



**CALLED HOME:** Rev. Tracey Williams of Christ Church Bay Ridge died of a heart attack on May 27.

Tom Hilton

## Beloved Ridge priest dies right after mass

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

May he rest in peace.

A beloved Bay Ridge priest died of a heart attack after holding mass in Queens on May 27. Rev. Tracey Williams of Christ Church Bay Ridge was a pious man who was new to the neighborhood but quickly grew to love it, according to the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island.

“He was the nicest guy — he was soft-spoken, very pastoral, a good preacher, just a nice guy to be around,” said Bishop Provenzano. “He had just moved to Bay Ridge a week or so before, but he became very attached to Christ Church.”

Williams was ordained as a priest in 1996, and then served as assistant to the rector at St. Philip’s Episcopal Church in Bedford-Stuyvesant before becoming the rector of St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in the distant borough of Queens in 1997, according to a rep for the Diocese. Williams resigned from St. Matthew’s in 2011 — the year it closed — and then began holding services at other parishes within the diocese, including at Christ Church Bay Ridge,

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# A FLOATING FOOD FARM



## Family fun fest

Mike Murphy and his son enjoy the Sunday festivities at the Fifth Avenue Festival in Bay Ridge. For more, **see page 14.**

Photo by Trey Pentecost

## S’Park barge offers free fruits and vegetables thru July 1

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

Call it sea-to-table!

A floating food forest on a barge docked at the Brooklyn Army Terminal in Sunset Park offers locals a slice of nature in the concrete jungle by allowing them free pickings of fresh herbs, fruits, and vegetables every weekend. Swale has become a hub for locals since it opened on the Sunset Park waterfront on May 5, according to its founding artist, who urged locals to come visit before it sails away on July 1.

“It’s completely free — people go there and pick fresh fruits and tour through the space on the weekends,” said Mary Mattingly, who lives in Gowanus.

The barge welcomes local school groups for tours and workshops during the week, and on the weekends locals can come enjoy the sweet scent of flowers and pick the lettuce, peppermint, oregano, kale, arugula, thyme, strawberry,

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# CHEERING OUR 2018

Community News Group celebrates the strong,

BY JAMES HARNEY

They're the queens of Kings County!

Courier Life Publications and Community News Group honored 26 of the borough's most worthy women at a May 31 awards gala at Sirico's Caterers in Dyker Heights, celebrating our Brooklyn Women of Distinction, class of 2018.

The plaudits capped our 2018 Brooklyn's Women of Distinction magazine, which profiled honorees whose ranks included activists, administrators, entrepreneurs, executives, and volunteers.

The awardees, nominated by their peers and selected by an independent panel of judges, included such trailblazers as L. Joy Williams, an advisor to elected officials across the country and the president of the Brooklyn branch of the NAACP — the organization's youngest such leader in the country; Katarina Martinez, who runs Lineup Brewing and is the borough's only female brewery owner and head brewer; and Dr. Evelyn Castro, vice president for student affairs at Brooklyn's Medgar Evers College.

The hosts honored women, such as educators Cassandra J. Brennan and Mitzi Holstein, for their devoted work developing the talents and young minds of Brooklyn's next generation. And they toasted others, including Eladia Causil-Rodriguez and Arlene King, for their devotion to providing day care for the borough's youngest.

Some of our 2018 guests of honor — Jewel Brown, Claudette Macey, and Anna Malkina-Shumaeva among them — made careers of tending to the needs of Kings County's oldest. Still others — including Brookdale Hospital executive assistant Nicole Favours; Michelle Gall, founder of Digital Girl, Inc.; and Leslie



**WOMEN WE ADMIRE:** 1. CNG's Amanda Tarley and presenter Nicole Robinson-Etienne, right, congratulate Mask founder Ruchama Bistrizky-Clapman. 2. Lisette Sosa-Dickson poses for our shutterbug. 3. Linda Halsey, who works to raise awareness of cervical cancer, is congratulated by her grandson Calen. 4. Senior advocate Claudette Macey is surrounded by loved ones.

Photos by Jordan Rathkopf

Green, founder and owner of the performing-arts company Potpourri of Color — received recognition for the outreach they've conducted to local youth.

And two of our Women of



Distinction took home nods for selfless service in their Park Slope neighborhood: Park Slope Civic Council member S. J. Avery, an ardent advo-

cate for the rehabilitation of the Fourth Avenue corridor; and Kim Maier, who as executive director of the Old Stone House museum, has trans-



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# WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

selfless ladies who help make Brooklyn great at annual gala

formed that centuries-old structure into a must-visit institution commemorating the historic Revolutionary War-era Battle of Brooklyn.

This year's women may have taken different paths to "Distinction," but all are unanimous in one regard: their fondness for their home borough, and in particular its natural beauty. Avery named Prospect Park as her favorite place in Brooklyn because "it is an unfailing source of physical and spiritual inspiration." King said Brooklyn Bridge Park "allows me to see the work of God and man." And Linda Halsey — founder of the Caleb's Feet Foundation, which works to raise awareness about cervical cancer — said she finds "solitude and peace" on the Canarsie Piers.

Community News Group President and Publisher Jennifer Goodstein said the honorees "represent women we see every day walking on our streets, shopping in our stores, and seated next to us on the bus or train. All of them have demonstrated a commitment to work, attention to duty, and love of community that has inspired, educated, healed, and uplifted Brooklyn."



**FIERCE FEMALES:** 5. Hero's Benefit founder Gabrielle Puglia and her cheering section. 6. Kim Maier, executive director of the Old Stone House, takes in the night. 7. Digital Girl, Inc. founder Michelle R. Gall takes the mic. 8. Violinist and volunteer Anna Malkina-Shumaeva's talents have been lauded before. 9. Teacher Mitzie Holstein, right with Merle Warren, steps out of classroom and on to the red carpet. 10. Lucina Clarke, co-founder of My Time Inc. — which provides services for parents of special-needs kids, takes her moment in the spotlight.

Photos by Jordan Rathkopf





# Ridgites come out for 151st annual Memorial Day Parade



BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

Call it a Memorial Day walk down memory lane.

Ridgites lined Third Avenue on May 28 for the borough's 151st annual Memorial Day Parade — which is also one of the nation's oldest — to honor those who sacrificed their lives while serving the country. Throngs of locals took in the floats and familiar faces along the 1.5-mile route, from 78th Street to John Paul Jones Park, imbuing the somber day with spirits of energy and gratitude, according to the chairman of the parade committee.

"The crowd along the pa-

rade route and in the park for the memorial service were the highlights," said Ray Aalbue. "Brooklyn really stepped up to the plate to come out and pay their respects to those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom."

Superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen, Jr., served as the parade's grand marshal, leading it along with the deputy marshals: Army Vietnam veteran Barry Berger, and retired Marine George Broadhead and Army veteran Thomas Trombone — both of whom served in the

Korean War.

Marching bands from the nearby McKinley Intermediate School and far-away Gardner, Kansas, kept the crowd entertained, and students from the neighborhood's St. Anselm Catholic Academy, Fort Hamilton's Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps program, and Bensonhurst's Bishop Kearney High School marched behind the bands.

Seven floats — honoring veterans from the Korean and Vietnam wars, Catholic veterans, and other veterans organizations — led the procession to the park, where a bagpiper played "Amazing Grace" and

**A DAY TO REMEMBER:** (Left) Fort Hamilton High School's marching band provided the tunes for the 151st Kings County Memorial Day Parade in Bay Ridge on May 28. (Center) Rep. Dan Donovan and state Sen. Marty Golden spoke to Korea War veteran Joseph DiSalvo. (Above) Donny Tang and Alan Lam had fun at the festivities with 5-year-old daughter Elise, 6-year-old son Gavin, 4-year-old son Mason, and 2-year-old son Darren.

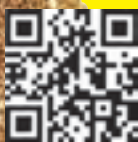
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attendees watched a 21-gun salute, and finally taps played by Fort Hamilton High School students. The effect was quite

moving, according to Aalbue. "It was really emotional," he said.

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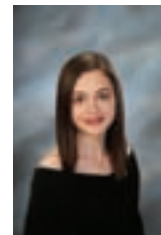
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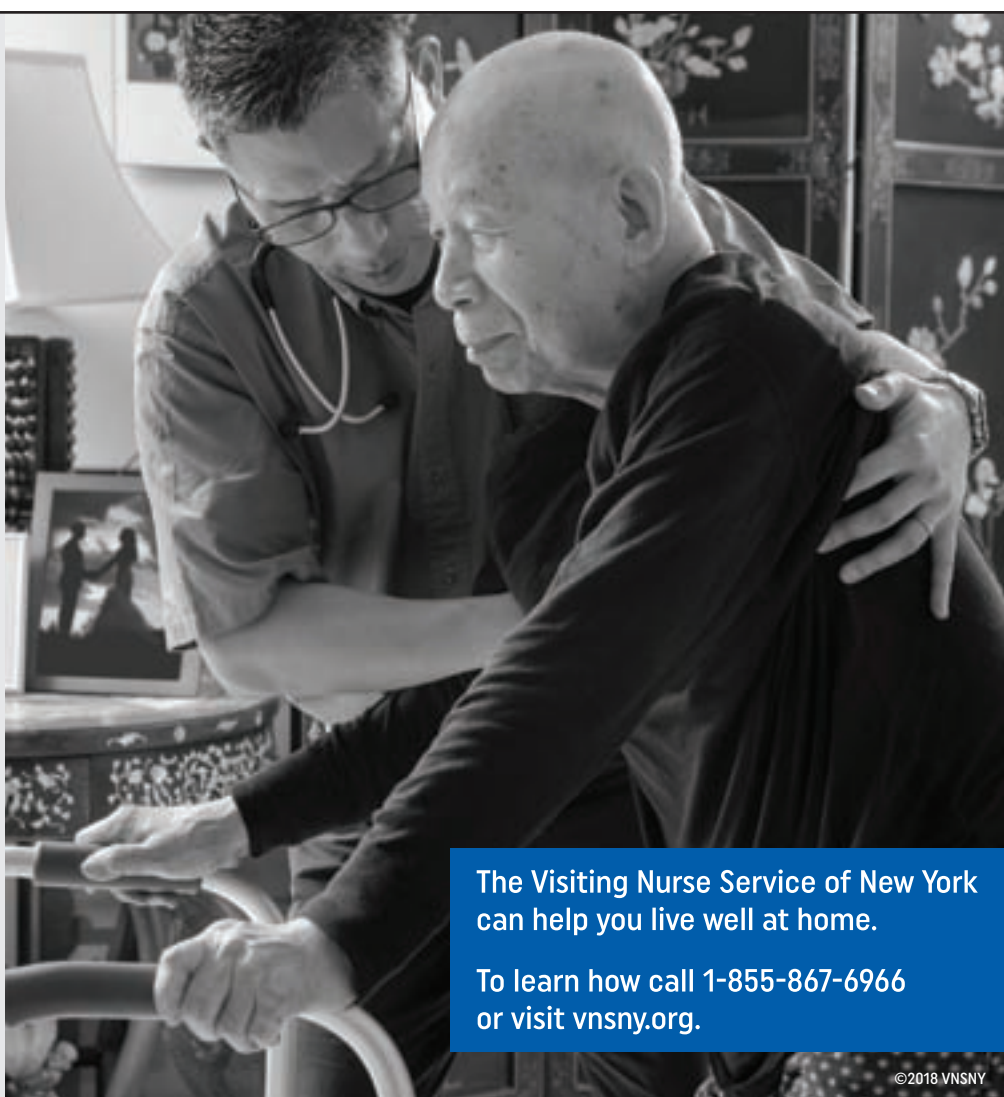
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# Yanking his chain

## Police hunt man who stole necklace off elderly man walking in Sunset Park

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

Police are searching for a man who stole a chain off the neck of a 73-year-old man on 48th Street in Sunset Park on May 27.

The man grabbed the other man's chain and tried to pull it off his neck between Fifth and Sixth avenues just after 7 pm. The man wearing the chain briefly held onto it before the robber fully ripped it off his neck and fled towards Fourth Avenue, police said.

The thief is between 25- and 35-years-old, police said, and around 5-foot-8 or 5-foot-10. He was last seen wearing a blue hooded sweater, blue jeans, and black sneakers.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at (800) 577-8477 or at (888) 577-4782. The public can also submit tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website at [www.nypdcrimestoppers.com](http://www.nypdcrimestoppers.com) or by texting tips to 274637 (CRIMES) then entering TIP577. All tips are confidential.



**WANTED:** Police are searching for a man who stole a chain off an elderly man's neck on 48th Street in Sunset Park on May 27.  
NYPD

# Three charged in alleged gang shooting in Canarsie

## One teenager, two 21-year olds, taken in

BY ADAM LUCENTE

Three men are facing decades in prison after their indictment in connection to an alleged fatal drive-by shooting in Canarsie.

A 21-year-old from Flatbush was charged with murder and criminal possession of a weapon, an 18-year-old from Canarsie was charged with murder, criminal possession of a weapon, and reckless endangerment, and another 21-year-old from Flatbush was charged with criminal possession of a weapon on June 1, according to the district attorney's office.

"Brazen acts of gun violence like the one committed in this case often lead to avoidable deaths and put innocent bystanders in danger," said District Attorney Eric Gonzalez. "To keep our communities safe, we will remain focused on bringing gang members, who are driving much of the violence in Brooklyn, to justice."

Prosecutors said that on May 9, the three men were allegedly in a blue

BMW near E. 89th Street and Avenue L in Canarsie when they opened fire at the victim through the back window. There is video footage of the shooting,

and the men are allegedly members of the Folk Nation gang, according to prosecutors.

The bullets struck 21-year-old Julian Edwards. He was rushed to Brookdale Hospital, but he died the next day, according to the district attorney's office.

The men allegedly drove off after the shooting and were chased by police before crashing into a parked car, where they were ultimately arrested, according to prosecutors. Police did not find the murder weapon, but found another gun in the car, the district attorney's office said.

The three men are due back in court on Sept. 28. The two men charged with murder face up to 25-years-to-life in prison, while the man charged only with criminal possession of a weapon faces up to 15 years in prison, according to the office.





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## 63RD PRECINCT

MARINE PARK-MILL BASIN-FLATLANDS-  
BERGEN BEACH

### Night theft

A prowler broke into a car parked on Avenue N sometime overnight on May 27.

The owner told police that she parked the vehicle near E. 55th Street around 8 pm and went to a party at a nearby catering hall. When she returned just after midnight, she says her back passenger window was shattered and several items she left inside the car — including a laptop, a purse, and a wallet containing two bank cards — were missing, according to the report.  
— *Alexandra Simon*

## 68TH PRECINCT

BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

### Checkmate

A robber stole a woman's purse — with a check inside worth more than \$10,700 — when she was carrying it on Fifth Avenue on May 29.

The crook approached the woman from behind at 69th Street around 12:40 pm, knocking her to the ground and stealing the bag before fleeing on foot in an unknown direction, according to the report.

### Chest bump

A good-for-nothing punched a man in the chest three times in a fit of road rage in front of a hospital on Poly Place on May 30.

The assault occurred near Washington Drive at around 11:30 am, cops said. The man did not sustain any injuries, according to police.

### Geeked out

A pilferer stole a package with a new laptop inside from a man's Third Avenue doorstep on June 1.

The punk stole the package from the home between 87th and 88th streets just after 3 pm, the man reported to police.

### Shut him up

A lout punched a man, causing pain and bleeding from his mouth, on Fifth Avenue on June 3.

The assault occurred between 92nd and 94th streets just after 4:30 am, and emergency medical personnel transported the man to NYU Langone Hospital, cops said.

## 62ND PRECINCT

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

### New carpool

A pair of perps punched a man in the face and stole \$1,200 and credit cards from him — after the man had given them a ride — on New Utrecht



# POLICE BLOTTER

Avenue on May 31.

The assault occurred between 78th and 79th streets at around 8:45 pm. The man sustained swelling and bruising from the attack, according to the report, which added that the brutes fled to the D train station at 79th Street and New Utrecht Avenue following the theft.

### Stealthy straphanger

A lout stole credit and debit cards — using them to purchase \$40 worth of MetroCards — from a woman's car parked outside a Stillwell Avenue school on May 29 after the woman left her car door open.

The car owner told police the theft occurred at 85th Street at around 9:30 am, and that she learned of the illicit charges when she called to cancel her credit cards.

### Detention worthy

A crook broke the front window of a woman's car to steal \$3,200 from inside — plus her cellphone and credit cards — while she was picking up her kids from school on Avenue P on May 30.

The theft occurred between Stillwell Avenue and Bay Parkway just after 2 pm, police said.

### Internet hoax

A thief stole \$5,600 from a 17th Avenue resident's bank account through online transactions on May 30.

The man lives between 84th and 85th streets, and the thefts occurred at about 3 pm, police said, adding that the crook was able to steal the cash by creating an online banking account and moving the money.

### Pack picked

A sneak snatched a woman's wallet with her credit and debit cards inside from her backpack on Bath Avenue on June 1.

The theft occurred at Bay 17th Street at around 7 pm, when the woman was waiting for her mother, according to the report.

## 72ND PRECINCT

SUNSET PARK-WINDSOR TERRACE

### No new clothes

A pilferer stole clothes from a woman's 2018 Dodge Ram parked on Fourth Avenue on May 27, the woman reported to police on May 29.

The theft occurred between 25th and 26th streets between 3 am and 4:30 am, when cameras captured the perp entering the car, cops reported.

### Double holdup

Police arrested two men who they say held an employee of a Third Avenue store at gunpoint and stole \$230 and an iPhone 6 on May 28.

The alleged robbery occurred at 32nd Street at 6:40 pm, when the men entered and repeatedly yelled "give me the money," according to authorities. Police arrested the men the same day, at 33rd Street and Third Avenue, and 31st Street between Snyder and Tilden avenues.

### Punched and robbed

A lout punched a man — causing bruising to the left eye — before stealing \$1,500, a gold chain, and a cellphone from him when he was walking on 39th Street on May 28.

The lowlife also kicked and punched a second man, causing bruising and swelling to his right, and stealing credit cards and his wallet, police reported.

The theft and assault occurred near Second Avenue at about 6:30 pm, and the crook fled in an unknown direction, cops said.

### Head trauma

A lout punched, kicked, and struck a drunk man in the head with an unknown object on Fourth Avenue in the early morning hours of May 30.

The assault occurred at 56th Street just before 6 am, and caused lacerations that required 18 staples to the victim's head, plus an abrasion to his left forearm, cops said.

### Phoned a friend

A good-for-nothing stole a man's gold iPhone 7 Plus from a basketball court at a Sixth Avenue playground on June 2.

The theft occurred at the playground between 55th and 56th streets between 1 pm and 1:55 pm, according to the report.

— *Julianne McShane*

## 60TH PRECINCT

CONEY ISLAND-BRIGHTON BEACH-  
SEAGATE

### Cash grab

A man was arrested after alleg-

edly taking an old man's wallet containing foreign currency in a liquor store on Mermaid Avenue on May 29.

The victim said he was waiting for his change at the store near W. 30th Street at 8:50 pm when the man allegedly took his wallet and fled towards Surf Avenue. The wallet had United States and Grand Cayman Islands currency in it, police said.

### Credit cards stolen

A good-for-nothing stole credit cards from a vehicle parked on Beach 48th Street on May 28.

The victim said he got back to his car near Surf Avenue at 4 pm and noticed someone had taken the cards from it. He said he thinks he forgot to lock the car, cops reported.

### Bus bandit

A lowlife stole a birth certificate and more from a school bus on W. 28th Street on May 28.

The victim said he got back to his vehicle that was parked near Neptune Avenue at 10 pm and realized someone had gotten into the bus and taken a birth certificate, clothing, a credit card, and a social security card.

## 61ST PRECINCT

SHEEPSHEAD BAY-HOMECREST-  
MANHATTAN BEACH-GRAVESEND

### Bad night

A gunman robbed a guy on Brown Street on June 1.

The victim said he was walking on the sidewalk after getting off the bus near Avenue Z at 11:15 pm when a man punched him in the head, causing him to fall. The man then hit the victim in the head with an object, and pointed a gun at him, saying "give me your money," according to cops.

The lowlife took the victim's wallet, which had debit and credit cards in it, and his passport, and fled on Avenue Z towards Nostrand Avenue, police said.

### Dastardly duo

Two knife-toting miscreants robbed a man on Gravesend Neck Road on June 3.

The victim said he was near E. 27th Street 1:08 am when two men approached him and asked him if he had any money. When the victim said no, the men tackled him and drew the blade, cops said. However, the victim broke free and ran away, and the would-be thieves fled towards Avenue V, said officers.

Police said the men were in their early 20s and wearing black long-sleeved shirts with black jeans and black sneakers.  
— *Adam Lucente*



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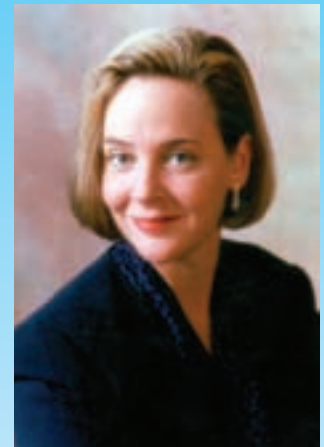


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# Cyclones greet fans with party in Bay Ridge



BY SAUL MARQUEZ

This party was a home run!

The Brooklyn Cyclones offered a hearty thank you to folks in Bay Ridge for being some of the team's most loyal fans by throwing a party at a local bar on May 31, and it really revved up the excitement ahead of the upcoming baseball season, according to an attendee.

"It was a fun way to kick off the season," said longtime Cyclones fan Paul Muccigrosso.

"It was a great way for them to show their appreciation for the neighborhood and the local people who support them."

Fans flocked to The Kettle Black sports bar at 87th Street and Third Avenue to enjoy wings and drinks, all while celebrating with Cyclones mascots Sandy the Seagull, Pee Wee, and King Henry. But fans enjoyed more than just food. Some attendees tried their luck at spinning the Cyclones' prize wheel, snagging

gear including bobbleheads, hats, mugs, and figurines.

The team threw the party to say thanks to the neighborhoods whose residents frequented last season's games most often. The Cyclones also hosted a similar event in Gravesend. It's that spirit of appreciation that makes the team a staple of the community, according to Dylan Larkin, who tends bar at The Kettle Black.

"It was fitting for the Cy-

**FAN-TASTIC:** (Above) Cyclones fan Paul Muccigrosso snagged a selfie with Sandy the Seagull during the May 31 fan-appreciation party. (Center) Kettle Black bartender Dylan Larkin tried his luck at spinning the prize wheel for team merch. (Left) Cyclones mascots Pee-Wee and Sandy assisted Kettle Black employees behind the bar. Photos by Trey Pentecost

clones to bring everyone together," he said. "They're such a community team."

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**FOODS FOR THOUGHT:** Swale, a floating farm on a barge docked outside the Brooklyn Army Terminal until July 1, welcomes locals to pick fresh fruits and vegetables on the weekends — for free.  
Photo by Jason Speakman

## FARM

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ries, and bok choy — all for free. Plus, grapes, yams, cherries, raspberries, blackberries, blueberries, and plums will sprout within the next few weeks, according to Mattingly, who said that her team is passionate about considering how to help people harness the power of plants.

“That’s what we’re thinking about — how can plants be used for wellness purposes and nourishment in eating?” she said.

The barge was previously docked off Pier 6 at Brooklyn Bridge Park last summer, and then off of Concrete Plant Park in the distant borough of the Bronx through last fall. Its stay at the Brooklyn Army Terminal is funded by the terminal and Whole Foods’ Five Percent Days, when the grocery store chain donates five percent of its profits to local organizations, Mattingly said.

When it closes up shop permanently on July 1, the Swale team will transplant the plants onto land, at the Brooklyn Army Terminal and elsewhere in the city, and begin to think about how to move Swale’s mission of making healthy eating accessible to solid ground — especially since research shows access to fresh fruits and vegetables is dependent on socio-economic status and the neighborhood in which one lives, factors which Mattingly said Swale can help change.

“It’s kind of been our mission with Swale to start places like Swale on land that are commons-like, that anyone can pick through,” Mattingly said. “We found a lot of people are big fans of it and are in need of having something like this more permanently.”

*Swale at Pier Four at the Brooklyn Army Terminal (140 58th St. at First Avenue in Sunset Park, [www.swaleny.org](http://www.swaleny.org)). Through July 1, Saturdays and Sundays, 12 pm–6 pm. Free.*

## PRIEST

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the rep said.

On the day of his death, Williams collapsed in a car outside of the Church of the Resurrection in East Elmhurst, Queens, where he had filled in for a priest who was on vacation, holding mass and attending the coffee hour afterwards, Provenzano said.

“He had gone through with a pretty busy morning,” he said. “The Uber driver said he appeared to pass out in the back seat even before they drove away from the church.”

Emergency medical personnel transported Williams to Elmhurst Hospital, where they tried and failed to revive him. He was 58-years-old, the bishop said.

Provenzano added that Williams enjoyed playing the guitar in between the two or three masses he celebrated every week, and that parishioners would miss his affable manner.

“This was a really good priest — he just was a good guy, people loved him, and it’s really tragic that he died this way,” he said.



**REST IN PEACE:** Father Tracey Williams of Christ Church Bay Ridge was celebrating mass at a church in Queens just before he died.  
Tom Hilton

Priests from the diocese will fill in for Williams until the new priest, Father Lawrence DeLion, starts on July 1.

*Visiting hours for Williams will be held at Christ Church Bay Ridge (7301 Ridge Blvd. at 73rd Street) 10 am–11 am next Wednesday, June 13, and the funeral liturgy will follow, at 11 am. He will be interred following the ceremony at Cypress Hills Cemetery (833 Jamaica Ave. between Euclid Avenue and Crescent Street in Cypress Hills).*

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# Bay Ridgites celebrate community at Fifth Ave. Fest



BY SAUL MARQUEZ

It's the day when Fifth Avenue becomes Bay Ridge's Main Street! Brooklynites flooded the Bay Ridge on June 3 for the Fifth Avenue Festival, which offered food, drinks, music, and amusement rides. The neighborhood gathering was not only fun, but also highlighted the importance of community, according to one attendee.

"It brings together vendors, shops, restaurants, and people," said Heather Cuccia. "It's an excellent way to bring the community together."

The festival had a bit of ev-

everything. Thousands of Bay Ridgites enjoyed outdoor dining where they chowed down on pizza, tacos, and snacks. Children rode amusement rides and played in bouncy castles while other attendees participated in face painting, basketball games, and even wine tasting.

But for Cuccia, the singing competition put on by local pub Bean Post proved to be the highlight of the day. Cuccia and 17 other contestants performed crowd favorites from Lady Gaga's "Million Reasons" to Elle King's "America's Sweetheart."

She said her performance, which won her the competition, honored her late friend and Bean Post bouncer James Gottlieb, who passed away earlier this year. She hoped honoring him would remind the audience about the contributions each individual makes to the community.

It's the festival's ability to highlight the good in people that makes the event so popular and keeps Bay Ridge united, according to Cuccia.

"There's a lot of love and a lot of support to be had," she said. "You got to have community."

**FRIENDLY FUN:** (Above) Heather Cuccia won the 13th annual Bean Post Idol competition after singing her heart out during Sunday's Fifth Avenue Festival in Bay Ridge. (Center) Food was on the minds of Gabriela Messina and Justin Lions. (Left) Russel Romhen, his twin daughters, and friend Julia Golouko enjoyed the slide.

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# New boat turns lake's floating flora into plant food

BY COLIN MIXSON

This boat has a need for weed!

Prospect Park keepers unveiled a brand-new vessel on June 1 that will suck up unwanted weeds growing on the surface of Prospect Park Lake and spit them out as mulch, keeping the water clean and the meadow's noninvasive plant species fertilized, according to the green space's chief steward.

"This aquatic weed harvester is essential," said Sue Donoghue, president of meadow conservancy the Prospect Park Alliance. "It provides an environmentally sound method to control the growth of aquatic weeds, which choke the lake's ecosystem and contribute to a variety of water-quality issues."

The floating plantharvester will gobble up "truck loads" of aquatic primrose and duck weed, which if left unchecked can grow across the surface of the lake in large, unsightly swaths, making life difficult for the body's welcome native flora — and mucking up parkgoers fishing trips and boat rides, another Alliance employee said.

"The lake gets a lot of weeds," said forestry technician Marty Woess.

But the \$140,000 orange boat powered by rotating paddles on its sides won't be much help at all if the toxic algae that has grown on the lake for the past four years returns, according to an Alliance spokeswoman, who said it won't rid the water of the deadly bloom.

The recently deployed vessel replaces an older model that park rangers affectionately dubbed the "Lake Mess Monster," which the Alliance decommissioned in 2014 after a 20-year run. The new boat is custom-made and smaller than its predecessor, allowing park workers to navigate shallower areas of the lake, but still big enough to serve as a stable platform for other waterborne tasks not possible aboard a simpler row boat, according to Woess, who captained the Lake Mess Monster for five years before it cocked out.

"You can't do some of the work on a small boat because you'll fall into the lake," she said. "But on here, we have a platform for all sorts of stuff."

Woess will pilot the paddle-powered weed eater about



**WEED EATER:** Prospect Park Alliance members on Friday took a maiden voyage aboard the green space's new aquatic weed harvester, which will suck up and mulch unwanted plant species growing on Prospect Park Lake.

Prospect Park Alliance

dle-powered weed eater about once a week, docking it on the lake's uninhabited Duck Island between trips, she said, and the mulch it produces will either be used to feed other park plants, or sold off to local green thumbs.

Park stewards bought the watercraft with taxpayer funds allocated by Brooklynites under participatory-budgeting processes overseen by Park Slope Councilman Brad Lander, who described

the boat as a "celebration of democracy," and his colleague Matthieu Eugene, who said the "universe is made of 70 to 75 percent water" that "we have to do everything possible to protect" at the boat's unveiling.

And in continuing with the democratic spirit that led to the vessel's purchase, Alliance leaders are asking locals to submit names for it — although they'll task a so-called nominating committee to fil-

ter those suggestions to avoid christening a "Boaty McBoatface," the spokeswoman said, referencing the popular, but overruled, crowd-sourced moniker for a ship British officials asked the public to name in 2016.

But if the new boat's captain has her way, its name will be a nod to its now-beached ancestor.

"I'm a big fan of the Lake Mess Monster," Woess said. "I would call it Messy II."

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**TEAM EFFORT:** More than 100 kids took part in performing and producing PS 217's rendition of "The Lion King" on June 2.  
Photo by Steve Solomonson

## PS 217 kids shine in 'The Lion King'

BY ADAM LUCENTE

These kids really roared!

Kids sang the Broadway classic "The Lion King" at PS 217 in Flatbush on June 2. Their theater teacher said the kids particularly enjoy doing musicals at the school because they get to help with production.

"It's very collaborative and student-driven," said Gaspere DiBlasi. "They had to make a lot of choices."

The show on June 5 was the first year they performed "The Lion King," since the school does a different musical every year. Kids from kindergarten through fifth grade not only performed the songs, but also worked on making

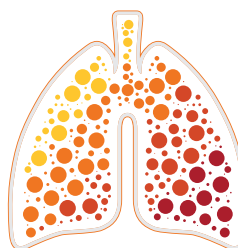
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**HAIL TO THE KING:** Tyler Lawrence was one of the kids who played Simba.

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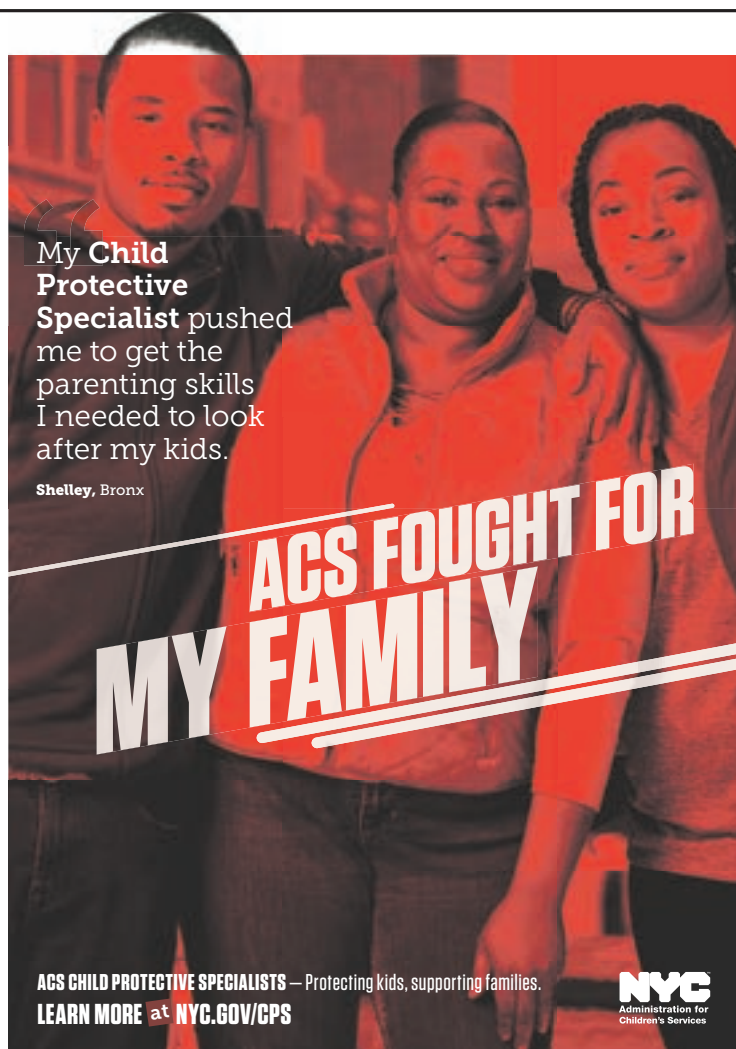
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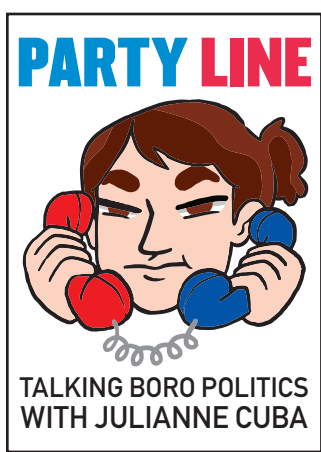
# Donovan whacked by both sides

Critics across the aisle are blasting the Bay Ridge congressman for hitting peoples' doorsteps with what they charge is offensive anti-immigration propaganda just to win some votes in a contentious Republican primary election that has **President Trump** and his controversial policies at its center.

Donovan sent out hundreds of mailers this week to voters across his Ridge-to-Rock district week that read: "Build the Wall. Enforce the Law — Only Unwavering Law and Order will Defeat Illegal Immigration."

The mailer displays a police shield stamped with a graphic of a family with a young child holding hands, seemingly running across a United States border, and a red "X" striking through it.

The graphic is a replica, sans the red X, of the government's cautionary traffic signs near border-crossings — the last of which recently came down in California — according to Donovan's campaign spokeswoman, who said officials were forced to



erect the signs to warn motorists of people crossing the border.

"The graphic is an exact replica of the government's warning border-crossing signs," said **Jessica Proud**. "Years of illegal border crossings became so prolific they needed road signs urging caution."

Proud wouldn't comment on how many mailers were sent out, how much they cost, or if all homes in the district got one, but confirmed they were paid for from his campaign war chest.

Some constituents on social media allegedly heard through a rep in Donovan's office that the mailers that were sent out were somehow the result of a printing error, but sent out anyway — but when reached for comment, neither his district office or campaign would comment.

But regardless of any design error, the mailers are out there — boasting Donovan's own blonde, smiling family on the front, juxtaposed with crossed-out migrant family on the back — which one Bay Ridge voter called a clear and reprehensible message that he cares only about helping families like his own.

"Most of the women and children come here feeling violence. To him, keeping our families safe means throwing other families under the bus," said **Mallory McMahon** of the group Fight Back Bay Ridge. "It's clear inhumanity that his image was ever even considered."

And even Donovan's primary challenger — a convicted felon who is running to take back his old seat —

condemned the incumbent and his campaign snail mail for fearmongering, saying it falsely portrays Donovan's record on border security.

"To compensate for his record supporting amnesty and Sanctuary Cities, Dan Donovan has now decided to make a mockery of President Trump's common-sense policies. When Republicans advocate for building the Wall or cracking down on illegal immigration, we're not doing it out of racism or hatred — we do it out of a concern for our national security and a desire to have secure, sovereign borders," he said. "Donovan's desperate, hypocritical messaging makes him look ridiculous while playing into the Left's worst stereotypes of the America First agenda President Trump and I believe in."

Competitors on the left also blasted the congressman.

"We need new leaders who campaign on hope and ideas, not fear and hate," Army veteran **Max Rose**, a Democrat running to unseat Rep. **Dan Donovan** (R-Bay Ridge), wrote on Twitter. "[Donovan]

thinks this kind of hateful imagery will win him an election in #NY11. He couldn't be more wrong."

Just last week, Trump boosted Donovan's re-election bid when he threw his support behind him over his primary challenger — but a new NY1 poll puts the one-time representative ahead of the incumbent by 10 points.

... A Bay Ridge state pol and former cop is defending his honor after critics questioned all the cash he rakes in through his taxpayer-funded disability pension following images of him skydiving came to light last month.

State Sen. **Marty Golden** (R-Bay Ridge) has collected more than \$1 million from the police department's pension fund since 1983 — back when he was still one of New York's Finest and hurt his knee on the job, according to the Daily News, which first reported the story.

Golden hopped out of a plane on Memorial Day to raise money for veterans, *Continued on page 38*

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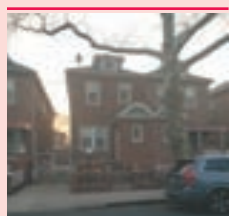
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In the 19th Century, Manhattan Beach was a seaside resort that featured two luxurious hotels that held daily concerts led by such famed conductors as John Philip Sousa, hosted elaborate fireworks displays nightly and drew tens of thousands of visitors on summer nights. Ultimately, when the hotel business died out, and they ornate structures were razed and replaced by a bedroom community of spacious homes and Manhattan Beach Park, which offers a baseball field, two playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, handball courts, and picnic areas.

Educationally-speaking, Manhattan Beach is zoned to PS 195 for grades K-5, and PS 225 for grades 6-8. Private schools in the area include the Yeshiva of Manhattan Beach, a Jewish day school for grades K-8, and the Yeshiva Gedolah Bais Shimon of Manhattan Beach, which is a post-high school rabbinical program. Kingsborough Community College, which is the part of the City University of New York, occupies a 67-acre campus on the entire eastern tip of Manhattan Beach. The Leon M. Goldstein High School for the Sciences is located on the Kingsborough campus.

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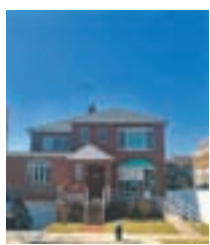




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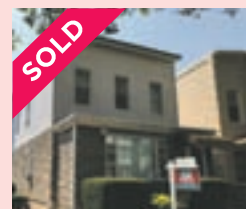
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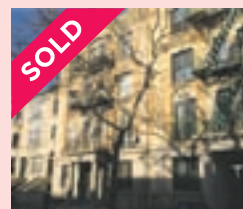
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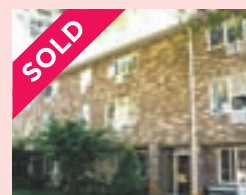
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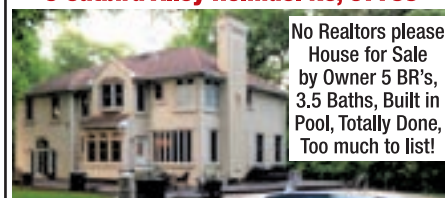
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# LION

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the iconic masks, doing makeup, set designs, and more.

"They had a big say in production," said DiBlasi. "It was really cool to see them take ownership."

Theater is popular at the elementary school, and around 100 kids tried out for about 18 roles. DiBlasi said they ended up having two kids for many main roles in the cast, such as Simba, and gave kids who didn't earn lead

roles the chance to sing in the ensemble. The program strives to include all who are interested regardless of the competitive audition process, according to DiBlasi.

"We try to make it inclusive of the whole community," she said.

The highlight of the show was singing the classic tune "Circle of Life" before the captivated audience.

"It's the song that brings the most students together," said DiBlasi. "You see the masks. It's so iconic, a lot of kids enjoyed that."

## PARADE

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Some parade-goers found ways to remember soldiers' great sacrifices while having some fun. One loyal attendee from the distant land of New Jersey paid his respects to his late brother — who died in a naval battle in World War II — in the same way he has for the past five years: by driving his American flag-adorned 1976 Cadillac Eldorado up the avenue for all to enjoy.

"I love coming up to New York, and the people react incredibly to the car," said Fran Di Bacco.

Di Bacco said he never forgot what it was like to learn his brother died in 1942 — and that his annual participation

in the parade is a way to honor his memory.

"I was with my mom when she got the telegram [that he died] — nobody came to the house or anything. She opened the letter that indicated her 20-year-old son was killed at the Battle of Midway, and she collapsed," he said. "It's something you never forget — through the years my family has an affection for the people in the Navy, so I got this idea, 'how could I memorialize him?'"

Aalbue said the parade committee is also thinking about new ways to memorialize veterans, and soon they'll start planning next year's procession.

"We're going to meet next week and start planning the 152nd parade," he said.



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# 101 birthday wishes and counting

## BORO PARK

Hats off to **Boro Park Center** resident **Leng Nguy**, who turned the magic number — 101 — on May 18. Leng, and with his wife, **Roan Bik**, have resided at the center since February 2017.



The couple, who immigrated to the United States in 1960, have been married for more than 85 years, have rooms on the same floor, and enjoy many activities, according to **Polina Kravchenko**, recreation director at the center. Grandson **Jose Vega** was on hand to help celebrate the joyous occasion along with staff and fellow residents.

Leng spends his days reading newspapers and books, is fluent in three languages — including Cambodian, Chinese and Mandarin — and participating in many activities, including senior volleyball and basketball. He also enjoys creating works of art in calligraphy.

*Boro Park Center [4915 10th Ave. at 49th Street in Borough Park, (718) 851-3700].*

## FORT GREENE

### Awards abound!

Pass the tassels over for **Karen Li**, on being one of six extraordinary New York high schoolers to be awarded the **Milken Scholarship**. The recognition provides a \$10,000 cash prize along with a lifetime of mentoring and resources.

Karen, a student at **Brooklyn Technical High School**, is a woman of action. When famine struck in Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan and Nigeria, she co-founded **Stand Against Starvation (SAS)** to raise awareness of the issue. As president of the school's **Do Something Club**, Karen encouraged her peers to take action and help the community; the group collected and donated more than 300 pairs of jeans for homeless teens and distributed cards with uplifting messages to Muslim students during Ramadan.



**HE'S A SCHOLAR!:** From left, Tony Abdallah, assistant treasurer at MCU; Caroll Dunmcanson, board secretary; Norman Kohn, acting MCU president and chief executive officer; James Durrah, board chairman; and James McKeon Memorial Scholarship winner **Jared Rios** (center) holding his scholarship check.

Nicole Siciliano

## HS senior gets award from MCU

### FLATLANDS

Congrats to high school senior **Jared Rios**. The borough son was the recipient of the **2018 James McKeon Memorial Scholarship** awarded by the **Municipal Credit Union**.

Jared is graduating this month from **St. Edmund Preparatory High School** in Sheepshead Bay and will use his \$5,000 scholarship funds towards his expenses at **Princeton University** when he starts classes in the fall to study political science.

He is one of nine recipients of this year's scholarship program.

Eligibility for the MCU scholarships was open to any MCU member, a child, or a grandchild of a member in good standing. Selection was based on academic performance, extracurricular activities, community service, letters of recommendation, and an essay expressing personal goals.

Standing O wishes Jared success and good luck in college.

*Municipal Credit Union (22 Cortlandt St. in Manhattan, [www.nymcu.org](http://www.nymcu.org)).*

She is a **QuestBridge National College Match Finalist**, an **AP Scholar with Distinction**, and a **National Merit Scholarship Commended Student**. An avid singer, she has performed with the school's a cappella choir, served as vice president of the **Tri-M Honor Society**, and earned a silver award from the **New York State School Music Association**.

After a friend died in an auto accident she joined **Vision Zero Youth Council**, becoming the group's press relations director and participating in Vision Zero Youth Day to discuss ways to decrease automobile crash rates. The Milken Scholars is open to college-bound high school seniors in New York City, Los Angeles County and Washington, D.C. Recipients are selected based on academic performance, community service, leadership and their ability to persevere in the face of personal challenges.

Karen will join fellow recipients at a three-day summit this summer

in Los Angeles, and will study political science and global affairs at Yale, when she enters this fall. She plans on pursuing a career in public service.

*Brooklyn Technical High School [29 Fort Greene Pl. in Fort Greene, (718) 804-6400].*

## MARINE PARK

### Save the date

Long-time resident **Julie Bagarozza** is organizing the sixth annual **Brooklyn Brain Aneurysm Awareness 1K Walk** on **June 9**, in memory of her brother-in-law **Daris Bagarozza**, who died suddenly from a ruptured brain aneurysm at age 30.

The walk will be held at the **Marine Park Carmine Carro Building** and proceeds raised will benefit the **Brain Aneurysm Foundation's** work to raise awareness and research funding for the disease.

"My family and I didn't know what a brain aneurysm was when until we



## BAY RIDGE

### Facelift time!

A special thank you to borough son **Andrew Contrino**. The Eagle Scout candidate of **BSA Troop 310**, as part of his community project, conceived and organized a beautification project to give **Barkaloo Cemetery** a much-needed make-over on May 19.

Just in time for Memorial Day, the teen commandeered classmates from **Xaverian High School**, and picked up shovels, rakes, and construction bags to clean up the tiny burial site — the borough's smallest — and resting place of the remains of Revolutionary War soldiers. In order to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a scout must complete a special project from planning to implementing and everything in between.

Andrew, who is a history buff, looked in his own backyard, right near the corner of his high school (Narrows Avenue and McKay Place) for his inspiration.

"This project is a labor of love," Andrew explained.

The grad is planning on pursuing a career in politics and will begin studies at **Catholic University of America** in Washington D.C. in the fall.

*BSA Troop 310 meets at Fort Hamilton Post Chapel Activities Center (Building 219 on the base in Bay Ridge, [www.t310bsa.org](http://www.t310bsa.org)).*

lost Daris. My mother-in-law and I started the walk in memory of him. It is a wonderful way to celebrate life, bring awareness to the disease and a reminder that we are not in this fight alone," she said.

"It's great to see a community come together to celebrate survivors and honor those such as Daris Bagarozza, who lost their lives to a brain aneurysm rupture," said **Christine Buckley**, Brain Aneurysm Foundation executive director.

*Brain Aneurysm Awareness Walk at the Carmine Carro Building (3000 Fillmore Ave. in Marine Park) June 9 at 10 am. Registration opens at 8 am. \$30 registration fee. Sign up at [www.bafound.org](http://www.bafound.org).*



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BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

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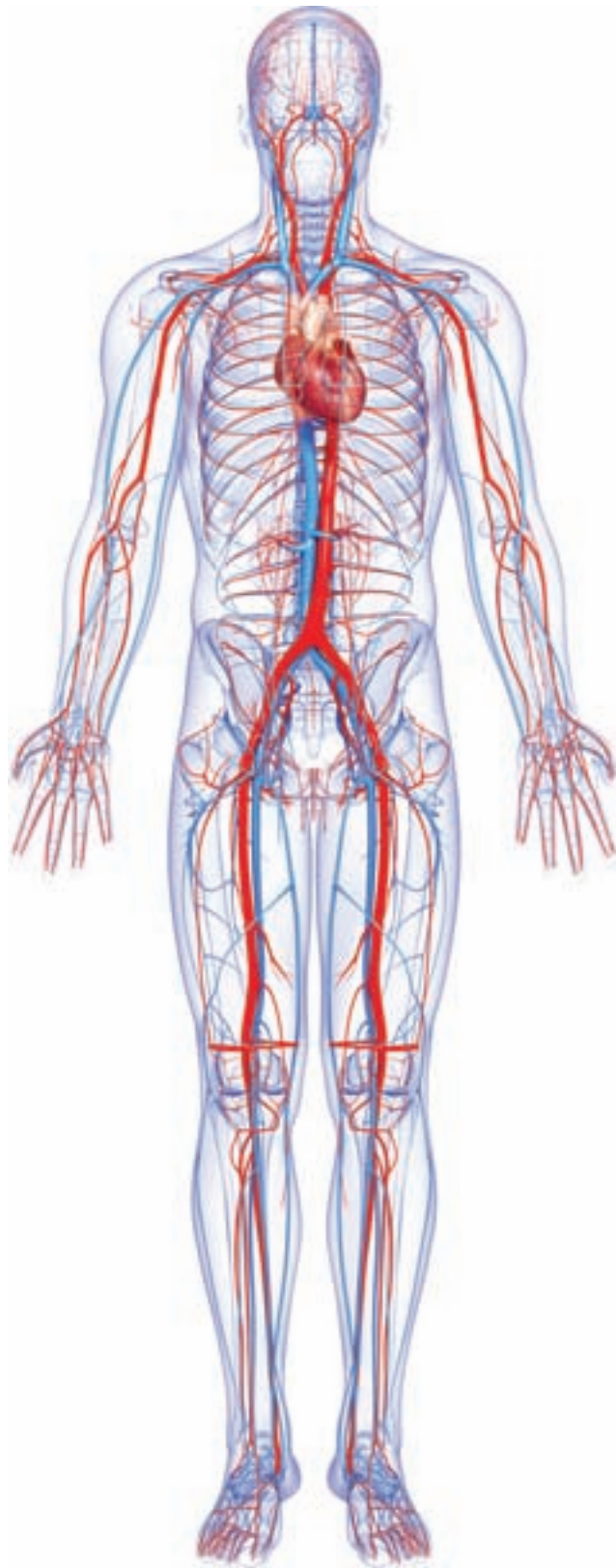
Dr. Stiler of HealthQuest says, "The more information we can provide to patients about their conditions, the more we can help guide their care, and they can help themselves."

People can have risk factors for disease and not even know it, says the doctor. For example, diabetes increases the risk of heart disease, but there are often no signs or symptoms. "That's why it's important to get screened," he says.

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HealthQuest now offers treatment for knee pain



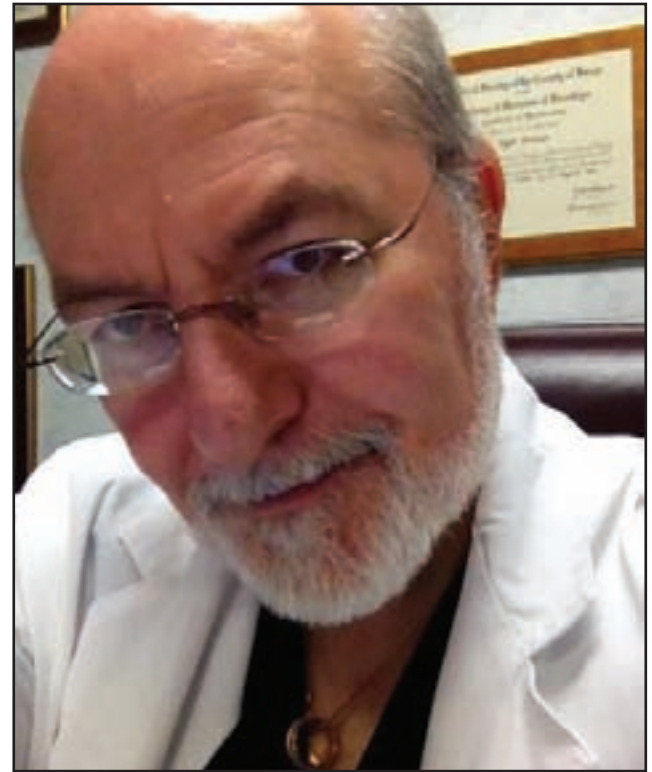
due to osteoarthritis. It is an especially good option for patients suffering with knee pain that has been resistant to traditional treatment strategies, says the doctor.

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"Although individual re-



Dr. Igor Stiler, MD, Neurologist

sults vary, some people feel relief after the first injection." As osteoarthritis is a degenerative, progressive disease, ignoring its symptoms, and even modifying your lifestyle, may not make it better.

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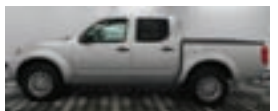


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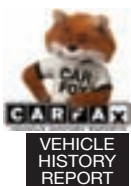
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# Making a case for admissions tests

To the editor,

Fiddling with schools again!

So our “communist mayor” is now busy fiddling with the school system in an effort to incorporate a phony “diversity” in all high schools. Instead of having prestigious schools requiring students with excellent drive, talent and performance scores, he wants to open the floodgates to mediocrity.

In the '60s and '70s these schools required us students to take a special test for admission, whereupon we received a fine education in technical and vocational studies. If one didn't keep up with the rigorous course of studies, you were transferred to a regular high school. This intensive schooling equipped us well to handle our future lives. Many of us went on to college while thousands hit the job market, building homes, installing electrical and plumbing systems, maintaining subways and buses and making the city a viable place to live.

This new hair-brained scheme will, no doubt, bring the high schools, especially those specializing in specific learning tracks, down to a level where the diploma will just be another piece of paper. It will be a shame to see that occurring as of today, and into the future, if one looks at demographics, the minority students are the majority today.

I graduated Brooklyn's William E. Grady in 1970 and worked my way up to a General Superintendent's position in “power.”

I will be forever grateful to the teachers and staff of all technical-vocational schools for their efforts.

**Robert W. Lobenstein**  
Marine Park

## Keep sidewalks free

To the editor,

In his response to my criticism of police officers breaking the law by routinely parking on the sidewalks outside police precincts Eric Sommer (“Let some park there,” June 1) raises an interesting question. Who should the laws apply to? Mr. Sommer believes that not only should the police be allowed to break the law

because they are protecting us from “the real bad guys,” but so should anyone involved in an essential public service, such as the fire department, educators, private security and EMT personnel.

Sommer states reasons why public transportation is not good enough for these folks, and also is inaccurate. Yes, public transportation has many shortcomings, but it is not true that “most commute via efficient public transportation.” Yes, for those traveling into the center city, the statistic is close to 80 percent, but when all jobs are considered, it drops to around 50 percent, which is why there are so many cars on the road.

I am quite aware that it is not only police officers who flout the law and singled them out only because they should be setting the example for the rest of us. Using a rare example of an officer living in Long Island assigned to Staten Island and being temporarily reassigned for the day to a detail in Queens and having to sign out from Staten Island to return home to Long Island, he justifies all police officers being allowed to block city sidewalks. He also makes it appear that a police officer can be transferred every day to a different precinct and never knows where he will be working, another rare occurrence. No one is trying to disparage hard-working police officers who are protecting us, but expecting them to also obey the law is not asking too much.

I didn't criticize those who park on their own lawn because they are not breaking the law as long as they are not using an illegal curb cut, and I didn't give car dealers a pass. I just stated that the problem with police officers was more widespread.

Sommer calls my argument simplistic when he is the one who divides the public into three groups of people, those performing “essential services” who should be allowed to break certain laws; the “regular people” who can live wherever they want and who should follow every law; and the “real bad guys” who constantly break the laws.

Yes, the problem of illegal parking goes beyond police officers. It extends to those using phony placards and those who borrow handicapped plates from their grandmother so

they can have a day at the beach. But if we are to live in a civilized society, we can't just make exceptions for certain groups of people so that it is only the “regular” people who are heavily fined for breaking the law. We need to improve public transit to reduce car reliance, and if the police or others providing essential services need more parking, the city must provide it for them legally.

**Allan Rosen**  
Sheepshead Bay

## Boardwalk, not ride

To the editor,

I was horrified to learn about the mayor's new bike share program! We have far too many reckless bicycle riders on the streets now. We certainly don't need them on the Boardwalk mowing down senior citizens and whomever else gets in their way!

I agree with Arlene Brenner, who happens to be a friend of mine and a fellow member of the Council Center for Senior Citizens on Kings Highway, that the Boardwalk is for walking not bicycles. We have enough trouble dodging careless bicyclists on the sidewalks near our homes and our senior center! I have narrowly been able to avoid being hit by bicycles several times. We need fewer bikes, instead of more, and more policing and control of reckless bike riders on our streets. We do not need nor want more bikes in our city! The mayor's proposed bike share program on the Boardwalk will prevent senior citizens and other pedestrians from safely walking and enjoying the Boardwalk. Tourists will enjoy the Boardwalk just as much, or maybe more, without the bikes, and will be a lot safer. I think it is imperative that our politicians forget about the bike share program and keep bicycles off the Boardwalk!

**Elaine Kirsch**  
Gravesend

## Hail to the chief

My hats off to President Trump for signing the Right To Try Act. This Act will save lives.

Lying in a hospital bed not knowing whether you'll live until the next hour is a horrible thing to go through. Doctors saying there isn't anything else that can be done. Now there may be something that can

be done and living to the next hour becomes hopeful. Anyone who is against this bill should never know a catastrophic illness. But the life it saves could be yours.

**Bob Seidenberg**  
Bay Ridge

## The MTA needs DC

To the editor,

While Mayor DeBlasio and Gov. Cuomo continue to fight over who is responsible for management and funding of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Washington continues to be a reliable financial partner. Finding \$38 billion over 10 years to fund NYC Transit Andy Byford's proposed recovery plan will be a four-way dance between riders who pay at the fare box along with funding from City Hall, Albany and Washington.

Federal support for transportation has remained consistent and growing over past decades. When a crisis occurred, be it 9-11 in 2001 or Hurricane Sandy in 2012, Washington was there for us. Additional billions in assistance above and beyond yearly formula allocations from the Federal Transit Administration was provided. In 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided billions more.

Most federal transportation grants require a 20 percent hard-cash local share. In most cases, the Federal Transit Administration accepted toll credits instead of hard cash for the local share. This saved the MTA over \$1 billion in the previous 2010–2014 Five Year Capital Program. The same will be true with the 2015–2019 five-year capital program. Washington provided over \$1.3 billion in 2017 Federal Transit Administration formula funding for the MTA which helps pay for its capital program. There is \$1.4 billion more in federal funding available in 2018.

The MTA can't afford to wait for both City Hall and Albany to step up and help provide billions in additional funding. Neither can transit riders and taxpayers who are looking for accountability, efficient and timely completion for both capital projects and routine maintenance to assure more reliable and safe on time service.

**Larry Penner**  
Great Neck

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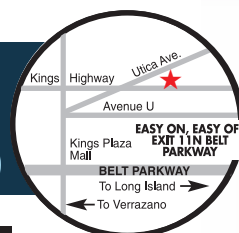
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# Should NY legalize gambling on sports?

Imagine sitting at a bar in Brooklyn and seeing many eyes glued to a football game in which the Cleveland Browns are driving for a last-second touchdown before the game is over with them losing 30-3 to the Patriots. Why the interest in whether the Browns get in the end zone for this last score?

Odds are the Pats are 20.5 point favorites and if the final score becomes 30-10, one suddenly becomes a winner or loser depending on who you bet. However this wager was placed, most likely through a bookie or offshore gambling website, it was illegal. But, with a recent Supreme Court decision, all states can now legalize sports betting. Is this a good idea?

In 1992, Congress passed the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act, which prohibited a state to “sponsor, operate, advertise, promote, license, or authorize by law” sports wagering. This outlawed betting on sports throughout the nation, except Nevada, which was exempted for obvious reasons.

Last month, the Supreme Court in *Murphy vs. National*



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Collegiate Athletic Association, ruled 6-3 that the 1992 act is unconstitutional. In essence, the court ruled that Congress can regulate sports betting, but it can't control state policies by requiring them to prohibit it. Right after the decision, former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie summed up this logic when he stated, “New Jersey citizens

wanted sports gambling and the federal government had no right to tell them no.”

Most states are eager to legalize sports betting because it would generate revenue through taxing the industry. States would get their vig. Indeed, Delaware Gov. John Carney announced that his state would launch a “full-scale sports gaming operation” at its three casinos this week. It is the first state to permit sports gambling after last month's Court decision, but surely it will not be the last.

There are 40 states that have casinos, so it is assumed most or all of these states will now move to legalize sports gambling. Of course, it takes states time to create the framework for sports betting to operate. This includes passing the necessary legislation that licenses those venues and companies that will be authorized to take the bets, the regulations that will govern them, the amount of taxes that will be paid to states, and possible fees to sports leagues. Some states are further along than others. Six states, including New York and New Jersey,

have passed laws allowing their casinos to take wagers on sports if Sports Protection Act was struck down. Twelve others have introduced sports betting legislation for debate.

In New York, it is legal for the four casinos to take your sports bets as soon as the Gaming Commission gives its approval and issues regulations. Some Albany legislators are pushing to expand sports betting beyond casinos to race tracks, storefronts, on-line sports book operators, or some combination of these. In addition, leagues like Major League Baseball, the NBA, the NFL, and the NHL want an “integrity fee,” so they get their juice from the new gambling revenues.

Of course, lobbyists are in Albany for each of these interests hoping to get them to act before the legislative session ends on June 20. Gov. Cuomo and others believe there is just too much to consider before the session ends and this may have to wait until next year. Proponents of an immediate gambling expansion argue that if New Yorkers can't easily bet on sports here, they will just do

it in New Jersey and give that state the added tax revenue.

The average Brooklynite looking forward to placing legal wagers on the Yankees or Jets sees the ruling as good news, but there is a flip side. Legalizing, and thereby normalizing, gambling on sports, would likely increase the number of young people who begin betting.

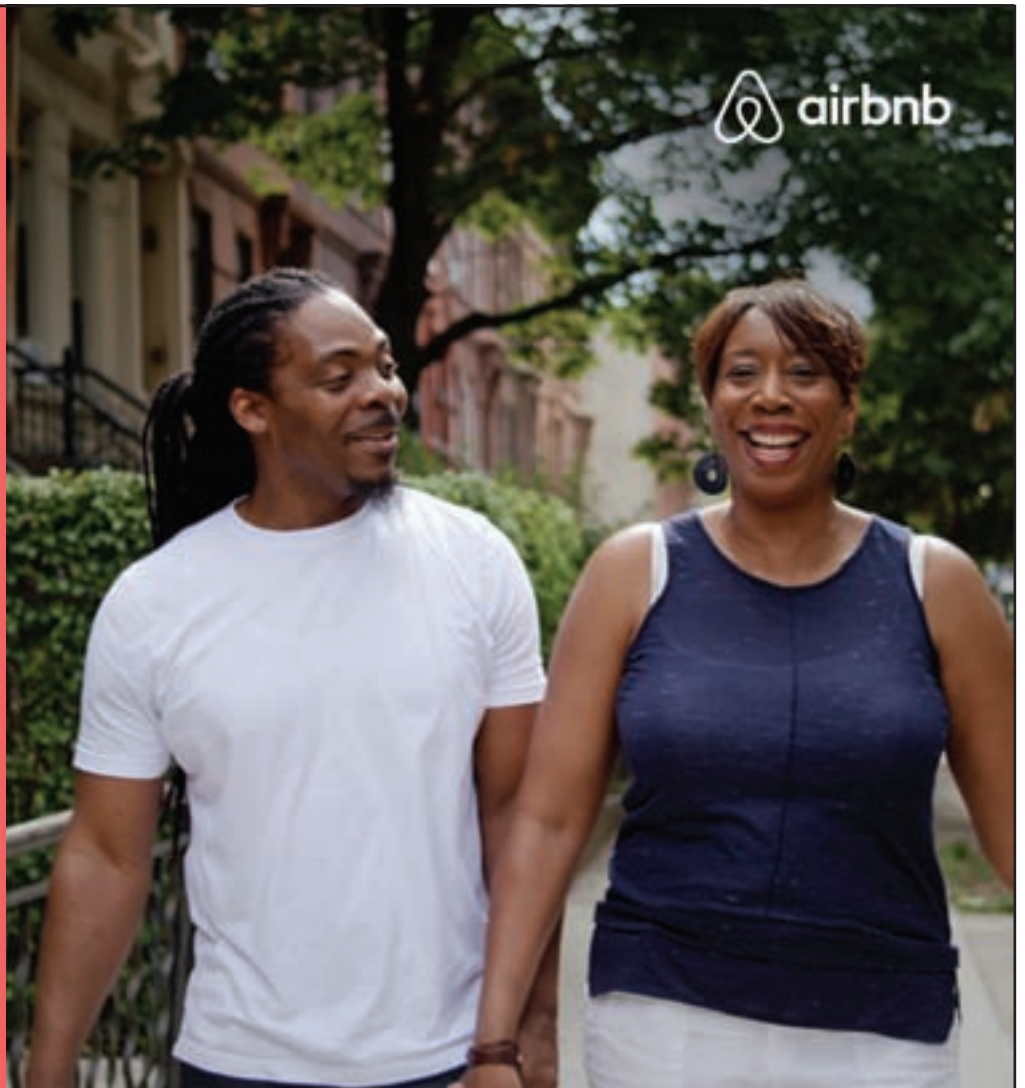
Gambling, like alcohol and drugs, can be addictive. In fact, in 1980 the American Psychiatric Association included gambling addiction in its Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. Arnie Wexler, a national expert on gambling addiction, wrote in his book “All Bets Are Off” that “gambling addiction is a close parallel to what medicine calls ‘the silent killer.’ Compulsive gambling can't be measured by a blood pressure cuff; it leaves no smell of alcohol and no needle marks — only shattered families and broken lives.” Do we really want to increase the possibility that more New Yorkers and Americans will become addicts?

*Bob Capano is Chairman of the Brooklyn Reform Party.*

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# 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. Per-

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

## Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

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

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

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

## Reading

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## How do you know which school is right for your child?

**P**ublic, private, charter, virtual and more — deciding what school is best for your children can feel overwhelming. You want them to have an education that prepares them for a challenging world while fitting their unique learning styles. How do you know the best option to ensure they thrive?

“The right school will not only help your child learn essential skills but instill a lifelong love of learning,” says Carol Lloyd, award-winning educational writer and editorial director for GreatSchools, a nonprofit school guide. “Bottom line: The school you choose for your child does make a difference.”

Lloyd knows making educational decisions isn't easy.

That's why she offers her advice on the most important things to consider when researching schools.

**Testing scores.** How does the school perform on state assessments across grades and subjects? Look at the percentage of students who score at or above proficiency. If possible, look at test scores by student subgroup (race/ethnicity and family income). How are students like your child doing?

**Student progress.** Test scores don't tell the whole story. It's important that no matter where students start on the educational spectrum, they make progress and continuously learn as time passes. Understanding student progress can give you

important information about how much children are learning at this school from year to year.

**Equity.** Look at how students from all backgrounds are doing. Is there a big achievement gap between different groups? This helps you understand how schools are serving disadvantaged student groups.

**Advanced coursework.** To understand the academic rigor of a school, research the advanced courses offered. How many students are enrolling in those courses? What's the average number of advanced courses a student takes at the school? All these details can paint a picture about whether the students are getting the classes they

need for college and beyond.

**Discipline and attendance flags.** Does the school have high chronic absenteeism? Do they suspend some groups of students far more often than others? This might be a red flag that you should consider.

**College readiness.** If you have a high school student, you're probably starting to think about the future. If you want to ensure your child's school is preparing them for college, research the high school's SAT and ACT participation and performance.

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pare it against other schools you're considering, helping you save time while providing you the necessary information to make a confident decision about your child's education.

“The updated school profiles on Great Schools display information parents need, and provide support to help them take action,” said Lloyd. “For example, if a school has a low Equity Rating compared to other schools in their state, parents will find tips on how to discuss improving the education of all students at this school with teachers and administrators. This empowers parents today and in the future so their children can receive the education they deserve.”



# How to approach refinancing or consolidating student loans

The average college student can expect to pay between \$10,000 and \$23,000 in tuition fees at public universities depending on if they live in-state or out. Those costs are even higher for private colleges, with prices starting at \$30,000, according to The College Board, a mission-driven not-for-profit organization that connects students to college success and opportunity. Millions of students and their families simply cannot afford to pay for tuition and boarding outright, leaving them to seek out student loans and other options to finance their educations.

Today's college students can expect to graduate with substantial debt. According to an analysis of government data by Mark Kantrowitz, publisher at Edvisors, a group of websites offering advice about planning and paying for college, members of the class of 2015 can expect to have a little more than \$35,000 in student-loan debt upon graduation. In an effort to make repayment more manageable, many students opt to consolidate their loans or refinance for better rates.

Renegotiating, consolidating, or re-

financing can help recent grads in various ways. Some grads may find it easier to work with a single lender, while others may recognize how much they can save over the life of their loans if they refinance with lower interest rates. But before restructuring their loans, borrowers should take steps to understand the process so they can rest easy knowing they made the best decision.

**Know the risks.** Borrowers who have federal student loans and are looking for better interest rates should realize that they may sacrifice some benefits by cutting ties with the federal program. These can include passing up on federal loan protection, such as deferment and certain loan forgiveness programs.

**Explore the strengths of other lenders.** Many banks are out there looking to do business, but lower interest rates may not be reason enough to refinance. Think about the convenience of keeping the loan with the bank you currently use for other accounts. This can make managing your finances much easier. There may even be incentives to keep all of your ac-



College students may be able to consolidate or refinance student loans to save money and make repayment easier.

counts with the same bank. Such perks may include lower interest rates or fee forgiveness. Some borrowers may want to work with lenders that specialize in student loans.

**Inquire about potential fees.** Some lenders charge fees to transfer loans. Weigh the benefits of paying that fee against the perks of the new lender. Will you really save money?

**Think about interest rates.** Rates are usually separated into fixed or variable rates. Although variable rates can start out low, they may increase incrementally based on the market. Fixed rates do not vary and can be a safer option if you cannot pay off the loan very quickly.

**Verify your credit standing.** Even after all of the rate advertisements and the assumed benefits of a new loan, loan rates and terms are usually based on a borrower's financial health and credit. Be sure your credit rating is good; otherwise the rate you end up with may not warrant refinancing.

**Make sure loans are eligible.** Not every lender will take on student loans. Determine your eligibility before you begin doing all the legwork required to restructure your existing loans.

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## How college students can cut living expenses

The cost of college tuition is a concern for many college-bound students and their families. The cost of a college education continues to rise, but it's not just tuition and room and board that students and their families must account for.

College students may underestimate cost-of-living expenses when planning their school-year budgets. But such expenses can be substantial, catching even the most well-prepared students off guard. Fortunately, there are several ways for college students to save money on living expenses and still make the most of their time on campus:

**Venture off campus.** Local businesses, including bars, restaurants and entertainment venues like mini-golf facilities or bowling alleys, may offer student discounts to entice kids to leave campus. Students can take advantage of these offerings to save on food and entertainment, which tend to be among the more pricey cost-of-living expenses college students contend with.

**Buy secondhand furnishings.** Rather than purchasing brand-new furniture they are likely to discard after moving out or graduating, college students can purchase secondhand items from local thrift stores or used furniture retailers that offer sturdy furnishings at low prices.

**Become a resident advisor.** Resident advisors, often referred to as "RAs," typically receive free or reduced room and board in exchange for living in the dorms and monitoring the floors they live on. Competition to be an RA can be competitive, but students can save thousands of dollars on room and board costs over the course of their time at school.

**Make your own meals.** Meal plans may be ideal for college students during their freshmen years, when students may still be adjusting to campus life.

But older college students can skip the meal plan in favor of preparing their own meals. Doing so can save students substantial amounts of money, and some students may even prefer the variety available at the local grocery store over the more limited offerings available at dining halls or other campus eateries.

**Move off campus.** Some schools do not permit freshmen and sophomores to live off-campus, but older students may find that private housing is more affordable than on-campus apartments or dormitories.

Cost-of-living expenses at colleges and universities can be considerable, but savvy students can find various ways to save money.



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## Visitation Academy Announces New Head of School, Jean Bernieri and Expresses Gratitude to Retiring Head, Arlene Figaro

During her sixteen years as Visitation Academy's Head of School, Mrs. Arlene Figaro embodied the words of the Visitation Order's co-founder, St. Francis de Sales, to "be who you are and be it well." She inspired her students to do the same. Figaro speaks often of the school's commitment, and her personal commitment, to "build the character of every student alongside the academic skills and high school readiness that mark a Visitation Academy graduate."

Figaro considers it her privilege, as a Visitation Academy alumna and a veteran educator and administrator, to conclude her career at the institution that sparked her lifelong love of learning and community building. She notes the academic achievements of her students, including a 2018 graduating class that received over \$338,000 in scholarship offers. She also notes that the community she has led since 2002 creates a space for girls and young women to "be the extraordinary people they are, and to lead by example."

"The families of Visitation Academy have been family to me, and they will always be in my heart and in my prayers," says Figaro, who leaves a legacy of strong women that includes current students, alumnae, faculty and staff that she led with grace, dignity, and passion.

The tradition of strong women leading the next generation continues with Visitation's selection of Mrs. Jean Bernieri as the incoming Head of School. Bernieri, who holds post graduate degrees from Wesleyan University and Pace University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston College, brings thirty years of teaching and administrative experience and a deep knowledge of pedagogy and curricula to her new role at Visitation Academy. Currently, as Middle School Math Teacher and Math Coordinator, Bernieri, who joined the Visitation



Courtesy of Visitation Academy

Academy in 1991 as its first Pre-Kindergarten Program Educational Director and Head Teacher, mentors new teachers and develops and implements a range of strategies across grade levels.

Mother Susan Marie Kasprzak, VHM, who oversees Visitation Academy's Board of Directors, says "it is clear that Jean [Bernieri] is committed to excellence in education, and we are happy that she will be the new Head of School."

Like her predecessor, Mrs. Arlene Figaro, Bernieri, who is a Visitation Academy alumna, credits the school's nurturing environment for providing young women with the skills and confidence to "find their voices, collaborate, and excel academically." Her aim, as Head of School, is to continue to inspire new generations of Visitation students to "develop a commitment to serving others and making a difference in the world," something she ties to Visitation's "faith-based education."

Bernieri says that, under her leadership, Visitation Academy will "continue to provide abundant learning opportunities to foster students' enormous potential and empower them as future leaders in the world."

## What to look for in a graduate program

Today's college graduates are facing a difficult job market, one that is flooded with unemployed professionals but few job openings. As a result, many college juniors, seniors, and even recent graduates are considering the pursuit of an advanced degree. When researching different graduate programs, prospective applicants should take the following under consideration:

**Admission standards.** Applicants should be looking for schools with tough admissions standards. Schools with low admissions standards won't necessarily provide a degree that's valued by prospective employers. Since many students will be pursuing an advanced degree in the hopes it will help them stand out in a crowded pool of applicants, that advanced degree should be one that has substantial value and not one that was easy to pursue and obtain.

**Assistance.** A good graduate program will boast a career development program that helps place graduates in desirable careers. Ask about past graduates of the program, and where they are currently working and what they're earning.

**Faculty.** When researching graduate programs, look for one whose faculty are well known in your desired field. Most school websites list faculty biographies. A strong faculty is one that has a history of scholarly publications, acclaim among colleagues, and professional experience not just in academia, but in the desired field as well. A proven and respected faculty can be a great way for students to make connections in the field.



# POLITICS

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which left some people scratching their heads if he still deserves the money if he's active enough to skydive.

But Golden fired back, calling out his opponents for making light of his fund-raising stunt to help veterans.

"Who knew that fund-raising for veterans would attract such criticism? After 10 years as a decorated NYC police officer, I was seriously injured in the course of duty — hit by a car while making a drug arrest," said Golden in a statement. "I'm proud of having raised \$5,000 for vets doing this tandem jump, which safely put no stress on my injuries."

The union representing police officers also had Golden's back, charging it was a lowbrow attack to gain political points.

"This is an attempt to score cheap political points on the backs of injured cops," said the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association on Twitter. "Few people have stood up for cops over the years more than (Golden). His opponents don't know much about government — if they did, they would know that benefits are closely monitored, and that those who are fit for police duty are routinely forced back on the job."



## Irons man

British actor Jeremy Irons, star of the recent revival of playwright Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey into Night" flashed a smile on the red carpet of the Brooklyn Academy of Music's annual gala on May 30.

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf



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# New York Harbor Watch



**A HIGHER CALLING:** Captain Jacques Albertyn, Chaplain for the 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, found his calling for military chaplaincy in the classified ads of his local newspaper.

Maj. Thomas Cieslak

## He found his calling in the want ads

### HARBOR WATCH

For one chaplain serving in the 82nd Airborne Division, his calling did not come in the form of a thunderous voice or dramatic event. It came when he opened a local newspaper.

Army Capt. Jacques Albertyn, who serves as the battalion chaplain for the 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C., heard a soft voice while sitting in a church pew, third row from the front. He didn't think about it much until getting home and reaching for the newspaper.

"My calling happened March 10, 2002. Some people might have that big moment where God speaks to them in a thunderous voice or something dramatic happened in their lives that calls them to ministry," Albertyn said. "For me, it was a quiet voice."

Albertyn was born in Pinelands, a suburb of Cape Town, South Africa, in a hospital that was once a Catholic monastery. A Southern Baptist and endorsed by the Southern Baptist Convention, he attended New Orleans Baptist Theological

Seminary, Orlando campus, before joining the Army.

"Military chaplaincy is about selfless service; about giving yourself to others with no expectation of receiving anything else in return," he said.

Albertyn had just started a new career at a local company in Florida after immigrating to the United States when he heard that voice in church, that called him by name and said he should serve the people.

After getting home from church, Albertyn recalled praying to God to reveal which ministry to serve in. "As I opened the newspaper, there was a quarter-page advertisement about the need for U.S. Army chaplains to deploy to Iraq and Afghanistan," he said. "I looked at the ad, read it and went onto the next page, thinking to myself, 'That is not church.'"

"Each time I served in a church since that day, my wife would say, 'You do know this is not where God wants you to serve.' It might have taken me 14 years to get into the Army, but every day I serve as a chaplain is a blessing as I fulfill my true and direct calling from God."

## Mentor extraordinaire

### Colonel shares his experience with newbies



**LEADING:** Col. Raul E. Gonzalez, Integration and Assessments Division chief stationed at Fort Bliss, Tex., credits his time as an instructor at Virginia Tech's ROTC program for helping to develop his own style of leadership, which he refers to as "Hard Leadership."

Sgt. 1st Class Debra Richardson

### HARBOR WATCH

Mentoring new, inexperienced soldiers and giving them increasing levels of responsibility and authority is commonplace in the Army.

But how does the Army develop great leaders?

Army Col. Raul E. Gonzalez, the integration and assessments division chief stationed at Fort Bliss, Tex., grew up in the ranks of infantry and Ranger units. As a young captain, Gonzalez said, he was offered an opportunity take a teaching position at the Virginia Tech ROTC program in 1997. He credits this experience with helping to develop his own style of leadership, which he refers to as "Hard Leadership."

Gonzalez is participating in the Joint Warfighting Assessment 18 being held here.

"In the Army, especially in combat arms, physical training and understanding weapons systems and equipment are things you enjoy doing,

and you become very good at it, and it's a very competitive environment," Gonzalez explained. "When I transitioned to Virginia Tech, it was a very different environment. And, I had a very different type of leader."

In today's fast-paced environment, leaders can be overwhelmed with reports, training preparation and planning, maintaining physical fitness and medical readiness, and ensuring the readiness of hundreds of subordinates, all while maintaining awareness for today's complex, expeditionary environment. These competing priorities can hinder a leaders' ability to be attentive to soldiers and their morale.

While at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., Gonzalez fell under the leadership of retired Army Col. Dennis Cochran, who taught him many lessons on the hard things of leadership.

"He taught me how to be

compassionate; what care means in the whole vernacular of taking care of soldiers," Gonzalez said.

Cochran emphasized the need to watch over soldiers' mental and emotional well-being, Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez said it's easy to hold a leadership position, but the harder task is to be a little more humble, patient and understanding to truly connect with the human domain and improve an individual as a person and as a soldier.

"I've found that this is seldom talked about, especially in a combat arms environment, because it is typically more of a 'hooah hooah' environment where we are taught to put aside our emotions and our feelings," Gonzalez said. "In this culture, we fail to realize that humans are emotional beings with feelings and thoughts, and soldiers will perform a task much better if they know their leader understands that."





**SUPPLIES THE DEMAND:** Spc. Daimon Silva, poses in front of the NATO Role III Multinational Medical Unit sign, April 20, 2018, in Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. Silva is responsible for receiving, storing, recording and issuing medical supplies for units stationed at the airfield. Staff Sgt. Neysa Canfield

# He does a big job in a small space

## Army Spc. Silva is a force of one at base

**HARBOR WATCH**

Around the corner from the entrance to the military hospital on Kandahar Airfield in Kandahar, Afghanistan, there is a small office that belongs to the medical logistics team from the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division.

However, that team only consists of just one person: Army Spc. Daimon Silva, a medical logistics specialist assigned to the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team's Charlie Company, 704th Brigade Support Battalion.

Although his office may be small, Silva plays a big part in the War Horse Brigade mission.

An Army medical logistics specialist is responsible for receiving, storing, recording and issuing medical supplies that range from medication to medical equipment parts.

"[Medical logistics] is not an easy task," said Army Capt. Steven G. Oliveira, commander of Company C with the 704th.

"They provide the med-

ics, warfighters and the soldiers that are far forward the supplies they need to stabilize casualties and ensure they can get back to their families."

Leaders have to decide who to assign to run the mission as a one-person section.

**Competent, proficient**

"My first sergeant and I knew we had to choose someone we felt confident in, and Silva showed competence and proficiency in his job," Oliveira said.

As the brigade's medical logistics specialist, Silva is in charge of ordering, receiving, inventorying and distributing supplies from brigade and airfield-based units.

"Initially, [Silva] was going to support only the battalions within his brigade, but now his customer base is dependent on the units located on [Kandahar Airfield] as well," Oliveira said.

Silva said he enjoys doing his job.

"I feel like I am ahead of the

power curve compared to my peers," he said.

Silva attributes his success to staying focused on getting the supplies to their respective units.

"I have to make sure I order the correct items. Once they arrive, I have to inventory all the supplies to ensure I received everything the units asked for," he said. "For the units that are not on KAF, I have to repackage the supplies after inventory, do the paperwork for the supplies to be shipped out and take it to the airfield. But if I get anything wrong, the supplies won't get shipped, which will cause the unit not to have their supplies on time."

Silva's leaders have noticed his hard work. "He is performing above and beyond his rank and we are extremely proud of all the work he is doing here," Oliveira said of Silva.

Silva has been recommended for promotion to sergeant, and he plans on re-enlisting and making the Army a career.

# Borough son puts out the flames

**HARBOR WATCH**

Navy smoke-eater and Brooklyn native Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Arien Brett, simulates putting out a fire during a crash and salvage drill on the flight deck of the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Benfold (DDG 65).

Benfold is forward-deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations in support of security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.



**PUTTING THE FIRE OUT:** Logistics Specialist Third Class Arien Brett simulates a fire drill on deck of the USS Benfold. Anna Van Nuys

# She's become a leader in her field

**HARBOR WATCH**

After college graduation, Dannyel Butte worked as an admissions counselor. However, she wanted a more fulfilling career, something that made her feel like she was a part of a team.

After waiting nearly two years for a spot in a police academy, she decided to pursue other options. At age 24, her journey landed her in an Air Force recruiter's office.

Now she's an Air Force senior airman, and her life has changed.

"My perspective on life has transformed from not only myself, but to service," said Butte, who serves as a bioenvironmental engineering journeyman with the 325th Aerospace Medicine Squadron at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida.

"My goal is to do everything I can to better myself in order to be an effective member in the United States Air Force," she said.

Butte has worked in the bioenvironmental engineering field for more than two years. Bioenvironmental engineering airmen help reduce workplace health concerns throughout the Air Force. They help to establish the proper protective equipment that should be worn, develop safety procedures, and ensure Air Force facilities are in compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards.

Butte said she puts her best foot forward when accomplishing demanding tasks.

"I would say you get a lot of responsibility early on in the bio [environmental engineering] career field," said Butte, who hails from Findlay, Ohio. "This pushed me to achieve more than what is expected of me. I'm motivated by work, so if work presents itself, I want to perform my best."

Although Butte has served in the Air Force for less than three years, she has accomplished much.

She has been awarded one wing and several group quarterly awards. Butte also received a merit promotion to senior airman's rank in 2017.

"Butte is by far one of the sharpest airmen I know and she will continue to strive for excellence," said Air Force Senior Airman Gabriel Albano, Butte's supervisor.

As a result of her outstanding performance, Butte was selected to participate in the Airman Shadow program here, whereby airmen demonstrate their job duties to the base commander.

"Butte was my first choice for the Airman Shadow program," Albano said. "She constantly takes the initiative to become proficient in her job duties, applies her expertise to the programs she manages, and mentors others on- and off-duty."



# WHAT TO DO 24 SEVEN

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A people displaced: "The Sea of Common Catastrophe" follows a town in the aftermath of a disaster, and is also a metaphorical take on gentrification, said director Jeff Becker. *Melisa Cardona*

# Waving goodbye

## Play set underwater deals with displacement

By Alexandra Simon

Real estate is no better, down where it's wetter!

A New Orleans theater company will bring a surreal show about gentrification in an underwater city to Fort Greene's Irondale Center starting on June 15. "Sea of Common Catastrophe" will use video projections, original songs, and an eye-popping two-level set to examine how a city can change in the face of disaster, said its director.

"The show is an imagistic theater performance about the displacement and change in cities in the U.S. and throughout the world," said Jeff Becker. "A lot of these changes have positive and negative effects on neighborhoods, and it explores the complicity and complexi-

ties of it all."

The story, inspired by a passage in the Gabriel Garcia Marquez book "Sea of Lost Time," follows a seaside town drowned by the ocean, and what happens when its residents miraculously return and try to rebuild beneath the waves.

Becker, who lived in New Orleans during and after Hurricane Katrina, said that he saw first-hand how little those re-developing the city cared about its original residents.

"They invited in people who could afford to live there, and people who [had been] living there couldn't afford to come back," said Becker. "It was a clear distinction of race and class."

The one-hour show could take place anywhere, said Becker, but for the

Brooklyn production he filmed various blocks and buildings in Kings County to make the work feel more immediate.

"The work is visually stunning and our set design is visibly transforming with live musicians and video mapping," he said. "It feels like a dream world."

The Lafayette Avenue Inspirational Ensemble choir will join the four-member cast, singing original tunes based on stories about gentrification.

Becker and his company, ArtSpot Productions, want audiences to consider how it relates to their neighborhoods. After certain shows, community leaders in Fort Greene and Clinton Hill will join the actors to discuss how development has affected their communities.

"We are focused on arts and activism,

and we do shows about the environment, race, and gentrification and we're going to talk about the change and how it's affected Brooklyn," he said.

"The show itself is abstract and its universal. I want people to be concerned about how change happens, who comes in and who has left, and where there can be improvement. The goal for me is to inspire change, not judgment, and talk about the effect it can have on a neighborhood."

"Sea of Common Catastrophe" at Irondale Center [85 S. Oxford St. between Fulton Street and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 488-9233, [www.irondale.org](http://www.irondale.org). June 15-30, Wed-Sat at 8 pm, except June 21 at 7:30 pm. \$25 (\$10 on June 15, 16, and 21).



# 'MAID IN BKLYN

*Your guide to the annual Mermaid Parade*

By Julianne McShane

There is plenty to sea at the parade!

Next weekend the annual Mermaid Parade will sweep across Coney Island, bringing thousands of revelers decked out in their most flamboyant outfits in order to strut down the streets of Sodom by the Sea. Whether you want to march, or just watch, consult this guide to getting glittery gear, staking out a spot, and dancing the net away!

## Get mer-made up!

Whether you are on the sidelines or in the parade, you want to look your fin-est. Start your shopping spree at beauty emporium **Ricky's** (478 Bergen St. between Fifth and Flatbush avenues in Park Slope), where you can pick up all the colorful wigs, makeup, and body paint you need to go from pasty to Poseidon. Then head to **Havin' a Party** (8414 Fifth Ave. between 84th and 85th streets in Bay Ridge) or **Party City** (3849 Nostrand Ave. between Avenues Y and Z in Sheepshead Bay) to pick up the mermaid skirts, seashell bras, and tridents you need to complete your nautical metamorphosis.



**Queen of the Sea:** Musician Amanda Palmer will be the Queen of this year's Coney Island Mermaid Parade — accompanied by her husband, writer Neil Gaiman, who will be King Neptune. *Kyle Cassidy*

## Sea & be seen

The Mermaid Parade will kick off at 1 pm on Saturday, June 16, marching down Surf Avenue from W. 21st Street to the Cyclone roller coaster on W. 10th Street, where it will turn right and march back down the Boardwalk to the parachute jump. The procession will include antique cars, motorized floats, marching bands, thousands of scantily-clad aquatic partiers, and this year's Queen Mermaid and King Neptune: musician Amanda Palmer and writer Neil Gaiman.

But you don't have to be part of a group to march! Any individual can

register online at [www.coneyisland.com](http://www.coneyisland.com) for \$30 (\$15 for kids — but you should choose the "Family" section of the parade). If you wait until the last minute, you can sign up on the morning of the parade, from 10 am to 1 pm at Surf Avenue and W. 21st Street, where it will cost you \$35.

You can take in the classic view of the parade by joining the sea of crowds along Surf Avenue, anywhere from W. 21st Street to W. 10th Street. If you want to indulge in typical Coney Island delights like a Nathan's Famous frankfurter (at 1310 Surf Ave. at Stillwell Avenue) or take a spin on the Wonder Wheel, be sure to show up well before the 1 pm start time, because you will not be able to cross Surf Avenue until the parade ends around 4 pm. If you want the opportunity to bail early, stay on Surf Avenue, on the side away from the beach.

The best seats in town are at the Judges' Stand, at Surf Avenue and W. 19th Street. To join that coveted crew, you must sign up to be a member of Coney Island USA at the \$200 "Mermaid Parade Judge" level or higher, which comes with a guaranteed seat in the Judges' Stand, a t-shirt, refreshments, and a



**Under the sea:** Revelers crowd Coney Island's Surf Avenue and the Boardwalk every year for the annual Mermaid Parade. *Photo by Georgine Benvenuto*

vote for the best Mermaid Costume, Neptune Outfit, Marching Group, Sea Creature, and more.

Winners in each category will be announced at the Mermaid Parade Ball, on the rooftop of local eatery Kitchen 21, which will also feature a burlesque show starring the current Miss Coney Island, Gigi Bonbon, and a set from DJ La La Lina.

**Mermaid Parade Ball at Kitchen 21** (3052 West 21st St. at the Boardwalk in Coney Island, [www.kitchen-21.com](http://www.kitchen-21.com)). June 16; 5–11 pm. \$25 (\$55 VIP).

## Siren song

If you want to show off your outfit closer to home, there are plenty of options! Check out these parties, in Gowanus and Bushwick:

**Sea Creature Stomp at Gemini and Scorpio Loft** (255 Douglass St. between Nevins Street and Third Avenue in Gowanus, [www.geminianscorpio.com](http://www.geminianscorpio.com)). June 16 at 8 pm. \$10–\$20 suggested donation.

**Atlantis: Mermaid Parade After Party at House of Yes** (2 Wyckoff Ave. at Jefferson Street in Bushwick, [www.houseofyes.org](http://www.houseofyes.org)). June 16 at 10 pm. \$25 (costume required).



**Fun in the sun:** Three women enjoy the sunshine at the Turf Club, 23 floors above Williamsburg, now Brooklyn's loftiest bar. *Community News Group / Bill Roundy*

## High society

By Bill Roundy

Want to get really high? Brooklyn's most elevated bar has leveled up! The roof of the 22nd floor Westlight bar and restaurant, perched high atop the William Vale hotel, has been covered with deck chairs, artificial grass, and party games to become the Turf Club, a more relaxed alternative to the high-falutin' dining experience downstairs, according to the Vale's food director.

"Up here it's much more casual,"

said Misha Mariani. "You couldn't ask for a better place to relax."

One factor limiting entry is the \$20 admission charge, which includes one ticket. The rooftop's economy runs on \$6 tickets: a beer is one ticket, as is a corn dog, ice cream, or an enormous soft pretzel; two tickets will get you wine or a very good cocktail.

**Turf Club** [111 N. 12th St. at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 307-7100, [www.westlight-nyc.com/events](http://www.westlight-nyc.com/events)]. Opens Fridays at 4 pm; Sat–Sun at 2 pm. \$20.

## Dome light is on

*New artwork shines at Celebrate Brooklyn!*

By Julianne Cuba

This is an ivy-league sculpture!

Visitors to the opening night of the Bric Celebrate Brooklyn! Festival in Prospect Park may have been confused by the massive installation of tubes lighting up the lawn in front of the concert's Band Shell. The artist behind the light sculpture "Hedera" — the Latin word for ivy — says that is exactly the reaction she wants to provoke in viewers.

"My goal is to cause curiosity, even from the title," said Peruvian artist Grimanese Amorós, who lives in the distant borough of Manhattan. "I want to make them think."

Amorós said that she crafted her sculpture to mimic the weaving strands of ivy plants, as well as to echo the shape of the nearby band shell.

"Ivy kind of grows wild, so that's the relationship of the piece to the band shell, it weaves [around]



**You light up my life:** Artist Grimanese Amorós stands in front of her light-up sculpture "Hedera," currently on display in Prospect Park. *Photo by Jordan Rathkopf*

the environment," she said.

The snaking tubes of "Hedera" form a 40-foot-wide dome, 24 feet tall at its highest point. The pulsing red and white illuminated cylinders will hover over guests watching the concerts, which run from June 5 through August 11.

Amorós said she chose the

installation's vibrant red to contrast with the meadow's lush green — and because it is her favorite color.

"Hedera" at the Prospect Park Bandshell in Prospect Park (enter at Ninth Street and Prospect Park West in Park Slope, [www.bricarts-media.org](http://www.bricarts-media.org)). June 5–Aug. 11. Free.



**FRI, JUNE 8**

**MUSIC, AMERICANA FEST:** Pete Lancot and Ginger Dolden Blues. Free. 6–8pm. Brooklyn Bridge Park, Pier 2 [Joralemon Street at Furman Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-9939], [www.brooklyn-bridgepark.org](http://www.brooklyn-bridgepark.org).

**MUSIC, MARTIN MCQUADE:** The crooner celebrates music popularized by Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., and Dean Martin. Pianist Roman Ivanoff will accompany. Free. 7–10 pm. Lombardo's Pizza Shoppe [279 71st St. at Third Avenue in Bay Ridge, (718) 238-7100].

**THEATER, "INTO THE WOODS":** Narrows Community Theater presents the classic Stephen Sondheim musical about intertwined fairy tales and what comes after "happily ever after..." \$25 (seniors and students \$20, kids \$15). 8 pm. Fort Hamilton Army Base Theater (101st Street and Fort Hamilton Parkway in Bay Ridge), [narrowscommunitytheater.com](http://narrowscommunitytheater.com).

**SAT, JUNE 9**

**DANCE, FREE SALSA DANCE CLASSES:** No partner or experience needed. All are welcome. Free. 8 pm. Dance Fever Studios [159 20th St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 637-3216], [www.dancefeverstudios.com](http://www.dancefeverstudios.com).

**SPORTS, NIGHT NATION RUN BROOKLYN:** A combination music festival and fun run, with neon, black lights, and dee-jays. \$30–\$60. 8:30 pm. Aviator Sports and Events Center [3159 Flatbush Ave. in Floyd Bennett Field in Marine Park, (718) 758-7500].

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**SUN, JUNE 10**

**MUSIC, LOS LOBOS:** Free. 3 pm. Prospect Park Band Shell [Prospect Park West and Ninth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-8900], [bricartsmedia.org/cb](http://bricartsmedia.org/cb).

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**MON, JUNE 11**

**THEATER, "HENRY IV, PART 3":** Hard-drinking actors perform the final portion of Shakespeare's rarely-staged history play. Free. 8 pm. The Way Station [683 Washington Ave. between St. Marks Avenue and Prospect Place in Prospect Heights, (718) 627-4949], [www.waystationbk.com](http://www.waystationbk.com).

# WHAT TO DO 24 SEVEN EVENTS



Play your cards right: The Love Show Dancers will show off their tricks alongside magicians, musicians, and fire-eaters at "Double or Nothing: A Las Vegas Variety Show," at the House of Yes on June 15.

Kenny Rodriguez

**TUES, JUNE 12**

**MUSIC, BROWN RICE FAMILY:** Free. 6 pm. Manhattan Bridge Archway Plaza (155 Water St. between Adams and Pearl streets in

Dumbo), [dumbo.is](http://dumbo.is).

**WED, JUNE 13**

**MUSIC, THE DECEMBERISTS:** The indie-folk rock band plays. This is a ticketed Bric Celebrate Brook-

**THURS, JUNE 14**

**MUSIC, REGINA OPERA IN CONCERT:** A free, outdoor show of arias and Broadway hits. Free. 7 pm. Marine Park Flagpole Plaza [3000 Fillmore Ave. between Madison Place and Marine Parkway in Marine Park, (718) 259-2772], [www.reginaopera.com](http://www.reginaopera.com).

**FRI, JUNE 15**

**NIGHTLIFE, DOUBLE OR NOTHING:** A Las Vegas variety revue from the Love Show, with Elvis impersonators, drag, burlesque, and music. \$30–\$50. 7:30 pm. House of Yes (2 Wyckoff Ave. at Jefferson Street in Bushwick), [www.house-ofyes.org](http://www.house-ofyes.org).

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**SAT, JUNE 16**

**SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. STATEN ISLAND YANKEES:** \$12–\$19 (\$10–\$17 in advance). 6:30 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St. in Coney Island, (718) 449-8497], [www.brooklyncy-clones.com](http://www.brooklyncy-clones.com).



Mr. Smith goes to Brooklyn: Musician and baffling tweeter Jaden Smith will perform at the Soulfrito Urban Latin Music Fest at Barclays Center on June 8. Associated Press / Chris Pizzello

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**FRI, JUNE 8**

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

**WED, AUG 1**

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

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**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.

**FRI, AUG 3**

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

**THU, JUNE 21**

**SPORTS, NBA DRAFT:** \$33–\$256. 7 pm.

**SAT, AUG 18**

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

**TUE, JUNE 26**

**MUSIC, PARAMORE:** \$35–\$89. 7 pm.

**SUN, AUG 19**

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

**WED, JUNE 27**

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

**MON, AUG 20**

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

**WED, JULY 11**

**MUSIC, GOT7:** \$59–\$249. 8 pm.

**TUE, AUG 21**

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

**FRI, JULY 13**

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

**FRI, AUG 24**

**SPORTS, POWER 105 PRESENTS BIG3:** \$24–\$750. 7 pm.

**SAT, JULY 14**

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

**THU, AUG 30**

**MUSIC, DRAKE:** With the Three Migos. \$60–\$250. 7:30 pm.

**MON, JULY 16**

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

**FRI, AUG 31**

**MUSIC, DRAKE:** With the Three Migos. \$60–\$250. 7:30 pm.

**MON, JULY 27**

**ESPORTS, OVERWATCH LEAGUE GRAND FINALS:** \$60. 7 pm.

**THU, OCT 4**

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

**TUE, JULY 28**

**ESPORTS, OVERWATCH LEAGUE GRAND FINALS:** \$60. 3 pm.

**FRI, OCT 5**

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# HOPS AND STOPS

*New beer tour spills secrets of brewing*

By Bill Roundy

Don't miss the beer bust for the beer bus!

Brooklyn beer drinkers can now get a full head of beer knowledge while downing the borough's best brews! City Brew Tours, which offers tours at six other cities along the East Coast, launched its first trip through the Kings County's breweries at the end of May. Brooklyn's long history as a brewing center made it a natural stop for the company, said the man who developed the tour.

"The number one reason is because of Brooklyn's historical beer scene," said Isaac Bell. "We figured Brooklyn was going to be one of the tougher markets to get into, but we wanted to get in there, and then expand to the other boroughs."

During the tour, up to 13 beer enthusiasts pack into a van for a carefully curated trip to three of Brooklyn's breweries. At each stop on the four-hour tour, visitors can skip the lines, tour the facility, and sample at least four different beers. They also get a full meal with a beer pairing at one stop and a discussion of beer history.

This is not a drunken bro tour, Bell emphasized. The rules specifically prohibit drinking on the bus, as well as "pre-gaming" — boozing up before the tour starts.

"We're 100% trying to squash the mentality that we are a drunk bus," said Bell. "All over, you have these limo companies that are showing with people who are crushing



**Brew master:** Beer expert Isaac Bell led a City Brew Tour pizza and beer pairing at Circa Brewing in Brooklyn's Downtown.

Community News Group / Bill Roundy

Bud Light on the bus, and they're not bringing a great atmosphere. We want to respectful of our brewing partners, and make sure everyone has a good time."

The company wants people to leave the tour with their intact brain cells overflowing with beer knowledge, he said.

"We like to say that we're one part education, and one part entertainment," said Bell. "If it has to do with beer, we're going to cover how it should be experienced in a four-hour trip."

The tour guides will tailor their explanations to the experience level of the group, said Bell. Beer novices get a basic explanation of the brewing process, but a group of home-

brewers might get a detailed discussion of the nuances of the different hop varieties.

"If someone is a home-brewer, they'll let you know," he said.

The stops on the tour are deliberately diverse — a recent tour included a tour of the massive industrial tanks of Five Boroughs Brewing in Sunset Park, a trip to the pizzeria-and-brewery Circa, and the nano-brewery and distillery Interboro Spirits and Ales in Bushwick, and the company plans to add more brewery options soon.

*City Brew Tours [picks up at 147 Smith St. at Bergen street in Cobble Hill, (347) 429-8687, www.citybrewtours.com/nyc]. Thu-Fri at noon and 6:30 pm; Sat at 11 am and 5 pm; Sun at noon and 5 pm. \$115.*

## You'll be seeing stars in the Ridge!

By Julianne McShane

The stars are out in Bay Ridge this weekend!

Start your weekend off with music from jazz songbird Isabel Reardon, who will perform a free, two-hour set on Friday night at the **Brooklyn Firefly** (7003 Third Ave. at Ovington Avenue) beginning at 8 pm. The singer and pianist will perform tunes by stars of the scene, including Billie Holiday, Amy Winehouse, and others.

On Saturday, slide into the **BookMark Shoppe** (8415 Third Ave. between 84th and 85th streets), at 2 pm, when former Mets first basemen Keith Hernandez will discuss his baseball career, sign his new memoir "I'm Keith Hernandez," and talk about his unforgettable role in the Seinfeld episode "The Boyfriend." Purchase of the \$30 book is required for entry.



Once you've recovered from being star-struck, cruise down to the **Wicked Monk** (9510 Third Ave. between 95th and 96th streets) to take in pop hits from cover band Cause and the Effects. The group

takes the stage at 11 pm, and the cover fee will set you back \$15.

On Sunday, bring your family to the **Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd** (7420 Fourth Ave. at Bay Ridge Parkway), where the Children's Chorus of Bay Ridge will perform its Spring Concert. All proceeds from the suggested \$10-per-family ticket price go to an organization that supports Haitian children, the Children in Need Haitian Project. Kids can enjoy face painting and refreshments after the show, which starts at 3 pm.

Sunday night, head to **John Paul Jones Park** (101st Street and Fourth Avenue) to take in a free movie starring Sylvester Stallon as everyone's favorite boxer, "Rocky," which starts at 8:30 pm. Bring a blanket and snacks to enjoy two hours of pugilistic action under the stars.



**It's on:** Fans of the English football league cheer during a match screening at Banter in Williamsburg, which will show all of the World Cup games from June 14 to July 15.

Andrew Franz

## On the ball

*Where to watch the World's Cup*

By Alexandra Simon

The world's biggest game is back!

The month-long competitive football tournament known as the World Cup will start with a match between Russian and Saudi Arabia, at 11 am on June 14. The United States Men's National Team may not have qualified for the international soccer competition this year, but there will still be plenty of nail-biting action to watch — especially if you are a fan of a foreign team or player.

The games will take place in Moscow, and the time difference means that most of the matches will happen in the early morning or afternoon here in Brooklyn. But several local bars will open their doors early, so that lovers of the sport can enjoy a beer and an 8 am game. Here are a few places where you can watch:

### Classic match

At football beer bar Banter, which shows premier league and other European football clubs weekly, owner Chris Keller says he will screen all the World Cup matches. A German national, he says the bar is more than ready for the World Cup, and that watch parties are the best way to experience the international event.

"You can always watch it at home but it's more amplified, and it's definitely a nicer feeling to enjoy it with others," said Keller.

To commemorate the games, the saloon will offer some food options based on the countries that play each day, serving pierogies when Poland plays, and bratwursts when Germany is up, he said.

*Banter [132 Havemeyer St. at S. First Street in Williamsburg, (718) 599-5200, www.banterbrooklyn.com].*

### Double trouble

Black Forest Brooklyn's two locations, in Carroll Gardens and in Fort Greene, will each show all of the World Cup games on their 13-foot projection screens. Most visitors to the German beer halls will rooting for Team Germany, but fans of all teams are welcome.

*Black Forest Brooklyn, Fort Greene [733 Fulton St. between S. Elliot Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 935-0300, www.blackforestbrooklyn.com].*

*Black Forest Brooklyn Smith Street [181 Smith St. between Warren and Wyckoff streets in Carroll Gardens, (718) 522-1806].*

### Central cheering

Fans of Central American and Caribbean players should head to Michelle's Cocktail Lounge, which will show all of the World Cup games featuring the Panama and Costa Rica teams. Panama's win against Costa Rica in the qualifiers helped seal Team USA's fate, and another match-up between the two teams is highly anticipated. The lounge serves different traditional Panamanian food and appetizers daily.

*Michelle's Cocktail Lounge [2294 Bedford Ave. at Albemarle Road in Flatbush, (718) 284-1185].*

### Final countdown

You can catch the last few games of the World's Cup outside, in the Archway under the Manhattan Bridge! A screen there will show the semifinal games on July 10 and 11 at 2 pm, and the final match on July 15 at 11 am. You can bring chairs and blankets, and grab food from vendors along the Archway.

*Manhattan Bridge Archway [Water Street between Anchorage Place and Adams Street in Dumbo, dumbo.is/screening-the-world-cup]. Free.*



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Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 20, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, 11201, on June 28, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 621 EAST 77TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 7982, LOT 35. Approximate amount of judgment \$599,481.30 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 17-cv-3011. Gregory T. Cerchione, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 54111

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Approximate amount of judgment \$444,709.39 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 9451/2013. Nancy M. Schacher, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: May 9, 2018 54328

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**At IAS Part 72** of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Kings, located in Room 438 at 360 Adams Street Brooklyn, New York, on the 25th day of May 2018. ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE Index No. 510586/2018 PRESENT: Wavny Toussaint SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS -----X In the Matter of the Application of 8114 3rd Avenue, LLC, for the discharge and cancellation of record of a Mortgage on Tax Block 5996, Lot 45, situated in the County of Kings, City and State of New York. -----X On reading and filing the petition of Michael Honig, a member of 8114 3rd Avenue, LLC, verified on May 18, 2018, and the official search and

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affidavit of John Bauer, Esq., an attorney duly admitted to practice law in the State of New York, showing that, due to a lapse in time, the mortgage, dated April 8, 1975, from Anlimar Realty, Inc., and in favor of Labib Najjar, a/k/a Charles L. Najjar, as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Nicholas I. Najjar, in the principal amount of \$35,000.00 (the "Mortgage"), is deemed satisfied, pursuant to Section 1931 of the Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law, as an "ancient mortgage." NOW, upon motion of Peter Moulinos, Esq., attorney for the petitioner, it is hereby LET that Respondent show cause at a term of this court appointed to be held at the Courthouse in the County of Kings, in Room 525 Part 88 located at 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York, on the 11th day of July 2018, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, why said mortgage should not be discharged of record, pursuant to R.P.A.P.L. §1931, and it is further ORDERED that this order shall be published once per week for 4 successive weeks in Bay Ridge Courier, a newspaper published in the City of New York, in said County of Kings, and it is further LET that personal service of a copy of this order and of the papers on which it is granted upory upon the Register Kings County and the Secretary of State of New York, who is authorized to accept service of all papers on of the defendant, be deemed good and sufficient service if made on or before June 29th, 2018. ENTER: WAVNY HON. TOUSSAINT J.S.C.

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**1507 NOSTRAND OWNER LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/01/18. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail

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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 agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Eli Safi, 2171 East 21st., Brooklyn, NY 11229. General Purpose.

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**Brooklyn Canine Club LLC,** Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/12/2017. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 8209 5th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11209. General Purpose.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**DMYM LLC,** Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 11/12/2014. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to GHM Corp., P.O. Box 297213, Brooklyn, NY 11229. General Purpose.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Mac Media NYC LLC,** Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/3/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 421 99th St., Brooklyn, NY 11209. General Purpose.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of 105 Schenectady LLC.** Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY 2/23/17. Office Location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent for process. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: c/o The LLC, 306 Tompkins Ave., Storefront, Brooklyn, NY 11216. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of 60 SOUTH ELLIOTT LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/22/18. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 60 South Elliott Pl., Brooklyn, NY 11217. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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**Notice of Formation of 962 Pacific St LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 8/19/15. Office location: Kings County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Charles E. Boulbol, P.C., 26 Broadway, 17th Fl., NY, NY 10004. Purpose: any lawful activity.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of EMPOWERED WOMEN MODEL MANAGEMENT LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY

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(SSNY) on 04/04/18. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Maureen W. McCarthy, Esq., 362 Pacific St., #2, Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: ELEFANTE, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/22/2018. 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: UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE, SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: PNM PRODUCTIONS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/30/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 189 SCHEMERHORN ST. APT. PHA BROOKLYN, NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: BEST FOR LESS SEWER & DRAIN SERVICE, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/30/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE, SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.



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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: MVF ADVISORS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/27/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: MICHAEL FINA 8701 SHORE RD. APT. 341 BROOKLYN, NY 11209. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: ELECTRONIC SECURITY CHECK LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/26/2018. 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: ELECTRONIC SECURITY CHECK LLC 2152 RALPH AVE. SUITE 442 BROOKLYN, NY 11234. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SENECA STRATEGIES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/17/2018. 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: MONICA CAPPETTI KLEIN 476 CLINTON AVENUE #4C BROOKLYN, NY 11238. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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**Notice of formation of** NEW YORK EQUITY MANAGEMENT LLC, Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/06/2012. Office located in Kings County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to NEW YORK EQUITY MANAGEMENT LLC, 1202 Halsey Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: DIVERSIFICATION WORLD LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/03/2017. 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: SYLVIA V BROWN 1011 E 108TH STREET APT 1A BROOKLYN, NY 11236. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: JENNY MCCOY CONSULTING, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/14/2018. 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: JENNY MCCOY CONSULTING, LLC 545 WASHINGTON AVE. APT. 609 BROOKLYN, NY 11238. 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 upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 1799 East 14th St., Brooklyn, NY 11229. General Purpose.

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**Skyline 555, LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/30/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 555 McDonald Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11218. General Purpose.

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**THEDIETSODA LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/10/18. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as

agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 499 E. 8th Street, #7H, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**MEGAN MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, PLLC**, a Prof. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/16/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Attn: Megan Murphy, 136 Powers St. 2E, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: To Practice The Profession Of Mental Health Counseling.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**M WEINBERGER LCSW PLLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/13/18. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 4513 13th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Licensed Clinical Social Work.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Sabbagh & Erani Dental, PLLC**, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 5/23/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to Mitchell Sabbagh, 618 Avenue O, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Dentistry. Latest date to dissolve: 2/28/2048.

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