

# Not to be missed

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## The evolving city



A quick spin through Downtown and the Ohio State University area reveals there is a lot of construction going on around town. Here, work continues at the National Veterans Memorial & Museum site on the left — the former site of Veterans Memorial — and on an underground parking garage next to COSI. The Scioto River is at the top. [CRAIG HOLMAN /DISPATCH, ABOARD WBNS CHOPPER 10]

## NEW YORK

# Double-amputee Marine vet now a cop

By Frank Eltman  
The Associated Press

BRENTWOOD, N.Y. — The wounded warrior is now a cop — and he'll be walking the beat on titanium legs.

Matias Ferreira, a former U.S. Marine Corps lance corporal who lost his legs below the knee when he stepped on a hidden explosive in Afghanistan in 2011, is joining a suburban New York police department.

The 28-year-old graduated Friday from the Suffolk County Police Academy on Long Island following 29 weeks of training.

The 6-foot-1, 215-pound rookie passed all the physical training and other requirements just like any other recruit, including running a mile and a half in around 11 minutes. He begins patrols next week, a department spokesman said.

"I just really want to be able to help people," said Ferreira, who immigrated to the U.S. from Uruguay as a child. "I



Double amputee Matias Ferreira, 28, celebrates his police-officer graduation Friday with, from left, his wife, Tiffany, his 2-year-old daughter and his mother at the Health, Sports and Education Center in Suffolk, Long Island. [ANDRES KUDACKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

want to be involved in the community, and the police department definitely allows you to do that."

Ferreira was on patrol in Afghanistan on Jan. 21, 2011, when he jumped off a roof in a compound suspected of being a Taliban outpost.

"As soon as I landed I knew something was wrong because it was like a movie

almost. I heard a noise and everything went black," he said. A bomb had gone off beneath his legs, amputating both below the knees. "I just saw blood throughout my pants."

He was evacuated to a local hospital. Within days, he was back in the U.S. being treated for his injuries. Three months later he was wearing

prosthetic legs.

"I was up and walking in prosthetics and really just starting my new life," he said.

That new life has included many activities he had never tried before the explosion. He has played on a softball team of wounded warriors. He skydives, scuba dives, snowboards and rides a motorcycle.

Raised in Georgia, he met his future wife, Tiffany, when his softball team played a game on Long Island in 2012. The couple now has a 2-year-old daughter.

After working as a steam-fitter, welding while hanging off bridges and overpasses, Ferreira decided to take the exam to become a police officer. He scored a perfect 100, and his fellow recruits later elected him class president.

"He has served this great country with outstanding distinction, and will now serve and protect the residents of Suffolk County," Police Commissioner Timothy Sini said in a statement.

## CELEBRITIES

# Mayer can't get Perry out of his hair

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — John Mayer's new single, "Still Feel Like Your Man," is about ex-girlfriend Katy Perry.

Lyrics for the upbeat-but-wistful single include, "I still keep your shampoo in my shower in case you want to wash your hair." In an interview with The New York Times, Mayer rhetorically asks "who else would I be thinking



Mayer



Perry

about?" but Perry.

Mayer added that "it's a testament to the fact that I have not dated a lot of people in the last five, six years."

Mayer has had other high-profile girlfriends over the years, including Jessica Simpson and Taylor Swift.

The singer told the Times he uses an exclusive dating app these days.

## MOVIES

# Amy Schumer playing Barbie? Not happening

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Amy Schumer won't be playing Barbie after all.

Variety reports that the comedian has dropped out of a live-action film based on

the Mattel doll because of scheduling conflicts. Variety said the movie was scheduled to start shoot-

ing June 23, but Schumer has a lengthy promotional tour for her comedy, "Snatched," which opens in May. She's also set to begin shooting "She Came to Me" with Steve Carrell soon.

The magazine said Sony needed to stick to a June 29, 2018, opening date for the Barbie film, because merchandise surrounding the film's release is already in the works.



Schumer