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## Schneiderman resigns after accusations

4 women allege assault by N.Y. attorney general

BY DANNY HAKIM AND VIVIAN WANG  
NEW YORK TIMES

New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman, who has risen to prominence as an antagonist of the Trump administration and a defender of women's rights, abruptly resigned Monday night, hours after four women accused him of physically assaulting them in an article published on the New Yorker magazine's website.

privilege to serve as attorney general for the people of the State of New York," Schneiderman said in a statement. "In the last several hours, serious allegations, which I strongly contest, have been made against me. "While these allegations are unrelated to my professional conduct or the operations of the office, they will effectively prevent me from leading the office's work at this critical time. I therefore resign my office, effective at the close of business on May 8, 2018."

His resignation represents a stunning fall for a politician who had not only turned his office into a bulwark of resistance against President Trump, but also assumed a promi-

nent role in the #MeToo movement. Two of the women, Michelle Manning Barish and Tanya Selvaratnam, who spoke on the record to the magazine, said they had been choked and hit repeatedly by Schneiderman. Both said they had sought medical treatment. Another woman, a lawyer, said she was slapped violently across the face. A fourth woman also said she had similar experiences.

All the women in the article, who had been in relationships with Schneiderman, said the violence was not consensual.

Schneiderman initially denied abusing the women, saying in a

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**New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman, a champion of women's rights and the #MeToo movement, is abruptly leaving office today after report on New Yorker magazine site.**

New York Times file photo

## Looking to barbershops, salons to lower high blood pressure



Photos by Derek Gee/Buffalo News

Master Barber Lonnie Green puts a blood pressure cuff on customer Michael Clark as he sits for a haircut at Heaven Sent Community Barbershop as part of a new outreach effort to battle high blood pressure.

African-Americans suffer more than most

BY HENRY L. DAVIS  
NEWS MEDICAL REPORTER

Karen Booker plunked into a reclining shampoo chair after measuring her blood pressure with a hand-held monitor.

She knows how important it is to know the numbers behind the force that moves blood through vessels, especially for African-American adults, more than half of whom have high blood pressure.

"You need to get it checked. Afri-



**"Anything I can do to bring awareness, I'll try. You can be 18-19 years old and have high blood pressure and not know it." — Lonnie Green**

can-American women are in denial about taking their medications," she said on a recent afternoon at the Head Quarters Design Studio on Kensington Avenue.

Salon owner Tasha Burrell, standing a few feet away, nodded in agreement.

"Knowledge is power," she said. This is the low-tech side of health care, a community initiative in barber shops and hair salons in Buffalo and Niagara Falls to take on a condition considered the "silent killer" because it does its damage initially without obvious symptoms.

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## City's enrollment dips, but number of teachers grows

Emphasis on literacy, smaller classes, more special-needs students cited

BY JAY REY  
NEWS STAFF REPORTER

Despite a shrinking enrollment, Buffalo Public Schools have added more than 580 new teachers and staff to educate its students over the past four years.

Enrollment in the city school district is down 3 percent since the 2014-15 school year. Meanwhile, the number of full-time employees — mostly teachers and aides — is up 14 percent during that same period, district figures show.

Why?

Some of that has to do with

the school district's recent emphasis on literacy and lowering class sizes in the younger grade levels.

But a lot has to do with the changing population in the classroom, district officials said.

That overall drop in district enrollment to about 31,200 is largely attributed to more kids attending charter schools. However, the school system has seen a 3 percent rise in special-education students over the past four years and a 44 percent increase in English

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## Retired priest put on administrative leave

Diocese will reopen probe, bishop says

BY JAY TOKASZ  
NEWS STAFF REPORTER

A Diocese of Buffalo priest accused of having sexual contact with a teenage girl in the mid-1980s has been put on administrative leave.

Bishop Richard J. Malone will reopen an investigation into allegations that the Rev. Fabian J. Maryanski had sexual contact with a female parishioner of St. Patrick Church in Barker starting when the

**Rev. Fabian Maryanski is accused of sexual contact with a teen girl in the mid-1980s.**

girl was 15.

"This has been one of the most horrific things I and my family has ever had to endure, second only to the abuse itself, and we have hope that speaking out will bring healing to

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