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HOT LIST

The Horticultural Society of New York presents



a viewing of the **Tablecape flower arrangements** for the New York Flower show dinner dance. Viewing is at 3 p.m. today at 135 W. 18th St. \$10 at thehort.org.



The Queens Botanical Garden, at 43-50 Main St., today will open a new art exhibit, **"Fish and Crushed Can Story,"** a mixed-media work by New York artist landry Randriamandroso.

A casting for the Oxygen reality show



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Galliano to teach master class at Parsons

Disgraced fashion designer John Galliano is continuing his public image rehabilitation with an upcoming stint teaching a master class at one of New York's leading design schools.

Galliano, who was fired by Dior in 2011 after he was caught on camera making anti-Semitic remarks in a Paris café, will teach a course titled "Show Me Emotion" at Parsons The New School For Design, the school said yesterday.

Parsons said the class "will be a dynamic and in-

timite opportunity for our students to learn from an immensely talented designer."

"We believe that over the past two years Galliano has demonstrated a serious intent to make amends for his past actions," the school added.

Earlier this year, the 52-year-old British designer, widely thought of as one of the most tal-

ent and creative names in fashion, spent several weeks working at Oscar de la

Renta's studio in New York. He helped pre-

pare for de la Renta's New York Fashion Week show in February.

A French court handed out an \$8,000 suspended fine to Galliano in 2011 after he was found guilty of anti-Semitic behavior.



Fashion designer John Galliano

(REUTERS)

GETTY

Iconic folk singer Richie Havens dies at 72

Folk musician Richie Havens, who opened the historic 1969 Woodstock music festival and energized the crowd with his version of "Motherless Child/Freedom," died of a heart attack yesterday at the age of 72, his talent agency said.

Havens, who emerged from the New York folk scene in the 1960s, died at his home in Jersey City, Roots Agency President Tim Drake told Reuters.

Havens' family said a public memorial would be announced later and asked for privacy.

"Beyond

his music, those who have met Havens will remember his gentle and compassionate nature, his light humor and his powerful presence," his family said in a statement.

Known for his driving

guitar and soulful covers of pop and folk songs, Havens recorded, performed and toured for more than four decades, using acoustic guitar music to champion the causes of personal freedom and brotherhood.

The Brooklyn native retired from touring three years ago.

Havens' improvised version of the gospel song "Motherless Child"

evolved into "Freedom" at Woodstock and became an anthem of the 1960s hippie generation.

(REUTERS)

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Rookie anchor fired for dropping F-bomb on air

A TV reporter's potty mouth got him canned.

A.J. Clemente was fired after his first day on the job at an NBC affiliate in Bismark, N.D., yesterday after saying "f-----s---" on the air Sunday, not realizing his microphone was live and the newscast was already being broadcast.

He was suspended immediately afterward, and the network quickly offered up an apology.

"He did not realize his microphone was on, but still, that's no excuse," the network said. "We train our reporters to always assume that any microphone is live at any time. Unfortunately, that was not enough in this case."

Clemente was ultimately fired over the error.

(TIM HERRERA)



A.J. Clemente

LATEST MOVE IN WAR ON CIGS

Pols propose raising legal age for buying smokes to 21

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After banning the butts from the bars, beaches and parks, the city is targeting young New Yorkers in its battle against smoking.

City Council Speaker Christine Quinn announced yesterday that Mayor Michael Bloomberg and a majority of the council support a new bill that would make

the Big Apple the first big city to raise the minimum age to buy tobacco products from 18 to 21.

Quinn said too many teenagers are getting hooked not only because they can start buying packs at 18 but because they often give cigarettes to their younger friends.

"Those people who are not smokers at the age of 21 are less likely to ever start," said Quinn, a mayoral hopeful.

Health Commissioner



SMOKING STATS

The Health Department says underage smoking has remained steady at

8.5%
since 2007.

Here are some other stats that the department provided:

25%

of public high school students under 18 who smoke purchased cigarettes in stores.

100,000

NYC residents between 18 and 24 smoke

90%

of people purchasing cigarettes for minors were between 18 and 20.

Raising the minimum age from 18 to 21 would decrease smoking

67%

among 14 and 17-year-olds and

55%

for 18 to 20-year-olds.

CHARLES ECKERT

(IVAN PEREIRA)

DECADE-PLUS OF BUTT BANS



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December 30, 2002

The mayor passes the ban on smoking indoors at restaurants and bars. The law went into effect on March 30, 2003.



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May 23, 2011

The smoking ban is extended to include city parks and beaches.



EPA

March 18, 2013

Bloomberg announces two bills to create a new minimum price for cigarettes and to ban open display of tobacco products in stores.

Thomas Farley, who announced the bill with Quinn, said that although the city's anti-smoking initiatives have significantly reduced the number of smokers, tobacco use among teens has remained flat at 8.5% since 2007.

Quinn said 20,000 public high school students smoke each year and raising the minimum age could reduce smoking between 18 and 20-year-olds by 55%.

"That will literally save lives," she said.

City Councilman James Gennaro, who introduced the bill, said the issue is personal for him. His mother, who died in 2002 of lung cancer, started smoking at 18 in 1946.

Gennaro introduced a similar bill in 2006 that lost steam once the mayor threatened to veto it because he didn't think it work. This time, however, Bloomberg is backing the bill, his spokesman said.

The council's Health Committee will discuss the

bill on May 2 and it is expected to pass when it reaches the full council.

Several Manhattan convenience store owners said the proposal wouldn't affect their businesses because the high cigarette tax keeps them from making much money on smokes. Sam Shaikh, 23, who works at Bleecker Grocery & Convenience, said he doubts it would curb teen smokers.

"There are a lot of young people that like to smoke and they're going to find

other ways to smoke," he said.

Audrey Silk, founder of Citizens Lobbying Against Smoker Harassment, a New York smokers advocate group, criticized the proposal, saying that the city is trying to "redefine adulthood" instead of promoting stronger enforcement of current regulations. "It's government paternalism at its worst," she said.

However, Dr. Cheryl Heaton, the dean of global

public health at NYU said the statistics speak for themselves: 80% of New York smokers started lighting up before 21.

"This is a step in the right direction," she said.

Olivia Bauer, 19, an NYU student who smokes, welcomed the idea, noting that many of her peers want to quit but the pressure makes it hard.

"When you come to college here, it's like a thing you try out," she said.

(WITH ANNA SANDERS)