marks Place, which is actually on the border of Boerum Hill and Park Slope.

And some Gowanusaurs said the mayor made a calculated decision to call the area Gowanus to avoid opposition from the Vocal New York needle exchange's bougie next-door neigh-

"Gowanus people tend to feel it's a dumping ground anyway," said Paul Basile, president of the business association, the Gowanus Alliance. "Had he said Boerum Hill, there would be torches outside City Hall right now."

But as a former Brooklynite and Park Slope Councilman, who still owns a home on 11th Street between Sixth and Seventh avenues within walking distance of the proposed safeinjection site, Mayor DeBlasio ought to know the geography of his one-time home a little better, according to some Boerum Hillers.

"I mean, come on, the guy's lived in the Slope for a long time!" said Bill Harris, whose wife Jo Anne Simon represents the neighborhood up in Albany as a Democrat in the Assembly. "His apartment is just a few blocks from the proposed location!"

Harris, however, conceded the Fourth Avenue facility could work well as a safe-injection site, due to its proximity to mass transit and healthy distance from more family-oriented parts of town.

"It's probably a very good location,"

And when asked whether the mayor misspoke in naming the spot's proposed neighborhood, a spokeswoman simply said the facility would serve people from the general area at large.

"The location will be finalized during the community-advisory process, but it will serve Gowanus, Boerum Hill, and Park Slope," said Olivia Lapeyrolerie.

DeBlasio announced his plan to open the safe-consumption facility along with three others in Manhattan and the Bronx — in the wake of what a recently released Department of Health study deemed the city's deadliest year of overdose deaths on record,



COMING SOON?: The mayor said he wants to put the semi-legal drug den inside the existing Vocal New York facility on Fourth Avenue, which he said is in Gowanus, prompting locals to argue otherwise.

Photo by Saul Marquez

after 1,441 New Yorkers died from fatal doses in 2017.

"The opioid epidemic has killed more people in our city than car crashes and homicides combined," De-Blasio said. "We believe overdose-prevention centers will save lives and get more New Yorkers the treatment they need to beat this deadly addiction."

Health Department launched that study with \$100,000 in taxpayer funds allocated by Council in 2016, riling some locals who worried that finding locations for the safe-injection facilities would be a controversial process akin to selecting homeless-shelter sites.

But before any addict can step in to shoot up under supervision, De-Blasio's plan must be approved by the state Department of Health; Councilman Stephen Levin, whose district includes the current Vocal New York site; and District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, who would need to refrain from prosecuting the users and facility staff who participate in the semi-legal drug consumption.

Gonzalez, however, quickly pledged his support for the initiative, after launching his own program in February that allows opioid addicts to avoid jail time by participating in counseling programs.

'We are in the midst of an overdose crisis," the district attorney said. "I intend to work with the NYPD, local officials and members of the community to make sure that any facility opened in Brooklyn would be safely integrated into the community, and would connect substance users to treatment

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Coney Islanders get creative at 'Barrels of Fun' event



BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

They turned these trash barrels into treasures.

More than 450 amateur artists converged on Coney Island on May 5 to paint 150 trash barrels and compete for prizes in the annual Riegelmann Boardwalk Barrels of Fun contest.

The event, co-sponsored by the Parks Department and the Alliance for Coney Island, encouraged families to get creative while keeping the

Boardwalk clean for the summer season, according to the parks agency's borough commissioner.

"Brooklyn Barrels of Fun is a family-friendly way for New Yorkers to express themselves artistically," said Marty Maher. "And it serves as a reminder to beachgoers to keep the beaches and Boardwalk clean and litter free."

The top artists in three categories — families, students, and adults — won tickets to Deno's Wonder Wheel, Luna Park, the New York Aquarium, and Cyclones games, according to a parks rep.

One couple brought their Cairn terrier Bernie, whose chill demeanor helped him sit still long enough for his owners to paint his likeness on a

"It was a great event," said Scott Kessler, who attended with his partner, Joy. "I've drawn [Bernie] many times he's very calm and laid-back."



OVER A BARREL: (Above) Lionel Chen, Frank Chen, and Hanzhu Zhao enjoyed painting at the Boardwalk Barrels of Fun event. (Left) Wanda Vasguez, Pops Vasguez, and Carlos Quinones Jr. showed off their barrel creations. Photos by Caleb Caldwell

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63RD PRECINCT

MARINE PARK-MILL BASIN-FLATLANDS-BERGEN BEACH

Lost and found

Some nogoodnik picked up a lost wallet on E. 35th Street and used it to make purchases sometime overnight on April 30.

The victim told police that he lost his wallet on the street between Avenues I and J around 6 pm. He says the next day at 6 am, he realized he lost the billfold, and found someone had opened a new credit card under his name, on which they charged \$430, according to the report.

Cell snatch

A trio of bandits stole three smartphones from a Kings Highway cellphone retail store on May 6.

Police say the men entered the store near Utica Avenue around 2:40 pm, went near a phone display, and minutes later one of the them yelled "We got it," before they all fled, according to the report.

Car break-in

A prowler broke into a car parked on E. 42nd Street on May 6.

The victim told cops that she left her four-wheeler near Avenue H at 6 am, and when she returned to her car four hours later, she discovered her rear passenger-side window was broken and some items were missing.

Officers say the bandit fled with her smartphone, smartwatch, two credit cards, and an insurance card.

— Alexandra Simon

68TH PRECINCT

BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

Beat down

Four brutes assaulted a man on 11th Avenue on May 3, punching him in the face, and hitting him over the head and on his arm with a black menu board and a baseball bat.

The assault occurred at 62nd Street around 2:15 am, and left the victim with swelling to his left arm and a laceration to the left side of his head, according to the report.

He told police that a woman was waiting in a car to whisk the louts away towards 12th Avenue when they were done with the beating.

Cleared them out

A burglar made off with \$2,200 from a Third Avenue business on May 4.

The pilferer stole from the business at 74th Street just after 11:15 am, and entered through the back door, which he also damaged, according to the report.

He stole the cash from the register and counter drawer before fleeing in an unknown direction, ac-



cording to authorities.

Road rage

A lowlife cut another motorist off with his car while driving on Fourth Avenue on May 4 before starting a verbal fight with him and damaging his vehicle.

The incident occurred at Shore Road just after 7 am, when the angry perp jumped onto the hood of the driver's car, kicking his roof and front windshield, before fleeing the scene in his car, according to authorities.

62ND PRECINCT

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

Check it out

A liar stole \$13,860 from an 80th Street man by taking the money from his checking account and credit card on May 1.

The man, who lives between Bay Parkway and 23rd Avenue, reported the theft around noon, and said the crook stole the money from his account with a fake check, adding that the snake also somehow changed his address with the post office.

Steals wheels

A villain stole a man's 2013 gray Honda Civic from its 85th Street parking spot on May 1.

The car was parked at 20th Avenue, and when the man returned around 4:30 pm, it was gone, according to the report.

Caught red-handed

Police arrested a man who they say climbed through the living room window of a Bay Parkway home while the homeowner was inside on May 5.

The man allegedly tried to break into the home between 70th and 71st streets just before 4 pm, when the homeowner walked in, saw him, and called for help, according to authorities.

72ND PRECINCT

SUNSET PARK-WINDSOR TERRACE

Stoop steal

A looter stole clothes, money, and electronics from in front of a 48th Street home sometime overnight on April 26.

The owner of the goods told police she left them on her stoop be-

tween Second and Third avenues unattended from 9 pm on the 26th until about 6 am the following day, at which point she realized they were gone.

Scissor hands

Police arrested a man who they say punched a woman in the face, and then used scissors to poke her in the left leg, inside a Seventh Avenue apartment on April 30.

The alleged assault took place inside the building near 47th Street between 8:15 and 9 am, leaving the victim with a puncture wound, police reported. Officers arrested the man the same day, police said.

Counter swipe

A quick sneak stole a man's wallet with \$60 inside from a 15th Street store on May 4.

The man left his wallet on the counter of the store at Fifth Avenue around 8:30 am, and when he returned about 30 minutes later, it was gone, police reported.

Phone jack

A punk pushed a woman, threw her to the ground, and stole her iPhone 8 Plus inside a Fourth Avenue restaurant on May 5.

The assault occurred at the eatery near 37th Street around 12:45 am, officers said.

— Julianne McShane

60TH PRECINCT

CONEY ISLAND-BRIGHTON BEACH-SEAGATE

Ambushed

A wicked wench attacked and robbed a woman in a Brighton Sixth Street building on May 4.

The victim said she entered the lobby of the building near Brighton Beach Avenue at 11:05 pm when a woman pulled her to the ground from behind and kicked her in the face. The thief then took the victim's Burberry wallet and Samsung cellphone before running off, cops said.

Police said they did not find the suspect and that there is no video of the incident.

Wrong car

A bunch of nogoodniks beat up and robbed a man on Coney Island Avenue on May 6.

The victim said he was looking the location.

for his wife near Brighton Beach Avenue at 3 am when he approached a car and knocked on the window. One man in the car got out, punched the victim in the face, and took a necklace off of him, before getting back in the car and speeding off, police reported.

Officers said there are cameras nearby.

Lock your car

A punk stole cash from an unlocked car on Cropsey Avenue on May 4.

The victim said she left her car unlocked near 28th Avenue at 12:35 pm to get a bagel. When she returned, she realized someone had taken cash, electronics, her driver's license, and more from the car, according to authorities.

Cops said there are cameras in the vicinity.

Fast swipe

A jerk took a woman's wallet at a fast food restaurant on the Riegelmann Boardwalk on May 5.

The victim said she was waiting in line at the eatery near W. 12th Street at 7:55 pm when she noticed her credit cards that she had in her baby carriage were missing. She said a man holding a teddy bear had bumped into her prior to her noticing the cards were gone.

Authorities said there are cameras the location.

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Two miscreants violently robbed a woman on E. 12th Street on May 6.

The victim said she was walking near Avenue U at 8 pm when a man and a woman approached her from behind and demanded her purse. The man was initially unsuccessful, so he punched her, causing her to fall down, according to the report. His accomplice then pushed the victim, before the two fled on E. 12th Street towards Avenue V, cops said

The purse contained more than \$100, the victim's driver's license, her student ID, and other items, she told officers.

Can it

A good-for-nothing threatened a person and stole a soda can from an establishment on Kings Highway on May 1.

The victim said the thief entered the premises near E. Fifth Street at 3:35 pm and took the soda, telling the victim "I will kill you" before leaving.

Police said there is a camera at the location. — *Adam Lucente*

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Man tried to kidnap 3-year-old in **Bath Beach**

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

Police are asking the public to help them identify a man who tried to kidnap a 3-yearold boy right from under his grandmother's nose outside an 86th Street supermarket in Bath Beach on May 7.

The attempted kidnapping occurred between Bay 31st and Bay 32nd streets just after 3:45 pm, when the man approached the boy in his stroller and suddenly began pushing it down the street, away from his grandmother. The woman quickly gave chase when she realized what was happening, and when she caught up with the perp, he fled on 86th Street towards Bay Parkway, police said.

The man is between 25 and 30-years-old, according to police.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at (800) 577-8477. The



WANTED: Police are searching for a man who they say tried to kidnap a 3-year-old boy from outside an 86th Street grocery store in Bath Beach on May 7.

public can also submit tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website at www.nypdcrimestoppers.com or by texting tips to 274637 (CRIMES) then entering TIP577. All tips are strictly confidential.

Off-duty officer charged in pistol-whip road-rage assault

BY ADAM LUCENTE

An off-duty police officer who allegedly pistol whipped a man after a rear-end collision on Jan. 1 was arraigned in court Wednesday on a litany of charges, including assault.

"This defendant's alleged aggressive driving and outrageous behavior resulted in a frightening attack on a fellow motorist," said District Attorney Eric Gonzalez. "There is no place for road rage in Brooklyn and it is especially alarming coming from a trained police officer."

The police officer was arraigned on May 9 on 11 charges including assault, criminal possession of a weapon, reckless driving, menacing, leaving the scene of an accident without reporting it, and other charges. He could face up to seven years in prison. His next court date is Aug. 8, according to the Kings County District Attorney's office.

The officer allegedly was driving his Jeep Cherokee that had illegal lights and si-



rens near Avenue N and Bedford Avenue, flashing his high beams at a car in front of him, and then hit it from behind. He then allegedly exited his vehicle, and hit the driver of the other car in the face with his gun, and then hit him repeatedly with his handcuffs before driving off, according to the district attorney's office.

Prosecutors said the victim followed the officer in his car while his girlfriend called the police. Both drivers were allegedly running red lights and speeding and the victim eventually crashed into the officer's Jeep, but the officer again fled. Police arrived soon thereafter, and the victim was treated at a hospital for cuts to his mouth. The officer did not report the incident to police, prosecutors said.

The officer was originally arrested on Jan. 2, according to a district attorney spokesman, and is currently out on bail.

Police did not originally respond to questions regarding where the officer was assigned, but prosecutors said on Wednesday that he worked in Transit District 32 in Crown Heights. An officer from Transit District 32 said he was no longer assigned to that sector.

The officer was suspended for 30 days following his arrest, according to the district attorney's office, but a police spokesman said the officer is currently on modified duty, which refers to administrative or similar duties which officers are assigned to when they are accused of wrongdoing.

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CARS

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parking or leaving cars on sidewalks or in crosswalks. Van Bramer had previously introduced the bill in 2016, but it never made it to the floor for a vote.

The city traffic rules already note that parking or stopping cars in crosswalks and sidewalks is illegal, and carries a \$115 fine, which traffic enforcement agents issue, according to a Department of Transportation rep.

But Brannan said that the officers often don't write tickets for illegally parked dealership cars that lack registrations or license plates, letting the businesses off the hook.

The Police Department did not respond to a request for comment, but the transportation agency rep said the city expected car dealers to pay up if they break the already-existing law.

"The rules apply to everyone," said Alana Morales.

But Brannan said that the rules needed to be better enforced, because dealers were also taking away parking, which is already at a premium in the neighborhood.

Still, one local dealership owner said the bill wouldn't affect his business because it has its own parking spots for inventory and its managers know not to park cars on the sidewalk, but he added that he was concerned the bill could potentially put hundreds of people out of business for small infractions.

"I'm not gonna lie to you and tell you that there haven't been cars that have been on the sidewalk momentarily," said Rob Sabbagh, who owns Bay Ridge Honda. "I'm sure this would be a deterrent, but we employ about 225



MOVE IT: Councilman Justin Brannan is co-sponsoring a bill to crack down on car dealers – such as those in Bay Ridge – who ignore laws prohibiting them from parking their cars on the sidewalk.

Photo by Trey Pentecost

people, so I'd be curious to know his stance on shutting down businesses that employ that amount of people."

Brannan said the bill wasn't antibusiness, but instead was meant to encourage business owners to be better.

"I understand everybody's got to do business, but I'm a big believer in businesses being good neighbors," he said. "This isn't Manalapan, New Jersey."

The bill is currently in the Council Committee on Consumer Affairs and Business Licensing, which Espinal chairs, and would need a public hearing and a floor vote before the mayor could sign it into law. A rep for Espinal said he hoped the bill would receive a public hearing by the end of the summer.

Other dealers on the strip visited by Courier reporters did not comment.



MAKING A BID: Maria Ingardia and Shelia Brody of the Green Spa and Wellness Center flank² Bryan Chin of Northfield Savings Bank and real estate attorney Bob Howe. The four are pushing for a Business Improvement District on Third Avenue in the Ridge.

THIRD AVENUE

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Critics of the "bids," which they are commonly called, charge that the services are already provided by the city, and the cost is yet another burden on their bottom lines, but Howe said the money goes back into the pockets of business owners.

"When you give the city a dollar towards your Business Improvement District, your dollar comes back to you," he said.

For the bid to become a reality, it now, there are 23 bids in Brooklyn.

has to pass through an 11-step process that requires two public meetings and Council and mayoral approval.

The additional tax the district would collect to fund its operations has not yet been determined, since the plan is still in the exploration phase.

Councilman Justin Brannan (D-Bay Ridge) and state Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge) are both aware of and support the effort, according to their reps.

A Third Avenue bid would be the third in Bay Ridge, which also has them on 86th Street and Fifth Avenue. Right now there are 23 hids in Brooklyn

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Field shapes up for Harris seat battle

wo competing candidates threw their hats into the ring to fill the now-empty Bay Ridge-to-Coney Island seat vacated by disgraced former Assemblywoman Pamela Harris (D-Coney Island), whom the feds charged in January with stealing from the city and storm-recovery agencies.

Democrat Ethan Lustig-Elgrably and Republican Steve Saperstein announced their campaigns this week, both with a handful of support touting their involvement in the community and desire to help the district's students and seniors.

"From Bay Ridge to Coney Island, Southern Brooklyn needs a strong leader in Albany to get our fair share. I grew up here, and I know the challenges our families face," said Lustig-Elgrably. "We need good schools, safe streets, support for our seniors, and better trains and buses. I've worked in public service, I fought for this community, and I'm going to make sure every one of us is honestly represented in Albany."

But the district could swing to the right this time, since part of its turf, as well as the surrounding neighborhoods, already have more Grand Old Party representation than anywhere else in otherwise left-leaning Kings County — Bay Ridge Republicans Assemblywoman Nicole Mal-



liotakis, state Sen. **Marty Golden**, and Rep. **Dan Donovan** all represent parts of the area or neighboring districts.

Harris won her gig in Albany during a special election in 2015 after the former pol **Alec Brook-Krasny** stepped down to take a job in the private sector. But he too later fell from grace when the feds slapped him with charges last spring for his alleged role in an illegal scheme to pump millions of narcotic painkillers onto the black market

And after the last two Democratic pols left the seat in shambles, it's time for a new party to take the helm and represent the community, said Saperstein, who ran and lost to incumbent Councilman Chaim Deutsch (D-Sheepshead Bay) last November.

"When the news broke about Pamela Harris, it was tough to process," he said. "The district, our neighbors, deserve better."

Lustig-Elgrably, who had remained silent about his possible run despite growing rumors he was vying for the post, announced his candidacy this week with the support of his former boss, Councilman Mark Treyger (D-Coney Island), who had also been mum about whether he'd back his one-time chief of staff, who now works for the Parks Department.

"He's smart, inclusive, effective, and knows how to get things done in government," said Treyger at the announcement. "Most importantly, he knows Southern Brooklyn and the hardworking families of this district. I have complete trust in him to be the leader we need in Albany."

Coney Island Democrat Mathylde Frontus announced her candidacy last month.

A handful of Brooklynites are vy-

ing to become New York's next top prosecutor after Attorney General **Eric Schneiderman** abruptly resigned in disgrace on May 7 following a disturbing report about four women who accused him of sexual and physical abuse over a period of years.

Public Advocate Tish James, a lawyer who also previously represented Fort Greene before her successor Democratic Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo, is reportedly interested in the seat, along with attorneys Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein (D-Sheepshead Bay), Assemblyman Joseph Lentol (D-Williamsburg), who was an assistant district attorney in the Kings County District Attorney's office prior to being elected in 1972, and Brooklyn's former top prosecutor, Elizabeth Holtzman, who ran the office from 1982 to 1989, according to multiple reports.

Schneiderman's number two, Solicitor General **Barbara Underwood**, was sworn in as acting Attorney General on Tuesday, but Albany's pols could appoint his successor with a majority vote in both the Assembly and Senate.

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Flatbush professor found dead in home, suspect in custody

BY ADAM LUCENTE

Police arrested a man suspected of killing a renowned educator while burglarizing his Flatbush home on May 7.

Paramedics pronounced Jeremy Safran — a professor of psychology at the New School in Manhattan - dead at the scene after authorities found him unconscious and unresponsive in the basement of his Stratford Road residence at 5:54 pm, while responding to a 911 call about the in-progress burglary, according to a police spokesman.

"He had trauma to the head and body," the spokesman said.

Officers also found the 28-yearold suspect hiding inside a basement closet, and took the man into custody, later charging the Sheepshead Bay resident with murder and burglary, cops said.

Safran's death shocked faculty and students at the New School, where the 66-year-old academic gained notoriety for his work with psychotherapy, according to a spokeswoman for the institution.

"Jeremy was deeply respected and admired by the New School community and his colleagues throughout the psychology profession," the rep said.



HORROR IN FLATBUSH: Police are investigating the death of Jeremy Safran, who was found with head and body trauma inside his Stratford Road home the night of May 7.

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"We offer our deepest condolences to his family."

Police are still investigating the incident, and the medical examiner has not vet determined the cause of Safran's death, according to officials.

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All proposals submitted in response to this RFP must be submitted no later than Monday, June 18, 2018 at 3:00 PM. There will be a recommended site visit on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 11:00 AM. We will be meeting at the proposed concession site at the McCarren Park House building, which is located at Lorimer Street between Bedford Avenue and Driggs Avenue, Brooklyn. If you are considering responding to this RFP, please make every effort to attend this recommended meeting

Hard copies of the RFP can be obtained, at no cost, commencing on Monday, May 7, 2018 through Monday, June 18, 2018, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, excluding weekends and holidays, at the Revenue Division of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, which is located at 830 Fifth Avenue, Room 407, New York, NY 10065.

The RFP is also available for download, on Monday, May 7, 2018 through Monday, June 18, 2018, on Parks' website. To download the RFP, visit http://www.nyc.gov/parks/businessopportunities and click on the "Concessions Opportunities at Parks" link. Once you have logged in, click on the "download" link that appears adjacent to the RFP's description.

For more information or to request to receive a copy of the RFP by mail, prospective proposers may contact Jocelyn Lee, Project Manager, at (212) 360-3407 or at jocelyn.lee@parks.nyc.gov.

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and other health and social programs."

The mayor also has an ally in Levin, who wound up in handcuffs while protesting for the release of the Health Department's study the day before it came out, according to a spokesman.

"We certainly think that kind of community effort was a factor in really moving the needle on this issue," said Ed Paulino.

And officials at the state's Health Department are currently reviewing DeBlasio's proposal, an agency rep

"We have received [a letter from the mayor's office] and the report, and look forward to thoroughly reviewing it," said Gary Holmes. "We of course support the mission of reducing opioid-related deaths, and have been studying multiple options for combating the opioid epidemic."

If the scheme is approved, Vocal New York staff would hire medical

supervisors equipped with Naloxone — a drug usually administered as a nasal spray that quickly counteracts the effects of heroin - who could save hundreds from overdosing, according to safe-injection site proponents.

A facility in Canada, for example, reduced overdose fatalities by 35 percent, while another site in Australia lowered the death rate among users by a whopping by 80 percent, according to the city hygiene agency's study.

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"The idea with these programs, with any harm reduction program, is to have a place where people feel safe," said Fred Wright. "They can come in and not try to use in a bathroom at Fulton Mall, and they can start to build connections of trust to address what's going with them."

DRIVER

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motorist suffering from multiple sclerosis with reckless manslaughter after his condition allegedly caused him to fatally collide with a street last vear.

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Teens create event to celebrate different cultures

BY ALEXANDRA SIMON

A group of Brooklyn teens in a high school music program is organizing a wide-ranging cultural appreciation day in Gravesend next month.

Students in the Avenue Music Group program at Life Academy for Film and Music are creating a multicultural celebration day they are calling "For the Culture," set for June 2. Their mentor and the executive director of the program, Joshua Walker, said the students are thrilled to spearhead a day honoring diverse cultures in light of the country's political climate, he said.

"These kids felt that there's been a really negative interpretation of race and cultures in our country, and they wanted to put together an event where people of minority backgrounds can embrace their cultures, and learn something else about another person's culture," said Walker.

The 12 teenagers in the program, mostly freshmen and sophomores from different parts of Brooklyn, are from mostly first or second-generation families and of Caribbean and West African descent, ac-



IMPORTANT WORK: The teens are raising funds for their "For the Culture" event on June 2, which they created to positively counter what they feel is a negative interpretation of different cultures. Photo by Steve Solomonson

cording to Walker. He added that the youngsters reached out to other schools in their district, hoping to bring together diverse school bodies for a day of fun, exploration, and cultural exchange. One focus will be sharing the diverse offerings from local ethnic restaurants.

"The endgame is to have an event where we bring together the community to experience different cultures, and one of the main aspects is food, so the

students have been reaching out to different restaurants and a range of food of different places to participate," said Walker.

Avenue Music Group is an educational program which Walker founded in 2013, that focuses on preparing teens for college, jobs, and careers.

In addition to a variety of food, the four-hour event, which will be held on the Lafayette Campus football field, will have games, sporting activi-

students have been reaching ties, musical entertainment, out to different restaurants and prize giveaways.

The students are currently fund-raising for the event and aim for \$20,000, said Walker. The group has already raised \$2,200, and with the help of sponsors, local businesses, and door-to-door donations, and they hope to meet a minimum goal to produce the event.

"We need at least \$5,000, but even if we don't hit that goal, we will still have the event," he said. "No matter what num-

ber we get, we may cut a few things out, but we're still going to put on something."

Staff and administrators at the high school have been supportive of the teens' project, according to Walker.

"They've been a huge help in spreading the word, and they love the idea — they're all very excited and the kids got the support of their principal and teachers," he said.

Walker said that the teens were the ones who conceived of the event, and it reflects the program's objective of inspiring students to give back to the community.

"Going into this program, our main goal is to change the mindset of these students and instill positive thinking where they can be inspired to start a change," he said. "This is their vision and they believe in it, and we're just guiding them."

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Pedal power!

A cyclist flashed a peace sign to passersby as he cruised down Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg during the 41st-annual Five Boro Bike Tour on May 6, when more than 30,000 participants rolled along a 40-mile route across the city that took them over the Pulaski Bridge into Greenpoint before they rode down the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway to Bay Ridge and over the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge as they raced to the finish in bucolic Staten Island. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Are you familiar with Keyhole Gardens?





The fourth grade students at St. Anselm Catholic Academy learned how Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has helped the people in droughtstricken regions successfully grow crops using keyhole gardens, which are designed to use recycled material and water to grow certain crops. For example, cardboard is used to hold in moisture to reduce need for watering. In addition, gravel filters the water so that growers can use dishwater to water their crops.

After watching a CRS video showing how villagers collaborated to construct a keyhole garden using cardboard, leaves, and tin cans, the students, under the supervision of STEM Lab teacher Christine Deem, then created individual versions of these gardens using recycled material. Plastic soda caps were also provided as an alternate watering method in case students did not have access to spray bottles at home.

The students planted wheatgrass and one type of herb (either basil, parsley or thyme) in their individual keyhole gardens and brought them home. What a wonderful project to remind students that every day is "Earth Day"!

All the best,

The St. Anselm Publicity Committee

Connie Lekas School holds Cinco de Mayo arts festival

BY ADAM LUCENTE

This festival was fantastico!

Kids donned sombreros, got their faces painted, and gobbled down cotton candy at the Connie Lekas School's Cinco de Mayo Family Arts Festival on May 5. A staff member at the school for students with special needs said the Sheepshead Bay institution seeks to help its kids thrive inside and outside of the classroom.

"Sometimes these kids don't have anything to do on weekends," said Yvonne Costello. "It was definitely a nice way to give them something fun to do."

The festival took place in the school gym, and also included a bouncy house, balloon animals, and Mexican music. The event was open to kids at the school and their families, as well as its staff and their families, but also welcomed members of the Sheepshead Bay community. The Connie Lekas School serves students from ages 12 to 21 who have severe multiple disabilities, according to the school.

The face painting and cotton candy were big hits with the children on Sat-

"It was very enjoyable," said Costello. "There were lots of different activities for all kids and adults too."

The Cinco de Mayo-themed family



FACE PAINTING: Families of students at the Connie Lekas School celebrated Cinco de Mayo with an arts festival on May 5.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

day isn't the only event the school puts on for its students and the local community. On many weekends, there are opportunities for the kids to wind down, have fun, and learn. Other activities held there include an autism awareness day, other arts events, and movie screenings. One reason the school is so active outside the classroom is because of the difficulties their students can have socializing with other kids, and the abundance of things to do is one of the school's strengths, according to Costello.

"There's always so many activities on the weekends," she said. "It's a great thing the principal does for the



FAMILY FUN: Kids and adults alike painted all afternoon.

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Students explore STEM at fair

BAY RIDGE

Is there really iron in my breakfast cereal? Can we use solar power to cook? How does the digestive system work? Does wifi affect living things? And how can you build tall buildings

You want answers? Well, the students at St. Anselm Catholic Academy examined these and many other STEM (Science, Tech, Engineering, and Math) science conundrums at the school's annual science fair, held April 19 at Meletia Hall.

Parents, students, and guests wandered through the exhibits and listened as the budding researchers discussed their findings. Some of the exhibits were interactive, and offered the visitors the opportunity of a hands-on experience. The fair provided a science-'rific opportunity for younger students to interact with and learn from older students.

Students in grades PreK through third grade presented a class research project, hosted by student representatives, while upper grade students presented their individual or group projects. Topics included the formation of secondary colors, how food moves along the digestive system, searching for the presence of iron in breakfast cereal, determining whether tall buildings can be constructed safely, and the effects of wifi on plants.

Student scientists explained their research question and methodology



their work; then they presented their findings, along with implications on while discussing and demonstrating how their findings affected our day-to- lies who suppled the materials, the stu-

Thanks to the hard work of fami-







dents that did the research, the teachers who fostered the skills, James McKeon for his support and encouragement, the STEM committee - including Eileen Downey, Margaret Cronin, Theresa Torre, and Angelica Capotorto — for their work in the selection process, STEM coordinator Christine Deem, and finally the hard working students who did such exemplary work.

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If I were president I would...

BOROUGH WIDE

Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis (R-Bay Ridge) last month treated winners in her elementary school Presidents' Day Essay Contest to a pizza party.

Back in late February, third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade students were charged to pen their opinions on what they would do to improve their community if they were president. The assembly woman's office received more than 200 submissions from students all over the borough and across the Verrazano Bridge in Staten Island. The assembly woman presented those students with a certificate of merit from the State Assembly, and a letter of recognition.

Six winning writers were invited to the pizza palaver on April 26 in celebration of their on-point solutions to

tai, fourth grade at PS 102; Andrew Guzman, fifth grade at Big Apple Academy; Laibah Imran, fifth grade at PS 209; Aveney Kandiah, fifth grade at PS 209; Gianna Lupo, fourth grade at PS 312; and Chryssa Vavas, fourth grade at Holy Cross.

Malliotakis was more than pleased with the contest results, saying: "I was delighted to read some of the wonderful ideas in these essays. The students were very much aware of the real issues affecting our community and expressed a particular concern for littering, bullying, and drugs. It certainly wasn't easy selecting our finalists, but I am very glad to have given our participants the opportunity to think critically about civics and I hope this exercise further encourages them to help oth-

Standing O sends out congrats to the students, a special thanks to The winners included: Ali Chug- Leo's Casa Calamari in Bay Ridge the contest and party.



WINNERS!: Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis is surrounded by some winners of her President's Day Essay Contest at an April 26 pizza party held in their honor at Leo's Casa Calamari in Bay Ridge.

for providing the pies, and of course to the Assemblywoman for hosting Fifth Ave. at 74th Street in Bay Ridge;

Malliotakis's District Office [7408 (718) 987-01971.

TOP DRIVER DISTRACTIONS

Using mobile phones

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

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

Daydreaming

Many people will admit to daydreaming behind the wheel or looking at a person or object outside of the car for too long. Perhaps they're checking out a house in a new neighborhood or thought they saw someone they knew on the street corner. It can be easy to veer into the direction your eyes are focused, causing an accident. In addition to trying to stay focused on the road, some drivers prefer the help of lane departure warning systems.

Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

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

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

Reading

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Grave concerns about Gravesend

To the editor.

I have lived in Gravesend for nearly 40 years. Through the years, I have seen some traffic and other conditions affecting residents' health and safety get worse instead of better. An important election is coming up and now would be the perfect time to start eliminating safety hazards and improving conditions for pedestrians and bus passengers in our area.

I live near Ocean Parkway, one of the most dangerous thoroughfares in Brooklyn, and I frequently have to cross the Parkway at Avenue X. At least once a month, I see flowers, ribbons and other memorials on the parkway for people who have been killed there by the relentless traffic. If the victim was a child, there are teddy bears and dolls. There are neither cameras nor radar on Ocean Parkway to monitor speeding cars.

Every time I try to cross there are at least two or three drivers speeding through the red light. Other drivers make right or left turns as fast as they can, ignoring pedestrians.

Aren't drivers supposed to slow down while making turns?

There is a police station nearby, but the only time I see a police or traffic officer is when there is an accident.

Can someone please tell me why there has never been a bus shelter near Coney Island Hospital? Patients leaving the hospital have to stand on a platform of rocks to wait for their

There is a tree-lined area with benches nearby, but this is only usable on bright, warm, sunny days, and only if would-be passengers are able to walk from the benches fast enough to catch their buses when they finally arrive. Poor bus service is another story!

We also need more traffic lights in our area, especially on East Second Street, Avenue Y and Avenue X. These streets are very busy and sometimes impossible to cross.

A feeble and ineffective attempt was made to fix an even more dangerous traffic problem between Avenue V and Avenue W and between East First and East Third Streets by low-

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SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

ering the speed limit. This area must have been designed and built before cars were invented! The area has a blind curve.

Drivers coming from West 1st Street or West street going east cannot see pedestrians nor can pedestrians see oncoming cars. I don't know if drivers can see the signs lowering the speed limit or if they even try to obey them. I think the only way to make these streets safer is to make Avenue V and Avenue W one-way streets going East from West Street to Ocean Parkway. We also need cameras and radar on these streets to trap traffic violators.

I hope someone will try to do something about these hazardous conditions before the next elections, preferably before the primaries, and before I decide whom to vote for, and before someone else is killed on Ocean Parkway. Maybe someone can even begin to build a bus shelter near Coney Island Hospital before the next hurricane!

Some need weed

To the editor,

Sen. Chuck Schumer is to be commended for sponsoring legislation nationwide to decriminalize marijuana and to permit it for medicinal purposes such as epilepsy, AIDS, and combating nausea and vomiting after receiving chemotherapy for cancer.

I have read in the Science section of the New York Times [that] Israeli women used marijuana to alleviate the pain of childberth about 3,500 years ago. It is also true [that] country-western singer Willie Nelson said marijuana helped him get off heavy drinking and get off tobacco. Along with Chuck Schumer's bill, he [recommends] cautions about the side affects; people have a right to informed consent.

Brighton Beach

Gov, take the local!

To the editor,

Governor of which state?

Once again our part time New York State governor was back in Puerto Rico spewing his anti-Republican rants and feigning concern to Puerto Ricans and their plight after last year's hurricane.

Mr. Cuomo should have paused his perennial high profile Presidential campaign and gotten back to the state in which he was elected, to take care of our 24-7 plights.

How about helping the hundreds of residents along the Atlantic shoreline who have yet to get their houses back in livable order, five years after the devastating hurricane hit our state? How about staying in our state trying to straighten out the failing MTA, seemingly adrift with no workable plans to make it a safe and reliable unified transportation system?

How about kicking our communist mayor's behind, taking away his funding and taking over the crumbling housing system?

There are all too many problems here in New York State to have a governor on campaign mode.

Stay home and help us!

Robert W. Lobenstein Marine Park

Still battling

To the editor,

The ongoing feud over numerous issues between Governor Andrew Cuomo and Mayor Bill DeBlasio is now into the fifth year. Based on past history between previous governors and mayors, this is really nothing new. Democrats Cuomo and DeBlasio have a lot in common with the late Republicans Governor Nelson Rockefeller (1959-1974) and New York City Mayor John Lindsay (1966–1973) along with Governor George Pataki (1995-2006) and New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani (1994-2001). The same is true for the late Democrat Governor Mario Cuomo (1983-1992) and New York City Mayor Ed Koch (1978-1988). Nelson Rockefeller, George Pataki, Mario Cuomo and son Andrew Cuomo deal with mayors who want equal billing on the political marquee. Lindsay's urban, Koch's Big Apple, Giuliani's safety-quality of life and DeBlasio's progressive agenda are dependent upon both increased state and federal assistance. DeBlasio envisions himself as the national spokesperson for progressive mayors from all cities. This conflicts with governors who have to worry about all 62 counties making up New York State. It also creates problems for governors like Cuomo who harbor Presidential ambitions in 2020.

> Larry Penner Great Neck

Car dealers in Bay Ridge and beyond who illegally park vehicles on the sidewalk should be shuttered by the city if they are caught repeatedly breaking the law, a local pol asserts. (Un-park it! Ridge pol's bill would close car dealerships that clog sidewalks," by Julianne McShane, online May 7). Councilman Justin Brannan and his constituents say they're tired of cars crowding sidewalks around dealerships on Fourth Avenue between 88th and 95th streets. The bill would empower the Consumer Affairs commissioner to suspend or revoke the license of any car dealership slapped with two or more violations in a year for illegally parking or leaving cars on sidewalks or in crosswalks. Here's what some of our readers think:

Well for one thing, it seems he had plenty of room on said sidewalk to stand and pose with his arms outstretched for his photo op.

Also, maybe if he worked to change the truly ridiculous alternate side parking rules all around Brooklyn there would be adequate street parking for *all* vehicles.

He is also speaking of putting businesses with many employees out for not a really good reason. Smells of politics all around to me Me

from Brooklyn

Brannan represents the anti-car fanatic minority in Bay Ridge. He will learn the hard way that there is no way to win re-election by attacking local businesses to placate those who hate freedom. Enjoy the little time you have left in office, Justin.

Henry Ford from Bay Ridge

It is good to see Brannan taking on this issue. Car dealerships can be very obnoxious and seem to think they own the sidewalks. I am not some "anti car" fanatic but I just want to be able to push my double wide stroller without having to walk in the middle of the street to avoid 7 brand new BMWs

It's about time. Sidewalks are for people not cars! The bill should also include repair shops who do the same thing and who park cars in bus stops. A good example is Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat of Bay Ridge parks cars in the bus stop across from the dealership, which means buses cannot use the bus stop for the disabled that use wheelchairs and such. Jeff

from Bay Ridge

Thank you Councilman Brannan for your leadership on this issue!

Katie

Introducing the players in the 'Fray by the Bay'

nce our elected state legislators are often lifetime positions, there is always a mad scramble for open seats. This is the case in the vacant 46th Assembly District, which covers Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, Bath Beach, and extends along the bay to Brighton Beach and Coney Island.

Last month, Assemblywoman Pamela Harris resigned after being charged in an 11-count federal indict-

There must be something in the air with this seat because her predecessor, Alec Brook-Krasny, was also arrested and indicted for healthcare fraud after he left office in 2015.

With the last two Democratic Assembly members being indicted and the district including the only Republican strongholds in Brooklyn, the race for the now-vacant 46th seat is heating up. Hopefully, whoever wins this time can stay out of jail.

On the GOP side, all signs point to Steven Saperstein as the candidate. He officially announced his campaign lican Council candidate last



THE RIGHT VIEW

Bob Capano

this week, with very supportive words from the Brooklyn Republican chairman. Saperstein, a special education teacher, ran for Council last year in the 48th District, which overlaps the Brighton Beach portion of the Assembly district, giving him some needed name recognition.

But one has to wonder why Liam McCabe, a former Repubyear, dropped out of the running so quickly right after aggressively floating a candidacy on social media. He changed his public Facebook page to "Liam for New York," which, as any political wonk knows, is the appropriate name for a state political committee. Indeed, McCabe confirmed to a Brooklyn media outlet that he would be filing a state Assembly campaign committee.

Recently, McCabe stated on Facebook that he would not run so he could help excon Michael Grimm in his congressional GOP primary against incumbent Dan Donovan. (Adding intrigue is that Donovan actually employed McCabe in his district office for several years and endorsed McCabe in his own primary last year. So much for loyalty.) So, is there more to McCabe's decision to pass on running under the guise of helping Grimm? Did GOP leaders push McCabe out for some unknown reason? Did Grimm promise McCabe a job back in politics if he wins that Donovan would not?

On the other side, Democrats are looking at a proxy

the sprawling district connected by the Belt Parkway. On the Bay Ridge side, rumors are swirling that Chris McCreight is interested in running. He is the chief of staff to new local Democrat king maker, Councilman Justin Brannan. Mc-Creight also has professional ties to the Coney Island area, making him a very formidable candidate if he enters the Fray by the Bay. In the Coney Island end, Councilman Mark Treyger and his faction are supporting his former chief of staff, Ethan Lustig-Elgrably, who also just kicked his campaign off this week.

Some background on this turf war is in order. In 2016, Treyger won the 46th district leader race against McCreight. Not surprisingly, Treyger got more than 90 percent of the vote in the Coney Island and Brighton Beach end of the district, while McCreight dominated in the Bay Ridge and Dyker parts by a 3 to 1 margin. This was an extremely nasty war between them as Mc-Creight accused Councilman Treyger of being a carpetbagger for moving several times

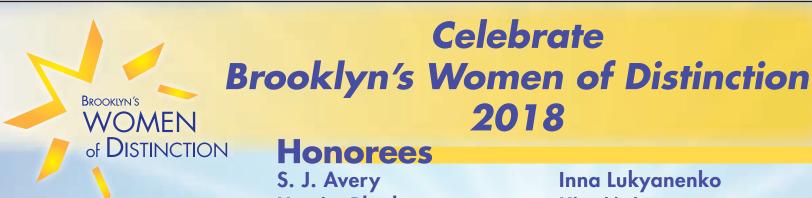
war between the two ends of within Brooklyn to suit his political goals.

> This split also extended to the 2016 Democratic primary for the Assembly seat where Harris defeated Kate Cucco. Treyger supported Harris, while McCreight and his folks were with Cucco. Harris got 63 percent of the vote, but Cucco beat Harris in the Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights area.

Also in the mix is Mathylde Frontus, an adjunct professor and long-time Coney Island resident that was the first out of the gate. She is a community activist who founded several local organizations. If McCreight doesn't run there could be a possible alliance between his side and Frontus.

One can wish there were more open seats to create these political choices for voters. Implementing term limits on state elected officials would do the job so we don't have to rely on arrests and resignations.

Bob Capano is the chairman of the Brooklyn Reform Party and has been an adjunct political science professor at the City University of New



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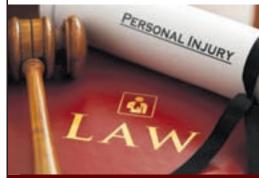
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HARBOR WATCH

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As a logistics specialist, Anaisah is responsible for ensuring an efficient supply system aboard ship by ordering repair parts, conducting financial management inventory, ensuring management of the ship's store, and providing services at sea.

"Perseverance and belief in your abilities help me be productive in the military," he said. "During my childhood I learned not to give up."

Anaisah has no previous military ties - no fam- and many U.S. allies.

ily members have previously served — but he's honored to initiate a family tradition.

"I am the first generation from my family to serve in the military," Anaisah said.

Being stationed near Pearl Harbor — often referred to in Defense circles as the gateway to the Pacific — means that Anaisah is serving in a part of the world that is taking on new importance in America's national defense

The Navy has plans, by 2020, to base 60 percent of its ships and aircraft in the region. Officials say the Navy will also provide its most advanced warfighting platforms to the region, including missile defense-capable ships; submarines; reconnaissance aircraft; and its newest surface warfare ships.

Officials say the Navy has been pivotal in helping maintain peace and stability in the Pacific region for decades. The Pacific is home to more than 50 percent of the world's population, many of the world's largest and smallest economies, several of the world's largest militaries,

She's in infantry

Dream of being in combat duty now a reality



ONE, TWO, THREE!: U.S. Military Cadet Taylor England, center, helps teammates flip over a tractor tire during the Sandhurst Military Skills competition at West Point, N.Y.

HARBOR WATCH

As a young girl, U.S. Military Academy Cadet Taylor England daydreamed about being in the infantry, long before the Army opened all of its combat arms positions to women.

She wanted to lead troops in combat, shoot weapons, and execute missions - aspirations similar to those of her male counterparts.

"I wanted to be the person out there doing those things," said England, 22, of South Lebanon, Ohio. "I didn't want to sit back and relax."

Her drive and competitive spirit led her to be valedictorian at her high school and later to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., where she is a regimental command sergeant major.

She also is the top-ranked cadet out of 230 others who have branched infantry. Rankings are based on a cadet's cumulative performance of military skills, physical ent times and take the reins.

training and academic stand-

To broaden her leadership abilities, England volunteered to take charge of her company's team in the Sandhurst Military Skills Competition last year.

The annual competition pits hundreds of cadets against each other in strenuous events over two days.

At this year's competition, which ended April 14, she decided to go all in. She tried out and earned a spot on the Gold Team, which handpicks skilled competitors from across the academy. On a team of leaders, she had the opportunity to learn from others who were as ambitious as she

definitely prepares you to be an infantry officer because we're doing infantry tactics," she said of Sandhurst. "With the leading part, we all had to step up at differWe left it all out there."

In his fourth Sandhurst competition, Cadet Eric Savini said England helped keep the team motivated when grueling tasks sapped the energy out of them.

While their squad failed to win this year's competition, it still had an impressive showing with a fifth-place finish out of 64 teams. It also gave England and her squad a useful lesson on teamwork.

"Working together in a team-oriented [competition] is the best thing you can experience," England said afterward. "At the end of the day, that's why I do it - because of the people who I'm with."

A dozen women have now since graduated from the notoriously difficult Army Ranger School. In fiscal year 2016, for example, more than 4,000 personnel attended the school and only 36 percent of them graduated, according to Army statistics.

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RANGERS TOGETHER: Capt. Natalie Mallue and her husband Capt. Edward Mallue celebrate after Natalie successfully became the sixth woman to graduate Ranger School, at Fort Benning, Ga., on April 28.

U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion

Making the grade!

Army Captain Mallue survived the swamps

HARBOR WATCH

The end was in sight. Long days of little food and sleep were taking a toll on Army Capt. Natalie Mallue as she neared the end of the third and final phase of the Army's Ranger school, deep in the swamps of Camp Rudder, Fla.

When she graduated Ranger school at Fort Benning in April 2017, Mallue became only the sixth woman to graduate the school and the first to wear both the Ranger and Sapper tabs

Mallue's first duty station was in Schweinfurt, Germany, where she met her husband, Army Capt. Edward Mallue, also a West Point graduate and engineer.

"Our paths never crossed at West Point. I never knew Natalie until we met in Germany," Edward said.

Edward graduated from Ranger school in 2014, and she would attend the Sapper Leader course in 2013.

"I was very proud when I got the Sapper tab. I went in open-minded and humble, with the attitude that I'm going to give it my best," Mallue said. "I think it also says something for the people that attempt the course itself."

When Ranger school was opened to women in 2015, Mallue's battalion commander thought she would be an ideal fit. However, the timing wasn't quite right.

"When they opened up Ranger school to females, my battalion commander in Hawaii asked me if I wanted to go. I told him I wasn't in a position where I feel like I could put in the effort," she explained. "I was in a unit that was going on a [Joint Readiness Training Center] rotation and I was the primary staff planner. I was putting a lot of hours into that, so it wasn't a good time."

"I actually decided to go in 2016 when I was a company commander in Hawaii," she said.

"Seeing the females who had passed Ranger school definitely encouraged me. It showed me there was a way. I was slightly hesitant because none had passed in a while since the initial trio in 2015," she said.

"I didn't know what it was, but I was going to go and do my best and at least I would've gone and experienced it," she said. "I went in with the same mindset as Sapper school — I'm going to do my best, prepare well and not have any regrets about what I didn't do right."

Edward was able to provide detailed insights into Ranger school after his own experiences there.

"That knowledge I had from being a Ranger school graduate helped me evaluate Natalie to the correct standards," he said.

Mallue had to complete a pre-Ranger assessment course with the 25th Infantry Division in order to qualify for the school.

"The 25th had a fairly streamlined process for acceptance to the school. I had to do the pre-Ranger assessment course. I had to do [a Ranger Physical Fitness Test], followed by a 10-day course where they teach you almost everything you learn in the first phase of Ranger school," she said

"Once I passed the pre-Ranger course I was assured of a spot, so I was asked what class I wanted to attend," Mallue said. "I opted for the second class in 2017."

"The events themselves weren't that difficult. If you did the Ranger obstacle course, you'd think, 'This isn't bad at all.' But it's the stuff they make you do in between that really adds up and taxes you physically and mentally," Mallue said. "You don't get to go from one obstacle to another. You have to do a crabwalk or duck walk. Then you might have to do it two more times, because the person in front of you did it wrong."

She added, "I really got to a point at the end of the course where I knew one thing was certain — that the sun was going to go down and a number of hours later that sun was going to come back."

She's a first-class culinary officer



COOKING IT UP!: Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Ebony Sharpe is the 628th Force Support Squadron's leading petty officer in charge of Joint Base Charleston's weapons station galley. Staff Sgt. Andrea Salazar

HARBOR WATCH

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Ebony Sharpe, the 628th Force Support Squadron's leading petty officer in charge of Joint Base Charleston's weapons station galley in Charleston, makes it a point to provide the example to her culinary team by leading from the front.

Sharpe's day-to-day job consists of overseeing daily manning schedules, production of meals, menu planning, equipment maintenance and inventory.

"The importance of my role is having accountability and [high] expectations of myself and others," she said. "We feed over 3,000 people daily, so it's imperative I get to see firsthand if there are any issues in any section of the kitchen to ensure our overall operations run smoothly. I love hearing positive feedback, so it motivates me to continue to stay on top of things."

Sharpe willingly stepped into the shoes of a role meant for a rank above her when she was a petty officer second class, and has proven herself more than capable of doing the job.

"For the past two years since she took over, she has done a flawless job in the position," said Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Corey Montgomery, 628th FSS food service officer. "Even though she was a petty officer second class, she performed as if she was a seasoned first class. She's very reliable, and I know I can count on her."

Sharpe said some of the challenges she's faced have prompted improvements in her leadership abilities and

increased her expertise in the culinary career field.

"When I became the LPO, my biggest challenges were managing my peers. Since we were the same rank, it was difficult," Sharpe said. "Also [difficult was] being the face and voice in front of senior leadership.

"Knowing I was in the spotlight often, I made it a point to always arrive earlier than everyone and demonstrate to my peers and subordinates what I expect by setting the example myself," she added. "Once we worked out the hardship of changes and everyone was on the same page, it was actually a really good experience — I don't regret it at all."

Sharpe is also a dedicated student, and she's now in graduate school majoring in human services.

"I joined the Navy with no intention of going to school, but now I'm in graduate school and the first person in my family to get a college degree," Sharpe said. To do better at her Navy job, Sharpe said, she needed to develop professional organization skills.

"Education was extremely important, so I made that a priority," she explained.

Sharpe credits her success to the hard work and dedication of her team members and the advice of mentors she's had throughout her career.

"It has been an honor to work with my team of Air Force, Navy and civilians. I couldn't have done it without them," Sharpe said. "They just made me a better person and sailor throughout my time at JB Charleston."

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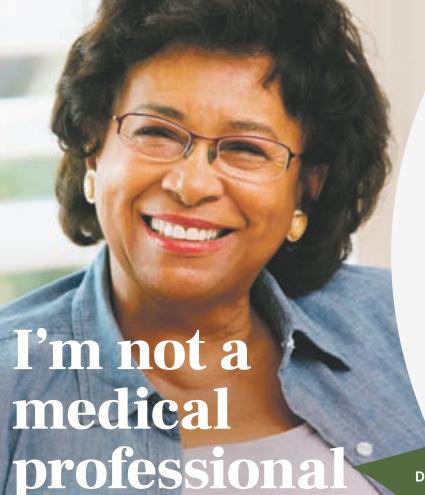
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Going full tilt

Coney Island Pinball Party celebrates the silver ball

By Julianne Cuba

hey're having a ball! A vintage pinball arcade in the People's Playground will host a full night of flipper-themed entertainment next weekend! The Coney Island Pinball Party on May 19 will fill the Sideshows by the Seashore Theater and its Freak Bar with films, performances, and enough pinball free play to fulfill an arcade aficionado's wildest dreams, said the Mill Basinite producing the night.

"We're really looking forward to it as a way to promote the [Coney Island Pinball] Museum, what we are doing with pinball out there — people are really into pinball, it's really on the rise," said Dennis Catalfumo. "We just want people to come and play and have fun on all vintage machines."

The party will start with three short but fascinating documentaries about the game — including one from Vice that explains pinball's criminal past, when it was considered a form of illegal gambling, said Catalfumo. The flipper flick features an interview with Robert Sharpe, who in 1976 played a game of pinball in a New York City courtroom in order to demonstrate that it was a game of skill, and not of chance.

"He helped save pinball," said Catalfumo. "Not too many people know that."

Guests will also be entertained by three live performers with acts based

on the silver ball, including burlesque dancer Gigi Bonbon, the reigning Miss Coney Island from 2018; Justin Weber, yo-yo master and master juggler; and Serpentina, a snake charmer and selfdescribed "Grinder Girl."

Serpentina — Coney Islander Stephanie Torres's stage name — is a welder by trade. During her act, she will literally grind on her guitar until sparks shoot into the audience, performing to a song about counting to 12 that played during an animated pinball sequence on Sesame Street, she said.

"I have metal plates on my body and have a guitar, I use a metal grinder and shoot sparks into the audience on the stage to the music," said Serpentina. "It's like the way they did on the cartoon on Sesame Street, when you pull back to shoot the ball — that's how the cartoon starts."

And all of the machines will be set to "free play" for the night, offering a full spectrum of fun, said Catalfumo, whether you are pinball wizard or just an apprentice.

"It's a real cross section of Coney Island talent, theater performance, and play, letting everybody have a great night," he said.

Coney Island Pinball Party at Sideshows by the Seashore Theater (1208 Surf Ave. at W. 12th Street in Coney Island, www.coneyisland.com). May 19 at 10 pm. \$15.

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DISASTER ARTIST

Exhibit shows painters hit by hurricane

By Alexandra Simon

hey are the eyes on the storm.

A new exhibit opening in Red Hook this weekend showcases the work of artists from Dominica and other Caribbean islands devastated by Hurricane Maria. "Dominica After Maria," opening May 12 as part of the Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition's 40th season, will not only raise cash for disaster relief groups — it also offers a big boost for the artists involved, said the show's curator.

"I organized this exhibit with the inclusion of other Caribbean artists because I wanted them to get the opportunity where people can support them and buy their work, or donate to the Caribbean disaster management," said Donna Mason.

Mason, an art agent, first travelled to the island nation of Dominica in 2010, and developed relationships with many artists there. After Hurricane Maria hit the island, she said that felt obligated to organize a charity event.

"I am Jamaican, but I'm very connected to Dominica," she said. "I learned about the country and connected with a lot of artists, and after this hurricane, I knew those artists would illustrate their experiences and need help."

There are eight artists in the exhibit — four with Dominican roots, some with other connections to the island, and others from countries that have faced similar natural disasters, according to Mason.

One artist, Mercedes Nugent-Head, has painted an image of ocean



Art from home: Curator Donna Mason's show supporting Caribbean artists will go on display at the Brooklyn Waterfront Artist Coalition on May 12.

Photo by Zoe Freilich

waves inspired by stories from her late mother and grandmother, who were raised on Dominica. Nugent-Head, who lives in Guadeloupe, says that her painting hits a sore spot, since she has never been able to visit the island it depicts.

"I never got to go to Dominica — and I was actually planning on going to Dominica, and then Maria hit," said Nugent-Head. "When I get there one day, I hope to see what my mother talked about in her time there."

Puerto Rican artist Johnny Camacho, whose home island was also hit hard by Hurricane Maria, has a collage piece in the show. He says the exhibit is a rare chance for visitors to see the aftermath of a natural disaster though the eyes of artists who were affected.

"A lot of people might be oblivious to all the islands that got hit and the people that need help," he said. "So I think it's great to see artists from the islands and get to see how their culture and upbringing is actually projected through their brushstrokes."

"Dominica After Maria" at the Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition [499 Van Brunt St., Door 7, at the water in Red Hook, (718) 596–2507, www.bwac.org]. Opening reception on May 12; 1–6 pm. On display through June 17, Sat–Sun; 1–6 pm. \$5 suggested donation.

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Musical experiment: Jacob Stein and Jason Rabinowitz of the Pop Ups will debut their fifth family-friendly album, "Giants of Science," at Brooklyn Bowl on May 20.

Dad rock

Parents with puppets play science-y songs

By Julianne McShane

hey've got this music thing down to a science!

A Brooklyn duo of dads will debut a familyfriendly album of indierock that celebrates scientific innovation with a puppet-filled rock show at Brooklyn Bowl in Williamsburg on May 20. The papas behind the Pop Ups say that their fifth record of children's music, "Giants of Science," was partly inspired by the president's dismissal of climate science — a political aspect that parents might appreciate, even if the kids do not, according to one half of the duo.

"It's an album about scientific truths, and as much as making a science album is a political act now, then it's political," said Jason Rabinowitz, who lives down the block from musical partner Jacob Stein in Park Slope.

For this show, the Pop Ups will play with a five-piece band for the first time, in addition to its usual collection of puppet pals. The new indie rock and electro-pop songs explore the phenomena of light and sound and laud astronauts and astronomers, paying homage to the people and field of study that make the world go round, Stein said.

"We wanted to make an album that really celebrated science and experimentation," he said.

The dad duo was

inspired to create an album of scientific and technical tunes after being tapped to write the theme song for the National Public Radio children's science podcast "Wow in the World," which evolved into the new song "How Do We Know," said Rabinowitz.

"We took that theme song and extrapolated it into a whole song — how do we know anything? Scientists do experiments and we accept the conclusions of multiple experiments," he said.

The pair also followed their own interests in meteors and music to make an album that can also be interesting for listening parents.

"We looked at ideas that were interesting to us — we're not just interested in finding things that kids would like, we think about things that would seem wild to us," said Stein.

And an elaborate stage show will keep the concert full of surprises, he added.

"It's based around visuals — it has puppetry, live drawings, props, and visual storytelling," said Stein. "We're always looking for that sense of wonder, where you don't know what's going to happen next."

The Pop Ups at Brooklyn Bowl (61 Wythe Ave. at N. 12th Street in Williamsburg, www.brooklynbowl.com). May 20 at 12:30 pm. \$12.

An exhibit looks at 40

By Alexandra Simon

The creativity is still flowing!
The Brooklyn Waterfront
Artists Coalition will celebrate
the 40th anniversary of its annual
Spring Pier Art Show when the exhibit opens on May 12. The annual Red
Hook display has grown a lot since its
founding, going from a single show to
five different exhibits, said the coalition's spokeswoman.

"What's different this year is that it's our 40th year and we went from having 14 artists to 400 and that makes it really special for us," said Janice Weiss. "I'm looking forward to all of the shows. Each exhibit has diverse talents and shows how they incorporate that in their art."

One of the shows is an art benefit for the island of Dominica (discussed above). The other four exhibits are:

Vintage vinyl

Music and art come alive in "In the Groove: International Print Exhibition Of Original Album Cover Artwork." The show features artwork that incorporates old album covers, and explores how music impacts culture.

Team green

Art made from discarded refuse items are on display in "Recycle," a collection of sculptures, collage pieces, and other art pieces made from junk. One of jurists for the show comes from the group Materials for the Arts.

Girl power

The ninth annual "Wide Open" exhibit focuses on artwork that celebrates women and feminism. The often-suggestive artwork in this exhibit aims to create a conversation on



Real life: This painting by Jonas Mlenak will be on display at the Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition show. Jonas Mlenak

sociopolitical issues.

New looks

The "Transformation" show display paintings and other types of art that capture a place or object that has undergone a recent change.

"40th Spring Pier Show" at Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition [499 Van Brunt St., Door 7 in Red Hook, (718) 596-2507, www.bwac.org]. On display through June 17, Sat—Sun, 1–6 pm. \$5 suggested donation.

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THE ART OF WAR

Syrian civil war sketches at Bklyn Library

By Adam Lucente

is war stories can get pretty graphic.

A new art exhibit sketches one man's journey through the chaos of the Syrian civil war, fleeing from the home of terrorist group ISIS to safety in Turkey. "Syria In Ink," opening at Brooklyn Public Library's Central Branch on May 15, features the words of Syrian journalist Marwan Hisham alongside drawings from New York City artist Molly Crabapple. Hisham hopes that the illustrated memoir will leave a record of the struggles facing the Syrian people that will last longer than his words alone.

"I think it leaves a better impression," said Hisham, speaking via Skype from Istanbul. "Words can sometimes be more easily forgotten. Illustrations last longer in your memories."

The exhibit draws from the upcoming graphic novel "Brothers of the Gun: A Memoir of the Syrian War." Crabapple, a journalist and artist known for chronicling the Occupy Wall Street movement, traveled to Syria in 2014 to draw at the sites of bombings and at a camp for displaced Syrians, but she based most of her drawings for the book on Hisham's eyewitness testimony, as well as on hundreds of social media images and videos from protests and attacks in the war-torn country.

Visitors to the exhibit can wear headsets, through which Crabapple and Hisham describe the stories behind the images, which include masked ISIS fighters raising their infamous black flag, smoke rising from the ground after



Revolution: The drawings in "Syria in Ink" are based on real events, such as this protest over the murder of a teenage boy, where police shot at protestors in Raqqa. Molly Crabapple

air strikes, and massive anti-government demonstrations at the University of Aleppo, Hisham's alma mater.

Crabapple says that art can help fill the voids of history, creating images based on the memories of witnesses, in places where photographers cannot go.

"Art can resurrect what could otherwise be lost," she said.

Hisham's home city of Raqqa, once the capital of ISIS, was largely destroyed after a major offensive by the United States and Syrian allies. Crabapple hopes her drawings can help preserve the memory of the city as Hisham knew it, before the battle.

"I was very concerned with daily life in Raqqa," she said. "I wanted to show it was a place where people ran their daily lives, struggling to survive

under an evil occupation."

The exhibit also explores how people under ISIS rule reconciled their opposition to the group with their need to survive. Some residents of Mosul willingly stayed under the group's rule, even when they could have left, said Hisham.

"Some had property, houses, sectarianism played an important role," he said. "And it could be a sense of security."

Crabapple will speak at the opening on May 15, and Hisham will share a video message from Turkey.

"Syria In Ink" at Brooklyn Public Library's Central Branch (10 Grand Army Plaza at Eastern Parkway in Prospect Heights, (718) 230-2100, www.bklynlibrary.org). Opening reception on May 15 at 7:30 pm. On display through June 30. Free.

A weekend for moms ... and murder!

By Julianne McShane

ay Ridge is all about the ladies this weekend!

On Friday night, stomp over to the Bookmark Shoppe (8415 Third Ave. between 84th and 85th streets). where author Tori Telfer will discuss the deadly dames featured in her new book, "Lady Killers: Deadly Women Throughout History" at 7 pm. The tome, based on her former columns for feminist news sites Jezebel and the Hairpin, explores the crimes and media portrayals of 14 little-known female killers — truly an area where women have been underrepresented. Entry to the 90-minute event requires buying a copy of her \$15.99 book.

As a Friday night alternative, you could watch some free flicks at Owl's Head Park (68th Street and Colonial Road). Four short films — each between five and 20 minutes long chosen by the Art of Brooklyn Film Festival will screen starting at 8 pm,



including a highlight reel of comedy videos from Bay Ridgites Brian Bonz and Mike Rizzo.

On Saturday, pedal your way to art and alcohol with the Harbor Ring Torch Tour of Bay Ridge Art Spaces,

hosted by Transportation Alternatives. The free, three-hour bike tour starts at 1 pm at the Arab American Association of New York (7111 Fifth Ave. between Ovington Avenue and 72nd Street), where a pair of artists will show their work. The trip will continue to nearby PrintSpace, Stand4 Gallery, and the Owl's Head before cruising to other end of the Ridge and ending at Lock Yard (9221 Fifth Ave. between 92nd and 94th streets), where you can quench your thirst with a pint.

And on Sunday, treat Mom to a cooking-free day with a Mother's Day lunch at Greenhouse Café (7717 Third Ave. between 77th and 78th streets). The \$44.95 meal of an appetizer, entrée, and dessert - including options of broiled salmon, chicken Française, and shell steak — will fill you up enough that you won't have to eat again all day. Call (718) 833-8200 for reservations any time between noon and 8 pm.



Bear claws: Disc jockey Eric San, also known as Kid Koala, will scratch music from his new album "Floor Kids" at a variety show in Bushwick on May 18.

A drop bear drops beats

Kid Koala hosts variety show for his new album

all them party animals! Montreal disc jockey who dresses as a marsupial will throw a wild party in Bushwick this month, featuring dancing penguins, brassplaying ants, and a giant "Vinyl Vaudeville" show, at Elsewhere on May 18, celebrates his latest album, a soundtrack for the dance video game "Floor Kids." Eric San, Kid Koala's offstage identity, says that the collection of costumed performers and puppeteers — including one dressed as an enormous club sandwich - will create a visual feast while

By Julianne McShane

"Every act, every song as we get through the set is going to get progressively wilder," said San, who called the distant isle of Manhattan home before decamping to the even more distant land of Canada. "It's the most dynamic show that I could come up with and fit on one tour bus. For people who want to just witness a spectacle of sorts, we have plenty to offer."

he scratches at a trio of

turntables.

The show will also feature a "Floor Kids" arcade so that visitors can have a digital danceoff against their friends. Kid Koala created 24 tracks that play during the game's breakdance battles, marrying musical elements from decades past with the virtual venues — including a video arcade where '80s electro music blares, and a subway platform for which San mixed a track of industrial sounds.

"We wanted it to run spider wandering through the gamut from '70s the crowd. Kid Koala's breakdancing to '80s electro and '90s 12-bit stuff," said the scratch artist. "I had everything in the studio, from playing drums to keyboards, bass, saxophone, all the way up to computers and laptops, depending on what era I was going for in the tone. It's kind of peppered in there to match with the aesthetics of each venue."

On previous visits to the borough, San has brought robot puppets and limbo contests. He says that adding inventive elements — including this show's 14-foot trumpet prop — gives a new dimension to the music and offers an excuse for absurdity.

"The stage itself can reinvent and transform every song into a whole other visual spectacle," he said. "As a show it's a big playground and sandbox for us to create wild stuff and crack each other up."

Kid Koala at Elsewhere (599 Johnson Ave. between Gardner and Scott avenues in Bushwick, www. elsewherebrooklyn.com). May 18 at 6 pm. \$25.

FRI, MAY 11

NIGHTLIFE, SILENT DISCO ON THE BOARDWALK: Councilman Mark Treyger sponsors a free, silent dance party, with participants donning headphones to hear music streamed from the DJ. Free. 7–10 pm. [Coney Is land Boardwalk at W. 17th Street in Coney Island, (718) 373–9637].

NIGHTLIFE, DREAMLAND ROLLER DISCO'S FLASH-DANCE VS. DIRTY DANC-ING: The weekly rollerskating event features dee-jays, performers, skate dance competition, costume contest, and more. \$18-\$750. 7:30 pm. Prospect Park LeFrak Center at Lakeside (171 East Drive in Prospect Park), www. dreamlandrollerrink.com.

MUSIC, BROOKLYN CHAM-BER MUSIC SOCIETY: The Brooklyn Heights group performs its final classical music concert of the season. \$30 (\$20 students). 8 pm. Chapel at First Unitarian Church [119 Pierrepont St. between Clinton St. and Monroe Place in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 858-0718], www.brooklynchambermusicsociety.org.

FILM, ART OF BROOKLYN FILM FESTIVAL SHORT FILMS: Enjoy four short movies by filmmakers based in Brooklyn, including a collection of short comedies from Bay Ridgites Brian Bonz and Mike Rizzo. Free. 8 pm. Owl's Head Park (Enter at 68th Street and Colonial Road in Bay Ridge).

SAT, MAY 12

TOUR, HISTORIC KINGS THEATRE TOUR: Learn about the history and architecture of a former movie palace and its new life after a \$95M restora-tion. \$15. 2 pm. Kings Theatre (1027 Flatbush Ave. between Beverly Road and Tilden Avenue in Flatbush), www.kingstheatre.com.

MUSIC, VERDI'S "AIDA": Regina Opera debuts its production of Verdi's "Aida," about the secret love affair between an enslaved Ethiopian princess and an Egyptian war hero. In Italian with English supertitles. \$25 (\$20 students and seniors, \$5 teens). 3 pm. Our Lady of Perpetual Help School Auditorium [5902 Sixth Ave. at 60th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 259-2772], www.reginaop era.org.

BROOKLYN BIKE JUMBLE: The New York Bike Jumble returns for the eighth year in a row! Fulfill all your cycling needs for the summer. Get yourself a new or used bike, new and used accessories, clothing, collectibles, artwork, overstocks, and bargains galore. Free. 9 am-4 pm. Old Stone House [336 Third St. at 4th Street in Park Slope, (718) 768–3195], www.oldstonehouse.org.

DINING, PUPPIES N' PINTS!: Drink beer, hang out with local rescue pooches up for adoption, and snap a picture in our puppy photo booth. All dogs welcome. Free. Noon-3 pm. Coney



EVENTS



Hands up!: The Spanish dance group Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana will stomp onto the stage of the Brooklyn Academy of Music for a six-night run of shows starting on May 15. Christopher Duggan

Island Brewery (1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th Street in Coney Island), www.coneyislandbeer.com.

TALK, PASTA CLASS: Nick Malgieri teaches a class on making homemade pasta, including tagliatelle egg pasta with ragu alla bolognese. Free. 3 pm. Beyond At Liberty View [850 Third Ave. at 30th Street in Sunset Park, (929) 305-3824], www.bedbathandbeyond. com/brooklyn.

DANCE, "EPOCH": Periapsis Music and Dance presents three world premieres from their resident company of dancers and musicians. \$30 (\$20 students with ID). 3 pm and 8 pm. Kumble Theater at Long Island University [DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718) 488– 1624], www.kumbletheater.org.

BARGEMUSIC: Walk across the gangplank of a renovated coffee barge for a one-hour, family-friendly concert. Free. 4 pm. Bargemusic [Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street and Furman Street in DUMBO, (718) 624-2083], www.bargemusic.org.

TROOP 353 HONORS THREE NEW EAGLE **SCOUTS:** Boy Scout Troop 353 will hold an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Free. 6 pm. Holy Trinity

Lutheran Church [4118 Avenue R in Marine Park, (917) 912-2094].

FUND-RAISER, GIVE A **PUCK!:** Play air hockey to raise money for Planned Parenthood! \$20. 7 pm. Ocean's 8 at Brownstone Billiards [308 Flatbush Ave. at Park Place in Park Slope, (718) 857–5555], www. oceans8ny.com.

MUSIC, FEATHERY: \$15.8:30 pm. Ibeam Music Studio , (168 Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues in Gowanus), www.ibeambrooklyn.com.

SUN, MAY 13

MUSIC, VERDI'S "AIDA": 3 pm. See Saturday, May 12. MUSIC, KA BAIRD: \$20 (\$15 in advance). 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill. (917) 267–0363], www.roulette.org.

OUTDOORS, BASIC CANOE-ING: Paddle on the water. This program is first-come, first-served, and may fill up. All minors must be accompanied by an adult. Free. 11 am-2:30 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www.prospectpark.org/

audubon.
READING, "WHAT MOM-MIES LIKE": Author

bookmarkshoppe.com. **MON, MAY 14**

Stephanie Six reads her

story about a mommy bear

and her cub's special day together. Free. Noon. The

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Third Ave. between 84th

and 85th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-5115],

TALK, "A NEW ARMS

RACE?": Experts discuss Trump's 2018 Nuclear Posture Review. \$5. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.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 Avenue between Union Street and Nostrand Avenue in Prospect Heiahts).

TUES, MAY 15

MUSIC, ORPHEUS CHAM-BER ORCHESTRA WITH CARINGKIND: An afternoon of art and music for Alzheimer's and dementia patients and their care partners, Free, 3 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], brooklynmuseum.org.

FUND-RAISER, ALIVE WITH ART: Brooklyn Arts Council honors Laurie A. Cumbo and Sugar Hill Capital Partners at its annual gala, featuring a cocktail hour, dinner, and live performances by Women's Raga Massive and DJ OP. \$425. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Navy Yard, Building 77 (Flushing Avenue at Vanderbilt Avenue in Fort Greene), www.brooklynartscouncil.org.

DANCE, FLAMENCO VIVO'S "MUJERES VALIENTES": A new work by flamenco legend Belén Maya exploring 17th-century Mexican

poet and philosopher Sor . Juana Inés de la Cruz, and 19th-century activist and South American revolutionary Manuela Sáenz. \$25-\$59. 7:30 pm. BAM Fisher (321 Ashland Pl. between Hansen Place and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene), www.bam.org. Continued on page 46

SAT, JULY 14 FRI, MAY 11

Baby boy: Charlie Wilson will headline the "Mother's Day Good

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Music Festival," at Barclays Center on May 12.

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

SAT, MAY 12

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

FRI, JUNE 1

MUSIC, YO! MTV RAPS 30TH ANNIVERSARY **EXPERIENCE:** With Big Daddy Kane, Flavor Flav, Doctor Dre, and many more. \$76-\$156. 7:30 pm.

WED, JUNE 6

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

FRI, JUNE 8

MUSIC, SOULFRITO **URBAN LATIN FESTI-**VAL: 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.

FRI, JULY 13

RELIGION, JOEL OS-**TEEN:** \$15. 2:30 pm and

Associated Press / Donald Traill

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.

THU, AUG 2

RELIGION, HILLSONG CONFERENCE: \$200.

FRI, AUG 3

RELIGION, HILLSONG CONFERENCE: \$200.

SAT, AUG 18

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

SUN, AUG 19

SPORTS, WWE SUMMER-**SLAM:** \$550-\$600. 6:30

MON, AUG 20

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

TUE, AUG 21

SPORTS, WWE SMACK-DOWN LIVE: \$tba. tba.

THU, OCT 4

MUSIC, BRUNO MARS: \$81-\$236.8 pm.

FRI, OCT 5

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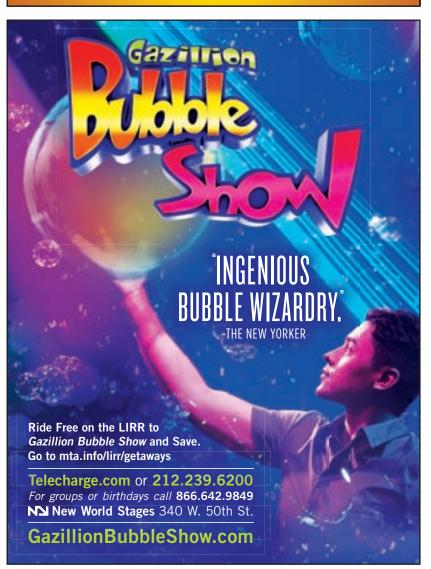
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pm. Brooklyn Academy of
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between Ashland Place
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www.bam.org.

MUSIC, FRANK SINATRA
TRIBUTE: Martin McQuade
performs an evening of
Frank Sinatra songs, accompanied by pianist Dan
Furman. Free. 7 pm. Leo's
Casa Calamari [8602 Third
Ave. at 86th Street in Bay
Ridge, (718) 921–1900],
www.leoscasabk.com.

Greene, (718) 636–4100],

MUSIC, THE GLENN
CRYTZER ORCHESTRA:
The 16-piece big band begins its second week playing music from its latest album of music from the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s, titled "Ain't It Grand?" \$20 (\$15 in advance). 7:30 pm. Montauk Club [25 Eighth Ave. at Lincoln Place in Park Slope, (718) 638–0800], www.montauk-club.com.

THURS, MAY 17

MUSIC, PUSSY RIOT: The political Russian band plays a rare U.S. show. \$30 (\$25 in advance). 7 pm. Elsewhere (599 Johnson Ave. at Varick Avenue in Bushwick), www.elsewherebrooklyn.com.

READING, "MEMPHIS RENT PARTY": Robert Gordon discusses his book about the history of rock, soul, and blues in Memphis, followed by a performance by Jonathan Kane's February. Free. 8 pm. Kings County Distillery Gatehouse (299 Sands St. at Navy Street in Navy Yard), www.kingscountydistillery.com.

FRI, MAY 18

MUSIC, "SWAMP IN THE CITY" CAJUN MUSIC FESTIVAL: A three-day festival of Louisiana dance hall bands, workshops in music and dance, backyard Cajun jams, and delicious Creole cuisine. \$30-\$35 6 pm-midnight. Jalopy Theatre [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Red Hook, (718) 395-3214], www.jalopy.biz.

DREAMLAND ROLLER DIS-CO'S HANGIN' TOUGH: Boy Band-themed rollerskating event featuring DJs, performers, a skate dance competition, costume contest, and more. \$18–\$750. 7:30 pm. Prospect Park LeFrak Center at Lakeside (171 East Drive in Prospect Park), www. dreamlandrollerrink.com.

FILM, "DESPICABLE ME 3":
The kids' movies about supervillains and their minions screens under the stars. Free. 8 pm. Owl's Head Park (68th Street at Colonial Road in Bay Ridge).

SAT, MAY 19

TOUR, WHISKEY WARS FACTORY TOUR!: Join Kings County Distillery on a tour and tasting that explores whiskey scandals of the past. \$20. 4:30 pm. Brooklyn Navy Yard at BLDG 92 [63 Flushing Ave. at Carlton Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 907–5932], www. bldg92.org.

FAMILY, VIKING FEST: Come and celebrate everything Nordic at this years annual festival, with a scavenger hunt, music from Clann Eireann Pipers, Scandinavian dancers, and a Festooned Facial Hair Contest. Free. 10 am–5 pm. Owl's Head Park [68th St. and Colonial Road in Bay Ridge, (718) 748–5950].

MUSIC, "SWAMP IN THE CITY" CAJUN MUSIC FESTIVAL AT THREES BREWING: 99 Playboys and Magnolia play. Free. 1–5 pm. Threes Brewing [333 Douglass St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 522–2110], www.threesbrewing.com.



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9:30 o'clock in the the fore noon of that day why: (a) The account of proceedings of the Public Administrator of Kings County as administrator of the estate of ANNE ROSENBACH, a summary of which has been served herewith, should not be judicially settled; (b) The Public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his commissions pursuant to SCPA §2307 the amount ٥f \$23,401.47, as set forth in Schedules C-1 and L of the Account; (c) The Public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his administrative expenses pursuant to not SCPA §1106(3) in the discharged of and from amount of \$6,471.99, as set forth in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (d) The Court should not fix, determine and approve the legal fees of Cullen and Dykman LLP, counsel to the Petitioner, in the amount of \$38,831.93 as shown in Schedules of the C-1 and Account; (e) The Court

should not fix, determine

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shown in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (f) The claims of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and the New York City Human and Sealed, April 17, Resources Administration, if any, should not be fixed and determined; (g) The claim οf Point Ascension Recovery Services, LLC, on behalf of Department Stores National Bank -Macys in the amount of \$913.67 for outstanding credit card charges, as set forth in Schedule D of the Account, should not allowed he in the of reduced amount \$858.00; (h) The claim of Ascension Point Recovery Services, LLC, on behalf of Citibank, N.A. - Sears Gold Mastercard, in the amount of \$133.73 for outstanding credit card charges, as set forth in Schedule D of the account

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of 385 MYRTLE AVENUE LLC D/B/A DUNCAN 385 MYRTLE AVENUE LLC Authority filed with NY Dept. of State οn Office 04/06/2018. location: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: THE 22 EDGEWATER DRIVE HAINESPORT, NJ 08036. LLC formed in NEW **JERSEY** 02/26/2018. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: THE LLC 22 EDGEWATER DRIVE HAINESPORT, NJ 22 EDGEWATER 08036. DR HAINESPORT. NEW JERSEY 08036 P.O. BOX 628 TRENTON, 08646-0628 Cert. of Form. filed NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF THF TREASURY DIVISION OF REVENUE AND **SERVICES ENTERPRISE** Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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ANOMALY TECH LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/04/2018. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated agent as upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to:Joel Moskowitz, 504 Grand Street, Ste M-1, NY, NY 10002. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/27/2018. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has designated as agent upon whom whom may be served. SSNY

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LLC, 1580 East 5th Brooklyn, NY Street 11230. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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Broadway Imports LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/18/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as whom agent upon process against may be served & shall mail process to Eli Safi, 2171 East 21st., Brooklyn, NY 11229. General Purpose.

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Notice of Formation of 105 Schenectady LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY 2/23/17. Office Location: Kings County. SSNY designated as

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agent for process. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: c/o The LLC, 306 Tompkins Ave. Storefront, Brooklyn, NY 11216. Purpose: Tο engage in any lawful act or activity.

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of ACRE OF AMERICA GP LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/12/18. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) nη 04/09/18 SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 56 Bogart St., #207 Brooklyn, 11249. The regd. agent of the company upon whom and at which process against the company can be served Kianga Daverington, is 56 Bogart St.. #207 Brooklyn, NY 11249. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State of the State of DE, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Anv lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of 1810 Brooklyn Avenue LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 3/21/18. Office location: Kings County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Elana Reiter, Rd., Brooklyn, Quentin NY 11229. principal business address. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: THE J.DAVIS AGENCY, H.C. Articles Ωf Organization filed with Secretary of State of New (SSNY) York on 04/10/2018. 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 J.DAVIS AGENCY, II C **BIVD** 869 LINDEN BROOKLYN, NY 11203. Purpose: lawful any purpose

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limited liability $(I \mid C)$ Name: company SOCIALITE LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) 8/31/2017. County. Kinas designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: JACQUELINE KARWACKI, 40TH **STREET** APARTMENT 11 BROOKLYN, NY 11232. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION limited liability company (LLC). Name: DAAT DIGITAL CONSULTING LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) 02/05/2018. Office location: Kings County. designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail of process ALEKSANDR **ASHUROV** 2818 AVENUE Y 2ND FLOOR BROOKLYN, NY 11235. Purpose: anv lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION limited liability company (LLC). Name: DESIGNS, DI+EM LLC. of Organization Articles filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) 03/14/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: DESIGNS. LLC **GLENMORE** 643 AVF. BROOKLYN, NY 11207. Purpose: lawful any

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: LOOK-OUT ROCK REAL ESTATE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/27/2017. 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: PETER CHERN-OFF 30 MAIN STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful pur-

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of limited liability of company (LLC). Name: BT MUSIC WORLDWIDE, HC. Articles Organization filed with Secretary of State of New (SSNY) York on Office 05/04/2018. location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: BT MUSIC WORLDWIDE LLC 1291 STRFFT DEAN BROOKLYN, NY 11216. any Purnose: lawful purpose.

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limited liability (LLC). company Name: TRAINING DEACON Κ9 Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on Office 02/08/2018. location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail of process CORPORATE FILINGS OF NEW YORK 90 STATE STREET STE 700, OFFICE 40 ALBANY, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Pompeii Club LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/26/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent whom process upon against may be served & shall mail process to 1799 East 14th St., served. SSNY shall mail Brooklyn, NY 11229. to: General Purpose.

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of limited liability Name: (LLC). company THE RICH NET. LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/01/2018. Office location: Kings County. designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE RICH NET, LLC 1931 67TH ST. BROOKLYN, NY 11204. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION limited liability company (LLC). Name: BMI VINYL LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New (SSNY) 04/18/2018. Office County. location: Kinas designated SSNY as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process BRIAN MIKHAILOFF 2251 KNAPP ST APT 2G BROOKLYN, NY 11229. Purpose: lawful any purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company Name: JAMES HAMILTON LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/02/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail сору of process to: JAMES HAMILTON 273 HULL ST. APT. BROOKLYN, NY 11233. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: PPIL LLC. Articles of Organization Secretary of State of New Beer Garden, LLC

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M WEINBERGER LCSW PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed SSNY the with 04/13/18. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, Avenue 4513 13th Brooklyn, NY Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Licensed Clinical Social Work.

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Rocco J. Mariotti

Rocco J. Mariotti of Saratoga Springs, NY passed away suddenly on Friday May 4, 2018 at his home. He was 78

Born on June 9, 1939 in New York, NY, Dominica Mariotti

Dominica Mariotti.

Mr. Mariotti was a decorated officer and detective for the New York City Police
Department for over 26 years. As a detective with the 20th Precinct, he was a
member of the Roaring 20's Club within the precinct. Rocco retired from the
department in 1987.

Upon his retirement, he provided security for several companies, including Brinks and the Sagamore Hotel in Bolton Landing, NY. He later worked as a bus driver for both the Saratoga Springs and Ballston Spa School Districts and also drove for Durrin Transportation, a private bus company.

He married his current wife, Donna F. Cuvar on December 28, 1991.
He and Donna in their life together were animal lovers and patrons of many animal

related charities. They devoted their time to the rescue of animals, particularly the cats that shared their home.

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Survivors include his wife, Donna Cuvar-Mariotti of Saratoga Springs, two step daughters, Debra Benevento of Staten Island, NY and Lisa Morris of Nashville, TN, a brother, Carl Payne of Waterbury Center, VT, a sister, Laura Pampino of Middletown, NJ half-sisters, Carletta Longo of Magnolia, NJ and Marietta Norbeck of Mantua, NJ, 5 step grandchildren and 3 close friends, Tony Mazza, Savierc Russo and Rocco Migliori.

Family and friends may call from 5:00-8:00 pm on Thursday May 10, 2018 at the Tunison Funeral Home, 105 Lake Ave. Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Funeral services will be held on Friday at 11:00 am at the funeral home.

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