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TRAGEDY TIMES TWO

8-year-old, 50-year-old killed in bike accidents

By Sarah Portlock
The Brooklyn Paper

A bike rider was run over and killed by a school bus on a busy Park Slope street on Wednesday — the second cyclist killed in four days.

The death of 50-year-old Jonathan Millstein killed when his bicycle collided with a turning school bus at the intersection of Eighth Avenue and President Street, and 8-year-old Alexander Toulouse, who was run down by a postal truck at Livingston Street and Boerum Place in Downtown on Saturday, were fresh reminders that even as biking soars in popularity, two-wheelers and four-wheelers are still finding it hard to share the road.

"Our streets have not caught up to who's using them," said Wiley Norvel, a spokesman for the bike advocacy group, Transportation Alternatives. Witnesses said Millstein, who lived in Boerum Hill with his wife and two sons, had been wearing a helmet during his crash, which occurred just after 8 a.m. There were no children on board the bus that killed him, and police did not issue a summons or arrest the driver, cops said.

A spokeswoman for the bus operating company, Atlantic Express Transportation Corp., said the professional driver has an otherwise clean driving record and is "extremely safe."

Toulouse's death on Saturday sent a similar shockwave through Downtown.

The 8-year-old and his father, Christopher, were on an afternoon ride near their Cobble Hill home when the truck ran over him. Cops did not charge the driver for the accident.

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Bonnie Steinsnyder and Chris Toulouse mourn their 8-year-old son, Alexander Toulouse, who was struck and killed by a postal truck at the corner of Livingston Street and Boerum Place on Saturday.



A bicycle rider was killed in a collision with a school bus just after 8 a.m. on Wednesday at the corner of President Street and Eighth Avenue in Park Slope.

Some don't want bike lanes

By Ben Muessig
The Brooklyn Paper

Opponents are calling on the city to put the breaks on a one-and-a-half-mile portion of a bike route that would stretch from Newtown Creek to Sunset Park — saying Williamsburg doesn't need more bike lanes.

"There is already a bike lane on Wythe Avenue — now they want a bike lane on Kent Avenue?" Simon Weisser, a member of Community Board 1, told his fellow board members at a Sept. 8 meet-

ing. "You can't accommodate every single street with a bike lane." Weisser and others argued that the Department of Transportation should not stripe Kent Avenue — the first phase of the so-called Kent Avenue Greenway, a stretch of biking and walking paths that are separated from car traffic — until further review.

Weisser wants to see the existing bike lanes — on Wythe and Bedford avenues — eliminated when the Greenway is done.

He added that "the whole community" is behind him, a reference

to South Williamsburg's strong Hasidic bloc. But the board rolled over Weisser's call.

"He sees the Greenway as a way to eliminate the bike lanes, but they don't have the same function," said Teresa Toro, chair of the Transportation Committee.

The one-way lanes on Bedford and Wythe avenues are necessary commuter routes that connect Williamsburg with Central Brooklyn, while the greenway on Kent Avenue would be more like a "linear park" than a bike lane, Toro said. See HIT on page 13

Squadron swamps Connor, Towns wins big

McMahon and Stranieri to face off for Fossella seat; Cohen's a judge

The Brooklyn Paper

A 28-year-old upstart candidate for a Brooklyn Heights state Senate seat beat a man who has been in office longer than the challenger has been alive — the lone upset in the area's four main primary elections on Sept. 2.

Longtime incumbent Rep. Ed Towns cruised to victory over hip-hop writer and inspirational speaker Kevin Powell in the Democratic primary for the 10th congressional district, while Councilman Mike McMahon (D-Staten Island) demolished Bay Ridge lawyer Steve Harrison for the Democratic nomination for the 13th congressional district seat being vacated by scandal-tarred Rep. Vito Fossella.

In the GOP primary for the same seat, former Assemblyman Robert Stranieri crushed Jim Wynne. Here's all the news and notes:



Newcomer Daniel Squadron thrashed 30-year incumbent Marty Connor.

Daniel Squadron, 12,912 (54%)
Marty Connor, 10,980 (46%)

State Senate, District 25 (Brooklyn Heights, DUMBO, Williamsburg, Cobble Hill and Carroll Gardens)

One of the city's most-bitter campaigns, which pitted well-financed and Mayor Bloomberg-endorsed newcomer Squadron against 30-year incumbent Connor, ended with a relatively easy victory for the first-time candidate.

For most of the year, Squadron, who lives off a sizeable trust fund established by his late father, the powerhouse lawyer Howard Squadron, had been hammering away at Connor, depicting him as a key cog in a moribund Albany machine. He also took swipes at Connor's ethics, citing everything from legal campaign contributions from real-estate developers to Connor's purchase of a Brooklyn Heights apartment for just \$12,000 in 1994.



Councilman Mike McMahon won the Democratic nod to replace Vito Fossella.

Connor fought back, claiming that Squadron, at age 28, was too inexperienced to know the ways of the world, let alone Albany.

Knowledge or not, Squadron showed intense energy on the campaign trail, issuing position papers as quickly as they could be printed — and all the while, Connor complained that he was busy in Albany doing the people's business.

Speaking to 300 supporters at a Chinatown restaurant last Tuesday night, Squadron said "the first thing [that came to mind when he heard that he'd won] was what an amazing job these staffers did."

Later, he paid tribute to Connor, saying, "It was a good race and we really should honor his 30 years of service."

Reached by cellphone later, Connor said, "I've enjoyed representing the people for nearly 30 years, but I look forward to having Ed Towns back on page 13



Rep. Ed Towns feels good after beating upstart Kevin Powell.



Throng turned out for what could be the last day of Astroland. Its owner says she can't get a lease from landowner Joe Sitt.

Once again, it's Lastroland

By Mike McLaughlin
The Brooklyn Paper

Coney Island's beloved Astroland amusement park closed on Sunday — apparently for good, despite a last-ditch city effort to eke out another year for the 46-year-old carnival.

City officials told The Brooklyn Paper that they tried to negotiate with the area's main landlord, The Equities, but those talks "went nowhere," said Astroland owner Carol Albert.

The failure of those negotiations means the sun has set for the Space Age-themed theme park — a fate that was set into motion in 2006 when Albert sold her land to The Equities for \$30 million. She and her rides remained on site because Thor gave her two one-year leases.

But this year, Thor did not offer Albert an extension by her self-imposed deadline of Thursday, Sept. 4 — so she closed the place down. The closure set about a mad scramble at the amusement park, as

huge throngs crowded the park, delaying the schedule 9 p.m. closing until after midnight. The lights on each of the park's 22 rides were turned off one by one with the final darkness descending after the illuminated Astro Tower was lowered to the ground.

"There were a lot of crying children," Albert said. Earlier in the day, the Circus Amok troupe used the closing as a leitmotif for a show that hit all the key circus notes: juggling, acrobatics, mime and the exploita-

tion of the underclass. In addition, Dick Zagan — the self-proclaimed "mayor of Coney Island" and founder of the Coney Island Circus Sideshow — and the showboating Rev. Billy gave last rites to the moribund Astroland, which stands near West 10th Street and Surf Avenue.

The duo also tried The Equities' owner Joe Sitt in a kangaroo court for "his travesty" that allows Astroland to close while Sitt and Mayor Bloomberg fight for con-

See ASTROLAND on page 13



"Gal Friday" is crowned Miss Coney Island by former pageant winner Bambi.

Fake pageants, real nudity

By Ben Muessig
The Brooklyn Paper

Brooklyn got a double dose of half-naked irony last Friday with dueling satirical beauty pageants glorifying Coney Island's trashy vaudeville soul and celebrating Williamsburg's famous irony.

Miss Coney Island

In the sixth annual burlesque show pageant, seven burlesque and bawdy ladies (and one transverse) stripped, strutted and grinded their way across the stage at Coney Island USA's Surf Avenue theater.

"The girls get pretty serious about it, but it's kind of a spoof and parody of your typical beauty pageant," said "Bambi the Mermaid," a former contest winner

who is now the brain's behind the scantily clad operation.

Stealing the show and the hearts of the beer-guzzling audience was "Gal Friday," a 27-year-old striper who vowed "to start acting again" if she won the crown, the sash and one year's worth of hugging rights that makes her the Miss Coney Island the fantasy of up-and-coming exotic dancers from Queens to Parisippuy.

In spite of her win, she's keeping her heels on the ground. "Miss Coney Island is wonderful, but it's not going to pave the way for me for the rest of my life," she said.

"Tilliting the audience and propelling her to victory was her admittedly atonal a cappella version of 'My Country 'Tis of Thee'" and followed up with a

rousing version of "America! F— Yeah!" from "Team America: World Police."

"God bless America," said a man in the third row.

Miss Williamsburg

Two scenesters took the titles of Mr. and Miss Williamsburg in a pageant mired in controversy.

CJ Johnson earned the tiara thanks to her unique "talent," guzzling a can of Pabst Blue Ribbon beer while simultaneously removing her panties.

Johnson's complicated maneuver gave her an edge over rivals — whose talents included blogging and complaining.

Despite the fun, contestants claimed that the whole event, in the sweaty back room of the

North Eighth Street bar Supreme Trading, was a set-up.

Organizer Misha Calvert said she created the event to fulfill the community service sentence she received after shoplifting two 40-ounce bottles of Colt 45 from a Williamsburg bodega.

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Now that's talent: Miss Williamsburg winner "CJ" won by drinking beer and doffing her drawers.

The Boar's heading to Court St.

'F. Martinella' a wild pig concept

By Sarah Portlock
The Brooklyn Paper

Downtown Brooklynites will be unspicing guinea pigs at a new deli on Court Street: the Italian-sounding F. Martinella delicatessen near State Street is actually a retail concept store for the Boar's Head cold-cut conglomerate.

The old-fashioned-style delicatessen will offer Boar's Head meats and cheeses, as well as salads, soups, coffee and bread baked by local hands — but when the quick-service restaurant opens at the end of September, its partner companies — Boar's Head Provisions and Deli Holdings LLC — will be studying customer habits, service and selling programs, and how its products move throughout the store, explained spokeswoman Ruth Ann LeMore.

"It's a greenhouse to develop and test new product concepts ... and respond to the ever-changing marketplace," she said. "We want to understand the retail environment and to test new products, test new concepts, and bring them out to our retail distributors and partners."

As for the "proper" sounding deli name, it's an aggregate of the company heads' See BOAR on page 13



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Seamus O'Toole, 58

Eamonn's co-owner dies in stairway fall

By Sarah Portlock
The Brooklyn Paper

Seamus O'Toole, the co-owner of the beloved Brooklyn Heights bar and restaurant Eamonn's and a de facto "Mayor of Montague Street," has died. He was 58.

O'Toole died on Saturday from massive head injuries stemming from an accidental fall in a stairway at one of his new restaurants in Manhattan, said a spokeswoman for the Medical Examiner's office.

"We're all devastated," said longtime customer Samaris, who earned the nickname "Lucky Larry" from O'Toole. "We lost a dear friend and good guy ... who just knew everybody by name."

A very charitable man, O'Toole's sincere role in the community was evident in the numerous plaques and wards lining the walls of his restaurant, including praise from the Red Cross, Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, and New York Fire Department.

Borough President Markowitz fondly remembered O'Toole as a popular figure in the area, always happy to open his doors to anyone.

"He was a leader in the Irish-American community and a prominent business member of Downtown Brooklyn, and especially Montague Street," Markowitz said. "He will be missed."

The saloon opened in the mid-1990s at 174 Montague St. and was a favorite spot among area office workers, lawyers, jurors and business owners — and a popular setting for meetings and parties in its second-floor event space.

The restaurant is expected to stay open — "Seamus would want it open," Samaris said.

Friends and family streamed into his wake on Tuesday and Wednesday, which was held at McLaughlin & Son's Funeral Home in Bay Ridge. A mass was scheduled for Thursday at 10:45 am at St. Bernadette's Church in Dyker Heights, where O'Toole lived.

O'Toole is survived by his wife, Catherine; two young children, Ryan, 8, and Saoirse, 4; and two older boys from his first marriage, Aaron and Cathal.



Seamus O'Toole, co-owner of Eamonn's was a Montague Street fixture.

O'Toole's family has requested that supporters donate money to St. Jude's Children Hospital or to the Community Mayors Association in lieu of flowers.

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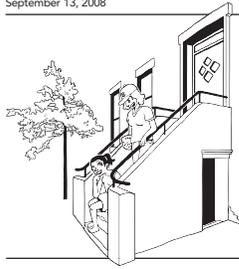
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DUMBO

The city tore down this wall

By Sarah Portlock
The Brooklyn Paper
Long-divided DUMBO was reunited on Monday when the city finally reopened a walkway under the Manhattan Bridge to pedestrian traffic.
The Manhattan Bridge archway, which is actually a portion of Water Street between Adams Street and Amersbach Place, will now serve the public as a plaza and walkway between East DUMBO and West DUMBO — which have developed different cultures and customs over the years, despite their proximity.
By next fall, in time for the bridge's 100th birthday in October 2009, it will expand to a full-fledged venue with \$500,000 in benches, elaborate lighting, and landscaping.
"It's like the reunification of Berlin," said DUMBO's councilman David Yassky, referring to the fall of the Berlin Wall. "The reality is that [the wall] has been a needless division of two points of the neighborhood. ... It's a magnificent public space that once connected the eastern and western part of Water Street."
If Yassky's comment sounds over the top, you don't know DUMBO. Around about the time that President Reagan was in Berlin telling Mikhail Gorbachev to "tear down this wall," the city was doing the opposite for its once-united DUMBO residents, sealing off the 2,000-square-foot archway that once connected the eastern and western part of Water Street.
Yet even as the Berlin Wall fell, the Cold War ended, the Soviet Union collapsed and Reagan got an airport named after him, the Department of Transportation continued to use the spot to store equipment.
For several years, the DUMBO Improvement District has pushed for the archway to be turned into a walkway so that West DUMBO residents, eager to sit in the Pearl Street Triangle or access the furniture shops along Jay Street, or East DUMBO residents hoping to visit a gallery or get a Jacques Torres cookie, would no longer be forced to circumnavigate the bridge or go out of their way by using Front Street.
Now, between 8 am and 4 pm, into DUMBO pedestrians can stay on Water Street. The thoroughway will be fully open for 24 hours a day next fall.
Improvement District Execu-



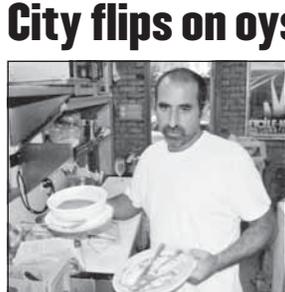
The Department of Transportation finally unsealed a corridor between East and West DUMBO.

Director Kate Kerrigan said she hopes to include art exhibits by local artist groups and events in the space, starting in the fall once the preliminary restoration work is finished.

"It's something that the whole community's been looking to achieve, and it's really about the connectivity, recapturing of open space," said Kerrigan. The well-received opening of this public space comes just weeks after the Department of Transportation gave itself a black eye by seizing another neighborhood open space, the just-cleared area under the Brooklyn Bridge where the 1920s-era Purchase Building had stood. That building was knocked down by the Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation to build a grand public plaza that was set to open next fall — until the city took it back for at least another five years.
"They got this one right at least," said one Brooklyn Bridge Park insider.

CARROLL GARDENS

City flips on oyster bar



Restaurateur Jim Mamary, seen here in his Ditmas Park eatery, Pommes de Terre, is facing new troubles in his effort to open an oyster bar on Hoyt Street.

By Mike McLaughlin
The Brooklyn Paper
The city reversed itself and halted work on an embattled raw bar being built on a residential block of Hoyt Street in Carroll Gardens.
The Department of Buildings on Aug. 21 stopped construction at prolific Brooklyn restaurateur and bar-owner Jim Mamary's latest venture, planned for around the corner from his Black Mountain Wine Bar at Union and Hoyt Street. The new, still-unnamed, restaurant has been under fire since January, when neighbors rose up against Mamary's application for a liquor license.
Back then, the Buildings Department gave Mamary a permit fully knowing he intended to build an eating and drinking establishment, according to city records.
But then, amid neighborhood complaints about Mamary's plans, the city reviewed the project and, in August, took issue with the restaurateur's plans.
"The objections related to the proposed use of the site as an eating and drinking establishment," department spokeswoman Carly Sullivan said.
She did not say why the work was halted. She also declined to say why the agency revisited a project that it had approved only months earlier.
Mamary hopes to restart his project after meeting with the Buildings Department.
"I'm not emotionally attached to it. It's just business," he said. "But I am going to do what it takes to get the project back in line."
It's not the first time that the project has faced a bumpy road. In January, neighbors launched the high-profile campaign to get Community Board 6 to reject Mamary's bid for a liquor license — though the board ultimately sided with Mamary.
At the time, opponents said that an additional watering hole

on the block might upset their quiet corner of Carroll Gardens and turn it into a junior version of Smith Street, a bon vivant's paradise.
"It really threatens our way of life," Mary Hedge said back then.
Hedge and others who criticized the project could not be reached for comment about the Department of Building's work-stoppage.

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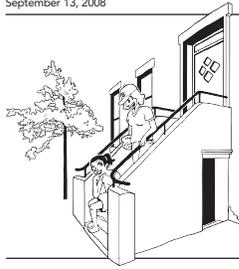
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BAY RIDGE

'Time' is up for Green Church

By Ben Muessig
The Brooklyn Paper

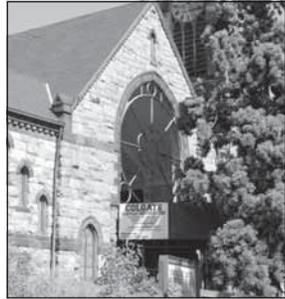
It might be too late to save the "Green Church," but preservationists are hoping they can rescue a tiny piece of the emerald-stoned house of worship's history before the wrecking ball arrives next week — a time capsule.

In 1899, the founders of the Bay Ridge United Methodist Church — then called the New Grace Methodist Episcopal Church — tucked some period relics behind the church's cornerstone.

"In the little copper box which was placed in the corner stone were Bible, a hymn book, a book containing the names of the members of the Ladies Aid Society, the Epworth League and the Building Committee; a photograph of Simon De Nyne, now deceased, a pioneer Methodist in the Bay Ridge section; a history of the church, a picture of the first church of the Methodist denomination in the vicinity, which was erected on Covenhoven's lane in 1830; a picture of the second church, which stood on Stewart avenue, and a photograph of the present church," the Oct. 22, 1899, edition of the long-defunct Brooklyn Eagle reported.

"There was also a copy of a newspaper, containing the account of the capture of Manila by Dewey, in the box," the Eagle reported.

Church officials think that the time capsule — and all the 19th-century leftovers with it — is still behind the cornerstone.



The Green Church contains a century-old time capsule in its cornerstone (right). Its stained glass windows have been removed (above).

"When we do the demolition, we'll look into it," said Pastor Robert Emerick, who has succeeded in his quest to tear down the gorgeous, but difficult-to-maintain, structure, sell the church's land at the corner of Ovington Avenue, relocate the 211 bodies buried on the grounds, and build a smaller, more modern and more manageable house of worship that better fits the city congregation.

The demolition is pending Department of Buildings approval, but workers have already removed many of the church's stained glass windows. For some of the preservationists who rallied and petitioned to save the historic church, retrieving the time capsule is crucial.

"If the building comes down, the time capsule needs to be taken care of," said Eric Rooda, a member of the Committee to Save the Green Church. "On top of everything else, I would hate to see that piece of history lost as well."

But for other activists, the time capsule can't stand in for the soon-to-be demolished church.

"When you compare the time capsule to the whole experience of what is happening — remains being moved, the church being stripped, and the crosses being taken down — this is so minuscule," said Victoria Hofmo, who is a member of the committee. "The time capsule isn't the only part of the church that might be salvaged."

Over the last two weeks, workers from the architectural antique shop "Oldie Good Things" have been stripping the church clean.

An employee told The Brooklyn Paper that the company can rescull "any architectural details, all the way down to the boards in the wall. It could be stained glass, it could be lighting. It could be the pews. It all depends on the building."

All of the salvage work going on this week at the church is mere prelude to the demolition of the building itself, which is expected to begin next week. For months, local preservationists have sought a way to save the church from the wrecking ball, but the congregation held firm that demolition was necessary.

PARK SLOPE

Eco-grocer folds its tent in Slope

By Sarah Portlock
The Brooklyn Paper

It wasn't high rent, but overly zealous environmentalism, that ultimately did in the Pumpkin's Organic Market — an irony, considering that the one neighborhood where the eco-friendly grocer might have had a chance was crumby of Park Slope.

Two years ago, Pumpkin's owner and longtime Slope resident Christina Cassano did away with landfill-clogging disposable coffee cups and insisted her customers buy their grains, spices, and other sundries in bulk rather than in wasteful small packages. But despite those Earth-bugging moves, the customers never came in droves: within the next few months, the Eighth Avenue natural foods store will close.

"Our whole goal here was just to reduce waste and to inform people about what is going on [when we pollute the environment]," Cassano said. "We were really trying to educate people, so it's been disappointing, the response."

This week, Cassano admitted that the Tuesday after Labor Day was her worst day in six-and-one-half years. The closing of the market, which is at 13th Street, comes as several new markets moved into the area, including Union Market one block away on Seventh Avenue between 12th and 13th streets, and the 12th Street market's recent changeover from run-of-the-mill bodega to a more unique organic produce bodega.

When Fairway opened in Red Hook in 2006, it didn't help things either, Cassano said. But in the face of such serious competition, Cassano went vegan and unveiled more green touches, including selling laundry detergent to people who brought their own containers. Some found a certain charm to bringing mugs for one's morning coffee or empty bottles for cleanser, but not everyone appreciated the larger goal of saving the planet.

"I went in there to buy a cup of coffee on Sunday — you know, to show some support for the little guy — and the guy behind the counter says to me, 'Do you have a cup?'" recounted one longtime Park Slope resident. "I try to be environmental, but for want of a simple, two-cent recycled paper cup, they lost a \$1.50 sale. And I might have even bought a vegan cookie, too!"

It's somewhat odd that in a place like Park Slope, where even the very unfriendly Food Co-op watches its membership grow each year despite work requirements and a recent ban on bottled water and plastic bags, Pumpkin's couldn't quite master success.

"They had a nice run, and they were [environmentally-sound] for real, with the canvas bags and the bottles to refill your laundry detergent," said Slope resident Diane Fitzgerald, 32. "It is such a great concept, but people are just too conventional." Ux next for Cassano is a move to Minneapolis later this fall, where she said she wants to open a new food store.

— with Michael Lipkin

PARK SLOPE

Now the whole park's gone

City tears up part of field before other rehab is done

By Sarah Portlock
The Brooklyn Paper

Two sets of playing fields in J.J. Byrne Park have been rendered useless as the city began renovating the northern section of the park before a private developer finished his long-over-

due, and city-mandated, rehab of the southern park.

"The situation is intolerable," said Community Board 6 District Manager Craig Hamnerman of the park, which is



The Parks Department has begun work on the ballfield and handball courts on the north side of J.J. Byrne Park — before the south side is done.

bordered by Third and Fourth streets and Fourth and Fifth avenues. "We have park users who have been more than patient and reasonable and, frankly, we're going to have to take a look at what other options we have."

In 2005, the city let developer Shaya Boyemgreen, who is developing the Novco condos at 343 Fourth Ave., use the southern handball courts and cement ballfield as a staging area for his 12-story, 113-unit behemoth.

In return, Boyemgreen was required to complete the renovations before his residents could move in.

The first deadline in 2006 came and went, as did the most recent deadline on Aug. 27, yet Boyemgreen was given a temporary certificate of occupancy in June anyway, said a Department of Buildings spokeswoman. "Tenants are moving in, and the whole situation is outrageous," Hamnerman said.

"Boyemgreen negotiated in good faith a plan to make the park whole again, and they have been unable to meet any of their deadlines for completion," he explained. "They're under an agreement with the Parks Department to repair the park before they would be allowing people to move in."

Park spokesman Phil Abramson said the agency still believes that Boyemgreen will make good on his promised \$16-million renovation, which will include new handball courts, basketball courts, a dog run, a garden, and a skate park.

Abramson added that the city didn't want to hold up its own renovations of the park and started its \$3-million renovations to convert an asphalt yard to a synthetic turf field. Playground renovations will begin once the field renovations are complete.

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Hunt goes on for the Mad Smashes

84TH PRECINCT

DUMBO—Brooklyn Heights Downtown-Boerum Hill

Cops have narrowed their search for two teens who smash cars in windows in DUMBO, and now suspect two teenagers from Vinegar Hill, a source said on Tuesday. The search began two weeks ago when cops arrested a career criminal for a spate of car break-ins — but then at least six cars were broken into after the suspect was in jail. The cop said that one victim — and a witness — later identified the two teens in a photo lineup. The officer said the NYPD had beefed up patrol in the area to find the punks.

"They have a criminal history," the cop said. "The detective squad has the names, and they're just looking for the kids."

But there were no break-ins this week, the cop said, presumably because the kids are back in school and, on Saturday, the rain kept everyone inside.

Shoof! A chuff!

A burglar broke into a Hicks Street apartment building on Sept. 7 by opening through the front door mail chute, cops said. The man then reached the door, which is near State Street, and stole two bikes parked in the vestibule, worth \$800.

But during his break-in, the man cut himself and left behind DNA evidence, which cops said they are promptly testing.

Road rager

A sedan and a motorcycle got into a minor accident on Atlantic Avenue on Sept. 5, but what ensued was anything but minor.

Before the driver could even get out of his car, near Hicks Street, one motorcyclist jumped off the bike and started punching the man. As the victim stumbled out of his seat at around 10:20 pm, the other motorcyclist came up, took off his helmet, and started beating the man with it, knocking out four teeth, and sending him to the hospital.

78TH PRECINCT

Park Slope

Hand job

A Spanish-speaking thief used only gestures to rob a woman of \$80 on Sterling Place on Sept. 1. The woman said she was walking home and was near Seventh Avenue at just after midnight when a man approached and gestured to her bag and to his waist, where, presumably, he had a gun.

Though he never uttered a

threat in English, his Spanish threats and his gestures convinced the woman that a robbery was afoot.

Bend over

A thief acted quickly when a man bent down at a check-cash machine to retrieve something. The man told cops that he had put his wallet on the counter of the store, which is Flatbush Avenue at around 5:30 pm on Aug. 19. He dropped something, picked it up and didn't notice that a thief had swapped his credit card — until the bill came a month later and revealed all sorts of charges.

Church louse

Someone stole a St. Johns Place church's debit card — and changed the names, and they're just looking for the kids."

Cops say that the card, taken from a locked cabinet in the church, which is between Sixth and Seventh avenues, was discovered on Sept. 2 by a church secretary.

Wheels rolled

At five vehicles were broken into — and two stolen — in the neighborhood last week:

• A 1995 Honda Accord parked on Second Street between Seventh and Eighth avenues on Sept. 2 was gone three days later.

• A woman who double-parked her car on 12th Street between Fourth and Fifth avenues at around 10:30 am on Sept. 2 returned 20 minutes later to find that her purse had been taken, along with its contents: a fancy wallet, a cellphone and \$35.

• The owner left his 2002 Saab unlocked on President Street between Seventh and Eighth avenues overnight on Sept. 3. He returned the next morning to find a Coach bag and a Guess jacket missing.

• A thief broke into a car that was parked in a drugstore lot on Ninth Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues on Sept. 4. The owner parked the car at around 11:30 am and was gone for only a few minutes — enough time for the crook to take a fancy laptop.

Bunch o' burgers

A laptop was stolen from a Fifth Avenue video store on Sept. 1. The clerk said the cops that he had stepped out of the store, which is at St. Johns Place, for just a moment, only to show up to find the computer missing. Also taken? A movie, since he was working on.

• A thief broke into a Seventh Av-

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you," one said.

The worker on the graveyard shift lost his phone, \$75 and \$60 of hot food.

Bagged her

A woman's bag was stolen from a Columbia Street bar while she powdered her nose.

The 27-year-old reveler told police that someone stole her bag while she was in the ladies' room of the watering hole between Woodhull and Klappele streets at 3:27.

The pocketbook contained \$40, a camera, her credit cards and ID. — Mike McLaughlin

90TH PRECINCT

Williamsburg-Bushwick

Crime time

Two thugs used the oldest trick in the book — the old distraction ploy — to snag a pair of schoolbags on their way to class on Sept. 5.

"What time is it?" one of the crooks asked the 12- and 14-year-olds as they passed the corner of Walton Street and Harrison Avenue at around 8:20 am.

Before the victims had time to answer, the crooks pushed them against a wall and pilfered their pockets.

Film snafu

Crooks snatched more than \$5,000 of video equipment from a film shoot on Harrison Street, between Bogart Street and Morgan Avenue, between 5:45 and 9:45 am on Sept. 2.

Car attack

Crooks tried to pass a 44-year-old driver by the corner of Grand Street and Morgan Avenue — while he was in his car.

The thugs approached the vehicle at around 4:30 pm on Sept. 4 — just after the victim deposited cash at a nearby bank — and tried to pull the victim from his car, repeatedly striking him in the head and body as they attempted to grab his wallet.

The victim was able to hold onto his belongings, and drove himself to the emergency room at Woodhull Hospital.

Lockbuster

Thieves got into a Broadway apartment on Sept. 5 and stole everything they could carry — including a getaway vehicle.

The crooks broke a lock to get into the apartment, which is between Havemann Street and Marcy Avenue, while the victim was at work between 1-9 pm.

Once inside, the thieves grabbed a digital camera, two laptop computers, jewelry in a case, and a Bianchi bicycle.

— Ben Muessig

94TH PRECINCT

Greenpoint-Williamsburg

Morning person

Two crooks slapped a woman in the face after she woke them up near her North 54th Street apartment on Sept. 4.

The victim was taking out her trash at around 4:15 am, when she noticed the delinquents, who had been dozing on the stoop of the building, which is between Berry Street and Whyte Avenue.

"You woke me up," said one, before smacking the victim in the face, knocking her to the ground, and running.

Pedal-pushing

A bike-riding baddie stole a woman's purse as she returned to her Humboldt Street home on Sept. 1.

The pony-tailed mugger pulled the black handbag from his 22-year-old victim's shoulder just after she exited a cab at the corner of Driggs Avenue at around 2:40 am.

Cash snatch

A quick-fingered crook yanked \$150 out of a frustrated shopper's hand on North Seventh Street on Sept. 2.

The crook confronted the victim between Bedford Avenue and Berry Street at around 7 pm.

Photo-graft!

A crook stole film equipment from a North Henry Street photographer's apartment while she was asleep on Aug. 31.

The thief broke in between 3 am and 7:30 am and snatched a Hi8 camera, a Super 8 camera, and a 16 mm camera, a lens, a laptop and a set of keys from the apartment, which is between Herbert and Richardson streets.

— Ben Muessig

68TH PRECINCT

Bay Ridge

Bloody hairy

A party at a Fifth Avenue nightclub turned violent when a 52-year-old man was stabbed in the chest on Sept. 2.

The victim and a friend were at the bar of the club, which is between 94th and 95th streets, at around 2 am when they were approached by

SUCKERS! Thieves see suction cup marks & break into cars

By Gersh Kuntzman

The Brooklyn Paper

Cops are tracking a new breed of criminal — the suction seer.

Police in Park Slope's 78th Precinct say they're inundated with reports of thefts of satellite guidance systems from cars with a tell-tale sign: the suction cup that connects the fancy digital maps to the windshield.

"Those suction cups are the dead giveaway," said an officer at the 78th Precinct.

"The thieves see it and they know there's a GPS in the car somewhere — and we're seeing a spike in those crimes."

The extent of the problem is unclear, but cops are clearly concerned.

"Tell everyone: take the suction cup off the windshield," the officer said.

a stranger, cops said.

Without speaking, the suspect pulled out a knife and stabbed the victim in the chest several times before running on the building's front door and disappearing down 94th Street.

Teen mugged

Two thugs cornered and robbed a teenage boy as he walked down 78th Street on Sept. 4.

The 15-year-old victim was walking home from school at around 2 pm when a man and a woman approached him at the corner of Fifth Avenue, cops said.

Roughed rider

Somewherehugabug 38-year-old man as he exited the Bay Ridge Avenue subway station on Sept. 3.

The victim was walking out of the R train station, at around 7:30 pm when the suspect came from behind, pushed him to the ground and grabbed his wallet.

Gross necking

Someone snatched jewelry off of an unsuspecting woman as she sat in front of her 84th Street home on Sept. 1st.

The 72-year-old victim told cops she was sitting in a beach chair on her front porch, between Fourth and Fifth avenues, at around 5 pm when a man walked up to her. Before she could react, the thief reached out and grabbed the \$250 chain from around her neck before fleeing up 84th Street.

Bling bling

Someone broke into a 77th Street home on Sept. 1 and stole a lot of bling.

The 44-year-old owner of the home, which is between First and Second avenues, said he left the place at around 7 pm. When he

returned just three hours later, someone had broken a basement window and made off with various pieces of gold and diamond jewelry.

— Emily Levin

88TH PRECINCT

Fort Greene-Clinton Hill

Apartment hunt

It's every apartment-seeker's worst nightmare — falling prey to a phony broker.

A con artist hoodwinked two female roommates out of \$2,600 on Aug. 27 for a deposit and rent on an apartment she didn't even control.

The victims, aged 24 and 25, claim a 30-year-old impostor fleeced them out of cash, which they handed over to her on the corner of Clermont and Myrtle avenues at 5 pm.

Hard rock

Four hoodlums tried to carjack a man and injured his children as the father dropped the youngsters off at their Carlton Avenue home on Sept. 7.

The ambush began at 7:15 pm between Atlantic Avenue and Fulton Street when the quartet tried to drag the 32-year-old dad out of his parked vehicle. He fought them off, but they snatched away his necklace.

The patrol families then drove off, but someone in the attacking quartet hurled a car at his rear window. The pane shattered and the flying shards cut several of his backseat 196s.

Hammer head

A man bashed another man in the noggin with a hammer on Flatbush Avenue Extension on Sept. 9, and was soon arrested for his head up fighting.

The victim and attacker were locked in an argument between Willoughby Street and Myrtle Avenue at 8 pm when the 23-year-

old suspect swung the tool and connected with his verbal adversary's cranium. According to the police report, it caused "serious physical injury."

Retaken

A quick-thinking man foiled a mugging on the corner of Waverly and DeKalb avenues on Sept. 5.

Three hoodlums stole the 29-year-old man's iPod and phone after they simulated possession of a gun at 3:45 pm and stated, "Let's make this quick. Where's the money?"

The victim then pleaded for help from a passerby, but it was just a ruse to distract the mugger. He then yanked the iPod and cell back and chased, but could not catch, the miscreants to an Avenue.

Red hatted

Police nabbed a man stealing copper pipes from a Vanderbilt Avenue apartment on Aug. 31.

Cops observed the 56-year-old suspected burglar inside the residence between Gates and Reservoir avenues at 11:47 pm and carrying a duffel bag crammed with bolt cutters and precious metal piping.

Stop & shop (lift)

A teenager's eyes were too big for his own good, as security guards put the kibosh on his gargantuan shoplifting attempt from a Flatbush Avenue department store on Sept. 1.

The 19-year-old alleged thief tried to leave the national retailer between Atlantic Avenue and Hanson Place, at 10:23 am laden with stolen CDs, DVDs, video game controllers, a can opener, a knife, cellular phones, cameras and headphones but the heist wasn't easy to conceal.

Security guards detained him until police arrived. — Mike McLaughlin

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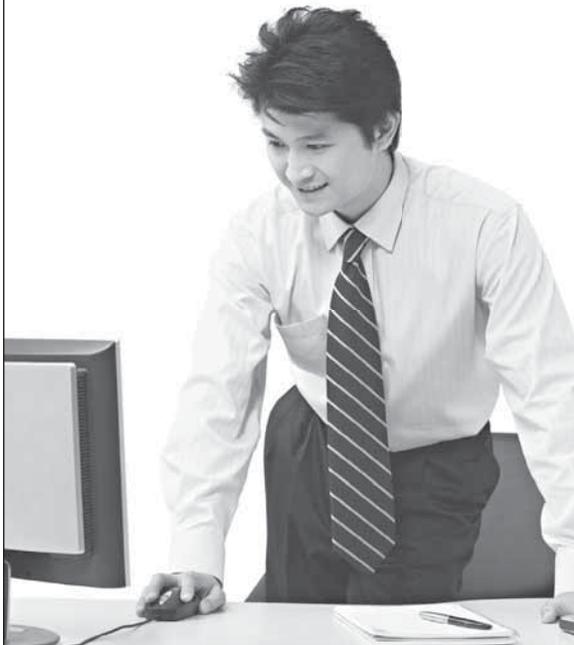
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OUR OPINION

Considering term limits

You have to at least give Borough President Markowitz some credit for saying what's on his mind. Like every elected official, Markowitz doesn't want to leave office. But while other careerist pols are using cagey asides to couch their contempt for the city's term-limits law, Markowitz is openly, proudly, dismissive of the two voter-approved referenda that created the city's current two-term limit for members of the Council, the borough presidents, public advocate, comptroller and mayor.

"Clearly I'm against term limits. I think the electorate made a terrible mistake," Markowitz said on Monday at a gathering of all five borough presidents in Downtown Brooklyn. "I think it's bad government."

There is, indeed, a problem with

term limits. In the name of creating a stronger, more-vibrant democracy, such limits deprive voters of one of their very reasonable options: sending a qualified, experienced public servant back for another term.

Both referenda — in 1993 and 1996 — included an unanticipated flaw: because term limits are not staggered, virtually all of the city's elected officials — some of them actually worthy of re-election — are forced out of office all at once, leaving a potential void of leadership.

But whatever its flaws, the people have spoken: voters have shown, twice, that they want term limits — and that's good enough for us.

We believe it is morally wrong for current officeholders to circumvent the clearly stated wishes of their constitu-

ents — especially when they would gain a direct personal benefit by doing so.

We might support Markowitz's call for changing term limits if his power grab were not so blatant; a slight change in the current situation — like a three-term limit, perhaps — would be a reasonable option, but only under one condition: if the proposal was again put before the public instead of made in a classic backroom deal.

Indeed, there is nothing as egregious as a politician who wants to pass a law just in time for the law to apply to himself. Even in Congress, when a salary increase is approved, it doesn't take effect until after the next election.

So until the pols are willing to take their case to the voters in a popular referendum, term limits are better off left alone.

ALL DRAWN OUT



LETTERS

He likes beer, but not our story about stoop busts

To the editor,

I think your article about the legality of drinking beer on your own stoop misses a larger point ("This Bust's for You," Sept. 4). I agree that the officers in the incidents in question used poor judgment, ticketing people who were apparently doing nothing wrong.

However, the tone of the story, especially when the writer compared the stoop-drinking summons to the incident when the 6-year-old got a chalk-ticketing warning last year — implies that this is all just silliness, that the law shouldn't exist and that it certainly shouldn't be enforced.

As someone who has lived for years across the street from rowdy, beer-drinking, stoop-sitting alcoholics, who have a penchant for

screaming and shouting up and down the block all night (and into the early hours of the morning), I can tell you this law should be on the books ... and the police should employ it when called for.

Unfortunately on our block, the police have in the past dismissed our complaints about these people as the price we pay for living in Brooklyn. That echoes your article's tone and seems deaf to the concerns of ordinary families.

Stuart Miller, Park Slope



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Tree bather

To the editor,

I've read with great interest your stories about damaged and dead trees adjacent to the public art installation, "The New York City Waterfalls" created by Olafur Eliasson ("More abscide from art project," Aug. 23).

I am very glad to see that a certified arborist for the waterfalls as well as the duration to assist in these efforts.

There is no question that salt spray, such as that generated by the waterfalls, can have deleterious effects upon trees, both on the foliage as well as on the roots in the soil. The steps taken to "wash" the salt deposits from the foliage AND the soil are very positive measures that should greatly reduce any long-term negative effects.

Lauren Lanphear, South Euclid, Ohio
The writer is president of the International Society of Arboriculture.

Buzz off!

To the editor,

Thank you for that article about the Asian tiger mosquito invasion ("Buzz off!" The Brooklyn Angle, Aug. 21).

Three summers ago, I was bitten on my ribs in long strands and circles. I guess they got me when I was trimming the higher reaches of the wisteria in my backyard.

The welts were so painful that I wondered if I had shingles, and actually went to a physician. Last winter, I even had mosquitoes in my house — through February. This Brooklyn native has never experienced critters quite like these.

Nowadays, I put on Deet, trim the wisteria almost in panic-mode, and then, in a sweat, get back indoors as fast as I can.

I'm so glad I bought a detached house so that I could enjoy nature all around me!

Barbara Minakakis, Ditmas Park

Fourth Ave freezout

To the editor,

With the primary elections come and gone, perhaps this is a good time to thank our elected officials for the atrocious re-zoning of Fourth Avenue a few years ago.

As a result of that misguided upzoning, developers have constructed the most ex-

cruciatingly banal buildings known to man to house trust-fund kids — the poor can't afford them.

Because of this construction, more than 1,000 poor people have been displaced.

Because of this construction, Brooklyn is an uglier and morally diminished place.

Because of this construction, gentrification around these ugly buildings will force more poor people to compete for a diminishing number of affordable housing units.

For this we should thank our elected officials.

Bob Ohlerking, Park Slope

BBQ alternative

To the editor,

Regarding your article about illegal grilling in Prospect Park ("Park goes to park," The Brooklyn Angle, Park Slope edition and online, Sept. 4), I have been sickened to see people setting up grill spots wherever they pleased.

I am a big fan of charcoal grills, but this year at the park, I had some family get-togethers, and a charcoal grill sometime doesn't cut it with respects to volume cooking.

I am one of those people mentioned in your story who brings a gas grill with a cargo van, and propane tank. Yes, it is more like a small station wagon, but I usually have parties with 15 to 20 people, and there is no way a small grill would put out that much

food. But I stay in the designated barbecue zones — and no matter how packed it is, there is always room.

I do bring a fire extinguisher with me and stay in the shade to prevent any propane tank issues or mishaps. I make sure I can do anything possible so that the experience is a safe and happy one.

It's possible to barbecue in the designated areas, and if it spills over a bit, I don't see an issue, but some idiots barbecue near bushes, and that poses a fire hazard. I have pointed this out to some people, and some were quick to thank me for the tip, and relocated while other snickered, and kept doing what they were doing.

I think that if people stayed within the zones or spilled out near the existing barbecue spots, there would be no issue. But people who setup grills wherever they want should have them confiscated or higher fines because I saw way too many rookie mistakes while I was there this summer.

Al Spahi, Kensington

To the editor,

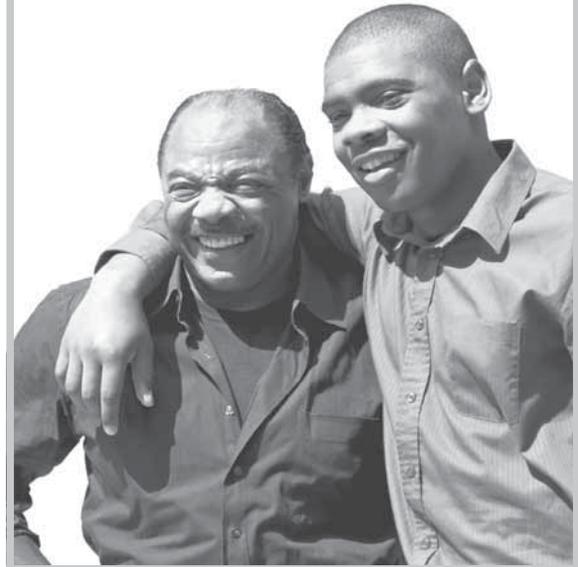
I wish your column about illegal barbecuing came out sooner because after reading it, I decided to forego the park for my post-Labor Day barbecue. The upside? I found Moonshine bar in Red Hook. You bring the meat, then beautiful gas grills are yours for the using.

Jenny R. Horne, Carroll Gardens

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The Brooklyn Paper's essential guide to the Borough of Kings

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Fall back into it

Our comprehensive guide to the entire autumn season

By Daniel Bush
for The Brooklyn Paper

School kids have taken back the streets, nights are cooling down and summer vacation is a distant, muggy memory. Fall is here and there's nothing you can do about it. But before you start dreading next year's beach-side-but-remember, Brooklyn is even more fun in autumn. Here's a taste of what's on tap (items are in chronological order by category):

MUSIC

Feel this

The Feelies are back! The band, which came out of Jersey in the late 1970s and disbanded in 1992 after releasing four underappreciated albums, has reunited for a show at the Music Hall of Williamsburg on Sept. 20. Let's hope they play every cut from their seminal 1986 album, "The Good Earth" (and let's hope Peter Back from REM, who produced it, will just happen to be in the neighborhood).

Music Hall of Williamsburg (66 N. Sixth St., between Wythe Street and Kent Avenue), Sept. 20, 9:30 pm. Tickets are \$17 in advance, \$20 day of show. Call (718) 486-5400 or visit the www.musichallofwilliamsburg.com for information.

'Pin' heads

The sizzling, once-little-known indie rockers (turned commercial hit band) Pinback will play the equally hip Music Hall of Williamsburg this month. The group, led by guitarist Rob Crow, is touring for its fourth album, "Autumn Of The Seraphs."

Pinback at the Music Hall of Williamsburg (66 N. Sixth St., between Wythe Street and Kent Avenue), Sept. 27, 9:30 pm. Tickets are \$17 in advance, \$20 day of show. Call (718) 486-5400 or visit the www.musichallofwilliamsburg.com.

The string of it

A string strumming session at the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church kicks off the Brooklyn Friends of Chamber Music's 21st season in style. The nationally renowned, award-winning Alianza String Quartet's performance is the first of six soothing concerts to be played in the borough.

Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church (85 South Oxford St., at Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene), Sept. 28, 3 pm. Tickets are \$20. Call (718) 853-3053 for information.

BAM bash

Booze, DJ's, bands, movies, a Wii game setup, a lounge and ping pong. All night long. Yes, last year's wild, BAM-to-pizza. Takeover, is back by popular demand. The Brooklyn Academy of Music's bash could become the hottest annual all-nighter around.

Takeover at the Brooklyn Academy of Music (30 Lafayette Ave., between Ashland Place and South Feltz Street in Fort Greene), Sept. 27, 9 pm-4 am. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 (cash only) at the door. Call (718) 636-4100 or visit www.bam.org for information.



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Battle of the bands

In November, 35 unsigned bands will battle for bragging rights at the Brooklyn Rocks! Festival in Greenpoint. Show up, drink a beer, and consider cheering on these hapless hopefuls an act of random kindness.

Brooklyn Rocks! Festival (Red Star Club, 37 Greenpoint Ave., between Franklin and West streets in Greenpoint), Nov. 6-8, 13-15, 7 pm. Tickets are \$10. Call (718) 783-1776 for information.

BOOKS

Very Woody

He wrote "The Ice Storm." He wrote "The Driveway," but if that isn't good enough for you, former Brooklyn Heights resident Rick Moody's new book, "Right Livelihoods," a collection of lit-crit novels, is out in paperback. Is it a must-read? Of course, especially if you like stories set in an apocalyptic New York City.

The war at home: The National Theater of Scotland's searing Iraqi war drama, "Black Watch" (top photo), will return to St. Ann's Warehouse in October. (Above) Wessel + O'Connor Gallery's new exhibition, "In the Company of Men," features photos of rugged 'men's men' by Blake Little. Emily Farris (left) loves casarolles — and you will, too, after reading her cookbook, "Casarolle Crazy."

"Right Livelihoods" (Back Bay Books) is available at BookCourt (163 Court St., between Pacific and Dean streets in Cobble Hill), (718) 875-3671.

On a 'role

Everyone loves casarolles, but who still makes them? Well, Emily Farris does — and now she

has a cookbook so you can get in on the fun, too. Farris — a former Brooklyn Paper writer by the way — explores the much-mocked history of the beloved casarolle, including plumbng the depths of her own horrifying personal discovery: learning that the secret ingredient in her Aunt Susie's tuna-noodle casarolle was Cheeze Wiliz. Most important, the book is crammed full of great recipes.

"Casarolle Crazy" (Home) will be published on Oct. 7.

Oral text

New York Times bestseller Peter Golembok ("Bums: An Oral History of the Brooklyn Dodgers") explores all things Brooklyn in his 663-page oral history ambitiously titled, "In the Country of Brooklyn: Inspiration to the World." From Jackie Robinson to the Guardian Angels, Golembok leaves no stone unturned. He even interviewed Marty Markowitz!

"In the Country of Brooklyn: Inspiration to the World" (William Morrow) will be published on Oct. 14.

ART

Art on the Hook

What do a Civil War-era Red Hook warehouse, live music and contemporary art have in common? Art in Free Fall. The Brooklyn Waterfront Artists' Coalition's Fall Group Art Show, which opens on Saturday and runs through Oct. 26. The exhibition will feature photography, sculpture, painting and much more, accompanied by live jazz, blue grass and other music. The month-long, weekends-only show is free, though the art is not; works range from a modest \$25 to \$30,000.

Art in Free Fall (499 Van Brunt St., south of Reed Street in Red Hook), weekends from Sept. 13-Oct. 26, 1-6 pm, free. Call (718) 598-2506 for information or visit www.bwac.org.

The Back 40

The Brooklyn Museum's renovated Contemporary Art Galleries launches a new era this fall with an exhibit, "21: Selections of Contemporary Art from the Brooklyn Museum," which places 40 works on long-term view. Now you can ogle Andy Warhol's Fragile Dress (1966), among others, almost every day of the week.

"21: Selections of Contemporary Art from the Brooklyn Museum" opens Sept. 19 at the Brooklyn Museum (200 Eastern Pkwy., between Underhill and Washington avenues in Prospect Heights), which is open Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm; and Sat-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. Suggested contribution is \$5. Call (718) 638-5000 or visit www.brooklynmuseum.org for information.

Art for real men

Tired of celebrity-laden paparazzi pics? What do you know what the average Joe looks like? Check out photographer Blake Little's. See PREVIEW on page 9

NIGHTLIFE

Ale & hearty

Let's get ready to mumble! Yes, the first ever Craft Beer week begins this weekend, ushering in a weeklong tribute to — and endless consumption of — New York's best small brews.

Starting on Saturday, the festivities include "beer crawls" throughout Brooklyn, which is not only home to several hands-on brewers, but many of the bars that nurture their elixirs. Participating taverns include Beer Table, Pacific Standard (Pacific) and the 4th Avenue Pub in Park Slope; Bar Great Harry and Gowanus Yacht Club on Smith Street; the Baran Head in Boerum Hill; the Gutter in Greenpoint; and Barcade and Mugs Ale House in Williamsburg.

Sixpint Craft Ales, the Red Hook-based brewery, will have all its brew available, including the Hop Obama, an ale that sold out during the heated primary season.

"For us, participating in the crawl was a no-brainer," said Jeff Gorkelchen, the brewery's marketing man. "We're a craft brewer, so it all made sense."

New York Craft Beer Week runs from Sept. 13-21. For maps and a full list of participants, visit www.nybeersweek.com.

— Gersh Kuntzman

DINING

Chop chop

Come on, admit it: you want to learn how to butcher a pig.

You're not alone. Taylor Erkinen, who owns the Brooklyn Kitchen in Williamsburg, says her butchering classes are packed with foodies who want to learn how to hack their own cut.

"We have people who share animals with friends," said Erkinen. Share animals?

"They go in with a few friends, pay a farmer to raise the pig from a piglet and then split it up. It's the new thing."

The class is led by Tom Mylan (pictured), the head butcher for Diner, Bonita and Marlow & Sons, who will teach not only technique, but give pointers about cooking (skip the fancy cuts and use the shoulder — but slow-cook it or it'll be tough).

And don't show up late because the best stuff happens right at the start. Erkinen says.

"There's a moment at the start when Tom makes his first cut into the belly and you see it — an unmistakable side of bacon," Erkinen said. "There's always an audible gasp. That's the money shot."

The pig butchering class starts at 6:30 pm at the Brooklyn Kitchen (616 Lorimer St., at Skillman Street in Williamsburg, (718) 389-2962). \$75. Register in advance.

— Gersh Kuntzman

LECTURE

There is no god

The leading lobbyist for one of the largest, but weakest, special interest groups — the "non-theistic" — is coming to Park Slope to champion the oft-ecular separation of church and Sarah Palin.

Lori Lipman Brown is the director of the Secular Coalition for America, which advocates for atheists, and she'll cite some recent victories, such as feverant-same-sex marriage legislation.

Then again, the rise of religion-based candidates like vice-presidential hopeful Palin send a chilling wind through the atheists' neighborhood.

"There's a de facto religious test to become president," Lipman Brown told GO Brooklyn.

If it were up to her, politicians would only answer one question about God on the campaign trail: "Will you impose your religious beliefs on civil law?"

"We can share values without sharing a belief system," she said.

Lori Lipman Brown will speak on Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture (53 Prospect Park W., between First and Second streets in Park Slope), free, 11 am. Call (718) 768-0292 for info.

— Mike McLaughlin

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SATURDAY

Sept. 13

Blood on the snocks
Today, Clinton Hill's Pillow Cafe holds its second-annual Bloody Mary contest — but the real winner is you. Bartenders from Rustic, Bonita, Chez Oscar, Madiba and Alibi will battle it out for borough hegemony. Judging will be blind, we're told. Of course, given how many drinks will get downed in the name of certitude.

4 pm, Pillow Cafe (505 Myrtle Ave., between Ryer and Grand and Avenue in Clinton Hill, (718) 246-2711). \$10 (includes a Bloody Mary).

SUNDAY

Sept. 14

Paperback writers
Marty Markowitz may not look like he reads anything but a menu, but our lineup has put together another classic Book Festival. This year's lineup includes Jimmy Breslin, Joan Didion, Nathan Englander, Jonathan Franzen, Pete Hamill (pictured) and a whole nother two-thirds of the alphabet!

10 am to 6 pm, Borough Hall (209 Joralemon St., between Court and Grand streets). Full lineup at www.brooklyn-bookfestival.org.

TUESDAY

Sept. 16



Crash courses
Tonight, the "Adult Education" lecture series continues. This month's topic is scandal — and Editor Gersh Kuntzman (pictured) will explain how Takeru Kobayashi cheated at this year's hot dog contest and how he, Kuntzman, bears no culpability even though he, Kuntzman, was Kobayashi's judge!

8 pm, Union Hall (702 Union St., between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope). \$5. For info, visit www.adult-ed.net.

THURSDAY

Sept. 18

Bloomers
Can you beat this? The Gallery Players have just opened "The Underpants," a classic German play, adapted by Steve Martin, about a woman whose underwear momentarily drops in public, setting off a chain of events that causes her husband to fear reprisals and his wife to become the object of significant affection. A must see.

8 pm, The Gallery Players (199 14th St., between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope). \$18. Call (718) 595-0547 or visit galleryplayers.com for info.

SUNDAY

Sept. 21

Booze 101
Don't know the difference between rye and malt whiskey? Can't tell your Canadian from your Irish? Is your Scotch on the rocks? Learn all about these delectable brown beverages from the great LeNeil Smothers herself in this tasting.

3 pm, LeNeil's (416 Van Brunt St., between Coffey and Van Dyke streets in Red Hook, (718) 360-0838). \$75. Register in advance.

NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

Compiled by Susan Rosenthal Jay

SAT, SEPT 13

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WATERFRONT DISTRICT FEST: Carroll Gardens Association hosts a fall festival. Music, crafts, antiques, international food and more. 11 am to 6 pm. Columbus Street from DeWitt Street and Union Street and along Union Street from Columbus Street to Hicks Street. (718) 243-9301

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'PENNY DREADFUL': Episode 11 of the serialized horror mystery series. 10:30 pm. The Brick Theater (575 Metropolitan Ave., between Lorimer Street and Union Avenue in Williamsburg). Reservations: www.bricktheater.com

BETHOVEN SONATAS: Classical music concert featuring all 32 sonatas. \$35. \$20 students. 8 pm. Bargemusic Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street at the East River. (718) 628-0083

'NO SEX PLEASE, WE'RE BRITISH': Heights Players perform this theatrical comedy. \$15. 8 pm. 26 Willow Pl., between Joralemon and State streets in Brooklyn Heights. (718) 537-2852

BULLISH ON HAWKS:

BAM Rose Cinemas will be unspooling classic Howard Hawks films the rest of the month, including "To Have and Have Not" with Bogie and Bacall. See listings for each showing, Sept. 15 - Sept. 21.

'THE UNDERPANTS': Gallery Players presents this social satire. \$18, \$14 seniors and kids. 8 pm. 199 14th St., between Fourth and Fifth avenues. (212) 252-2131

FUNNY LECTURES: This month's theme of the Adult Education program is scandal. Various speakers and weekly PowerPoint presentations. 8 pm. Union Hall (702 Union St., between Fifth and Sixth avenues, (718) 638-4400). For info about the series, visit www.myspace.com/adult_education

OTHER DANCE AND MOVEMENT CLASSES: Free. 10 am to 5 pm. Spoke the Hub (748 Union St., between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 408-3234).

WINE TASTING:

Neon to midnight. LeNeil's (416 Van Brunt St., between Coffey and Van Dyke streets in Red Hook, (718) 360-0838).

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Brooklyn Young Republicans: "Meet the Candidates Night." Meet GOP politicians. Monthly meeting, 7 pm. St. Francis College (180 Remsen St., between Court and Hicks streets). Call (718) 875-6811 for info.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17
Community Education Council 20. Monthly meeting, P5. 229 (1400 Benson Ave., at 14th Avenue in Dyker Heights). To list an event in the Civic Calendar, e-mail Newsroom@BrooklynPaper.com.

CIVIC CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPT. 15
Community Board 10. Monthly meeting. 6th Community Board (900 10th St., at Narrows Avenue in Bay Ridge). 7:15 pm. For info, call (718) 745-2627.

94th Precinct Community Council: Monthly meeting, North Fork Bank (804 Manhattan Ave., at Calver Street, in Greenpoint). Call (718) 383-5298 for info.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16
68th Precinct Community Council. Monthly meeting, 68th Precinct station-house (333 59th St., between Third and Fourth avenues in Bay Ridge). 7:30 pm. Call (718) 439-4220.

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THEATER

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sideshow, "The Company of Men," at DUMBO's Wessel + O'Connor Gallery. Little, who does indeed photograph celebs for fancy glossy magazines, said this exhibit is all about photos that are "the antitheses of a celebrity shoot."

"The Company of Men" runs Sept. 18–Nov. 11 at Wessel + O'Connor Gallery (111 Front St., between Washington and Adams streets in DUMBO). Hours: Wed–Sat, 11 a.m.–6 p.m. Call (718) 596-1700 for info.

Lookout below

The 12th annual "Art Under The Bridge Festival" will again transform DUMBO — the above-referenced neighborhood under the Manhattan and Brooklyn bridges — into one giant art project. Everything will be fair game: event planners promise public art projects will be made on the water, in lobbies, elevators, sidewalks and anywhere else you can think of. Last year, that even meant a guy running down Water Street dressed in a pink, green, purple and black camouflage-style body sock. Yes, it's art, people!

"Art Under The Bridge Festival" takes over DUMBO, Sept. 26–28. Free. Call (718) 694-0831 or visit www.dumboartscenter.org for info.

Studio canal

A walking-tour of the Gowanus Canal never smelled so good. Visit 28 artists' studios to see what life is like for the brave souls toiling away in all those abandoned-looking factory buildings along Brooklyn's foulest waterway.

Gowanus Artists Studio Tour, Oct. 18–19, 1–6 p.m. Free. Call (718) 393-8383 or visit www.gowanusartists.com for a full map and information.

In the gallery

The Gallery Players — now in their 14th year — are prepping a great fall season that kicks off on Sept. 13 with Carl Sternheim's, "The Underpants." Adapted by Steve Martin (yes, that Steve Martin), the show is an absurdist take on the events that transpire after a woman's bloomers accidentally fall in public. After that, the team presents a new musical, "Like You Like It," as part of the New York Musical Theatre Festival. It's basically Shakespeare's "As You Like It" — as envisioned by John Hughes. "The Underpants," Sept. 13–26, and "Like You Like It: A New Musical," Oct. 18–Nov. 2, at The Gallery Players (199 14th St., between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope). Call (718) 595-0547 for tickets or information.

Black ops

The Iraq War is coming to Brooklyn. For the second year, St. Ann's Warehouse and The National Theatre of Scotland have teamed up to present the critically acclaimed play "Black Watch," a searing drama about a Scottish Army regiment's wartime experience. The innovative production includes elaborate battle scenes and a live orchestra (featuring, of course, bagpipes).

"Black Watch" runs Oct. 9–Nov. 30 at St. Ann's Warehouse (38 Water St., between Main and Dock streets in DUMBO). Tickets are \$55. Call (718) 224-8777 for info.

Double-f!

Science fiction and adventure collide on opening night of the Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts' fall season, thanks to back-to-back productions of plays by H.G. Wells and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, inventors of the fictional time machine and the equally fictional Sherlock Holmes, respectively.



Knickers in a twist: Catia Ojeda stars as Loulou, who loses her drawers, and Nat Cassidy plays Versati, who is upset by it, in the Gallery Players' production of "The Underpants."

"War of the Worlds/The Lost World" Oct. 26 at the Wait Whitman Theatre at Brooklyn College (2900 Campus Rd. near Nostrand Avenue in Flatbush). 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20–\$20. Call (718) 951-4500 for information.

Narrow cast

All you fans of Andrew Lloyd Webber (and who isn't, really) have to check out the Narrows Community Theater's production of "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" in November. This trippy 1968 musical is based on the biblical tale of Joseph, his 11 sons and his coat of many colors. Like many Webber productions, this one is best on acid.

"Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Nov. 14–23 at

St. Patrick's Auditorium (9511 Fourth Ave., between 95th and 96th Streets in Bay Ridge). Call (718) 482-3173 for info or tickets.

Good 'Marriage'

It wouldn't be a fall season without a "Marriage of Figaro," and thankfully, Brooklyn Repertory Opera is accommodating us with its production of Mozart's classic comic opera. A sort-of sequel to "The Barber of Seville," the tale is again set in Spain and, like all good comedies, involves infidelity, jealous, entangling family alliances and royal families.

"The Marriage of Figaro," Nov. 1–16 at the Brooklyn Lyceum (227 Fourth Ave., at President Street in Park Slope). Call (718) 398-7301 for info.

EVENTS

Toe-tappin' time

Dust off your dancing shoes and go stompy your feet to a bevy of fiddles and banjos at the annual Park Slope Bluegrass & Old Time Jamboree. The three-day festival features two original members of the legendary string band, the New Lost City Ramblers, and many other top-notch acts from across the Northeast.

Park Slope Bluegrass & Old Time Jamboree, Sept. 12–14 at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture (83 Prospect Park W., between First and Second streets in Park Slope), 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6–10. Call (718) 768-2972 for info.

Hot damn

What could be better than eating hot chili peppers and listening to Pete Seeger (yes, that Pete Seeger) at the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens' annual Chile Pepper Fiesta on Sept. 27? Well, if Seeger and spice isn't enough for you, how about gumbo by the Sauce Boss? Or the "indie Hindi" sounds of Indian singer Fali? Or chutney-making sessions? Or flame eating (actual flame eating) by Robbins and King? There are even arts and crafts for kids (who love hot chili peppers, you know).

The 16th annual Chile Pepper Fiesta, Sept. 27 at Brooklyn Botanic Garden (1000 Washington Ave., just south of Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights). Call (718) 623-2200 for info.

Pie eyed

Bake and bring your own pie to share, try other people's pies, discover your neighbor's grandma's secret recipe and don't worry, the pounds of pie you'll put on at Bubby's fifth annual "Brooklyn Pie Social" are for a good cause (proceeds from the event benefit two local public schools).



Hot folk: Pete Seeger, here flanked by Tao Rodriguez-Seeger and Guy Davis, will perform at the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens' annual Chile Pepper Fiesta on Sept. 27.

Brooklyn Pie Social, Sept. 28 at Bubby's (1 Main St., at Plymouth Street in DUMBO), noon–3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for pie bakers, \$25 for pie tasters. Call (212) 807-6509 for info on how to participate.

DUMBrawl

DUMBO's "talented cultural community" will stage surprise performances while boxers pummeled each other to pieces. Welcome to Dumbo Fight Night, where your date can enjoy something classy while you watch some guy knock out some other guy.

DUMBO Fight Night, Oct. 2 at St. Ann's Warehouse (37 Water St., between Main and Dock streets in DUMBO), 6 p.m. Tickets start at \$75. Call (718) 237-8700 or visit www.dumbonye.org for information.

Antic behavior

Yes, lots of street fairs are just one long orchestrated campaign to sell your sweat socks and curly fries. But the Atlantic Antic, now in its 34th year, is different. Spanning Brooklyn's longest east-west street from Hicks Street all the way to Flatbush Avenue, hundreds of mom-and-pop vendors who make up the soul of Atlantic Avenue will offer their wares and services in the borough's best street fair. And you can also meet the staff and the editors of The Brooklyn Paper, who will be manning a table somewhere along the route.

The Atlantic Antic, Oct. 5 on Atlantic Avenue (between Hicks Street and Flatbush Avenue). For info, call (718) 875-9993 or visit www.atlanticave.org.

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Eating tour of 7th

Park Slope strip offers night of exploration

By Sarah Portlock
The Brooklyn Paper

It's an offer you can't pass up: Free food. On Sept. 18, dozens of cafes along Park Slope's Seventh Avenue — the dowdy older brother to hip restaurant rows on Fifth Avenue and Smith Street — will be doling out hors d'oeuvres and other toothsome samples in the latest phase of the Park Slope Chamber of Commerce's "Buy in Brooklyn" campaign.

Chamber of Commerce Vice President Catherine Bohne said she came up with the idea when she noticed that she was going to the same restaurants and ordering the same things even though she knew that there were more fish in the Seventh Avenue sea.

So Bohne and Barrio restaurant owner Spencer Rothschild organized a tour aimed at Slopers all too accustomed to the same steamed vegetable dumplings at Red Hot II or favorite Malbec at Slope Cellars.

"We saw it as an opportunity to introduce Park Slope to all the restaurants that are in its backyard... and to places [residents] may have walked by a hundred times, but never had the chance to come in and see what it's about," said Rothschild.

Plus, it's a great chance to show off Seventh Avenue's slowly reviving dining scene and let people try something new with little risk.

"All you have to do is walk in, try and



DINING

The Seventh Avenue Restaurant Tour will be on Sept. 18 and run from Flatbush Avenue to 15th Street. Menus and a full list of participants will be posted early next week on the Park Slope Chamber of Commerce's Web site, www.buyinbrooklyn.com.

You are welcome: Barrio, which is at Seventh Avenue and Third Street, will be participating in the first Park Slope Restaurant Tour on Sept. 18.

d'oeuvre, get a sense of the place and hopefully people will come back," Bohne said. "And then it's fun for the neighborhood."

The tier for the event, which is hanging in neighborhood restaurants, is pure Park Slope, promising a chance to try a "souppoon of quelque chose" (which, we're

told, tastes like chicken). The event is the latest of the Chamber's support-your-local-businesses campaign, following a program last fall where shop owners loaned shoppers umbrellas, and a late-night shopping extravaganza in mid-December.

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576-2598. Visit www.earecords.com.

CONCERT: Sepia Ensemble. Free. 4 pm. St. Jacobs Evangelical Lutheran Church (5406 Fourth Ave., at 54th Street in Sunset Park. (718) 439-8978.

OPERA: TALES OF HOFFMANN: Vertical Players Repertory's production of a play about artists and outcasts on the fringes of society. 8 pm. \$35 and up. Red Hook Marine Terminal (70 Hamilton Ave. between Van Brunt and Richards streets in Red Hook. (212) 868-4444. For info, visit www.vpropera.org.

"NO SEX PLEASE, WE'RE BRITISH": 2 pm. See Sat., Sept. 13.

"THE UNDERPANTS": 3 pm. See Sat., Sept. 13.

BETHOVEN: 3 pm. See Sat., Sept. 13.

OTHER

BROOKLYN FLEA: Big flea market — and food! 10 am–5 pm. Bklyn Loughlin HS Lafayette Avenue between Chermont and Vanderbilt avenues in Fort Greene. For info, visit www.brooklynflea.com/brooklynflea.

LECTURE ON RELIGION: Lori Lippman Brown, director of the Secular Coalition of America, speaks at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture (53 Prospect Park West. (718) 768-2922. Free. 11 am.

STOOP SALES: Carlton Avenue (between Myrtle and Lafayette avenues in Fort Greene). 11 am to 2 pm. No contact phone number.

ITALIAN FEST: 40th annual Our



Operatic settings: Will Browning as Dr. Miracle and Maeve Hurland as Antonia in the Vertical Players Repertory opera, "Tales of Hoffmann," now playing along the Red Hook waterfront.

Lady of Sorrows feast featuring Italian food, vendors, rides, games and entertainment. 3 pm. Our Lady of Sorrows (125 Summil St. between Hicks and Henry streets in Carroll Gardens. (718) 596-7203.

FILM SEMINAR WITH LEE WANG: "God Is My Sufinet Bunker" (2008) and "The Land" (1942). \$11 per film. \$7.50 seniors and kids 12 and under. 4:30 pm and 6:50 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music, 30 Lafayette Ave., between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene. (718) 636-4100.

DANCE AND MOVEMENT CLASSES: See Sat., Sept. 13.

CRAFT FEST: 1–6 pm. See Sat., Sept. 13.

OTHER

HOWARD HAWK'S "TWENTIETH CENTURY": \$11. \$7.50 seniors and kids 12 and under. 6:50 pm and 9:15 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music, 30 Lafayette Ave., between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene. (718) 636-4100.

HEALTHY EATING: What to eat to prevent a stroke. Free. 3:30–5 pm. Long Island College Hospital (339 Hicks St., south of Atlantic Avenue in Cobble Hill. (718) 760-1123, ext. 408.

OTHER

HOWARD HAWK'S "THE CRIMINAL MIND": \$11. \$7.50 seniors and kids 12 and under. 6:50 pm and 9:15 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music, 30 Lafayette Ave., between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene. (718) 636-4100.

SENIOR MEETING: Membership in AARP is open to people over 50. Free. 2 pm. Shore Hill Housing (9000 Shore Road at 90th Street in Bay Ridge. (718) 748-9114.

WINE TASTING: Celebrate Mexican Independence Day by tasting tequila. Noon–9 pm. LaBella (1616 Van Brunt St. between Colley and Van Dyke streets in Red Hook. (718) 340-0638.

PIG BUTCHERING: Learn how to cut up half a pig. Each participant receives at least six pounds of meat to take home. \$75. 6:30 pm to 8 pm. The Brooklyn Kitchen (616 Lorimer St., at Stillman Street in Williamsburg. (718) 399-2952. Register in advance.

WEDS, SEPT. 17

PERFORMANCE

BARGEMUSIC: "Here and Now" contemporary American music features music with Real Quiet. \$35, \$15 students. 8 pm. Fulton Ferry Landing (Old Fulton Street at the East River in DUMBO. (718) 624-2083.

OTHER

HOWARD HAWK'S "TO HAVE AND HAVE NOT": \$11. \$7.50 seniors and kids 12 and under. 6:50 pm and 9:15 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music, 30 Lafayette Ave., between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene. (718) 636-4100.

ART OPENING: Free. 6 pm to 9 pm. Henry Grigg Gallery (1111 Front St., between Front and Adams streets in DUMBO. Suite 226. (718) 608-1990.

THURS, SEPT. 18

PERFORMANCE

JAZZ NIGHT: \$35, \$20 students. 8 pm. Bargemusic (Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street at the East River. (718) 624-2083.

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HOWARD HAWK'S "BRINGING UP BABY": \$11. \$7.50 seniors and kids 12 and under. 6:50 pm and 9:15 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music, 30 Lafayette Ave., between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene. (718) 636-4100.

LECTURE: Lorraine Ojuel, author of "The Late, Great Pennsylvania Station." Free. 2 pm. Heights and Hill Community Council (160 Montague St. between Clinton and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights. (718) 376-8799.

ART OPENING: "Targets and Strayings." 6–8:30 pm. S + S Gallery (1111 Front St., between Front and Adams streets in DUMBO. Suite 210. (718) 488-8353.

FRI, SEPT. 19

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC: Erik Deutsch performs at 9 pm. Lady Clown at 10 pm. B-Seas (168 Seventh St., at Third Avenue in Park Slope. Visit www.ladyclown.com.

FESTIVAL OF ONE ACTS: "Midnight Radio Hour" by Muzza. \$10. 8 pm. Brooklyn One Theater (St. John's Parish, Fort Hamilton between Park and Street. (718) 907-3490. Visit www.brooklyntheater.org for info.

"NO SEX PLEASE, WE'RE BRITISH": 8 pm. See Sat., Sept. 13.

"THE UNDERPANTS": 8 pm. See Sat., Sept. 13.

"TALES OF HOFFMANN": 8 pm. See Sun., Sept. 14.

BETHOVEN: 8 pm. See Sat., Sept. 13.

SAT, SEPT. 20

OUTDOORS

COASTAL CLEANUP: Prospect Park needs volunteers to help clean the park's waterways. 10 am to 2 pm. Meet at Rusty Shelter (near the Parkside and Ocean avenue entrance). For info, visit www.prospectpark.org.

PERFORMANCE

"THE UNDERPANTS": 2 and 8 pm. See Sat., Sept. 13.

ITALIAN ARTS FEST: Cao Italy Performing Arts Festival presents Italy-inspired work by contemporary performers and scholars. \$30 for a one-day pass. \$15 single event. 2:30–6:30 pm. 1000th St. in Williamsburg. (678) 634-3162.

"NO SEX PLEASE, WE'RE BRITISH": 8 pm. See Sat., Sept. 13.

CLASSICAL MUSIC: Selections by Handel, Beethoven and Pablos de Sarasate. \$35, \$20 students. 8 pm. Bargemusic (Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street at the East River. (718) 624-2083.

ONE ACTS: 8 pm. See Fri., Sept. 19.

OTHER

HOWARD HAWK'S "HIS GIRL FRIDAY": \$11. \$7.50 seniors and kids 12 and under. 6:50 pm and 9:15 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music, 30 Lafayette Ave., between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene. (718) 636-4100.

FLEA MARKET: 9 am–4 pm. Church of the Holy Spirit (817 Bay Pkwy at 81st Street in Bay Ridge. (718) 837-0432.

CRAFT FEST: See Sat., Sept. 13.

IRISH FEST: Short films and music. Donations appreciated. 6:30–11 pm. PowerHouse Arena (37 Mar St., at West Street in DUMBO. (718) 666-2589).

FILM, "PSYCHO RECUT" BY DONALD O'FINN: Finn will take questions after film. Free. 2 pm. BVAC Screening Room (499 Van Brunt St., between Reed Street in Red Hook. (718) 596-2506).

SUN, SEPT. 21

OUTDOORS

CLINTON HILL TOUR: Walking tour of the historic district. Free. 10 am–noon. Meet at corner of Lafayette and Claremont avenues. Call (718) 885-3466.

PERFORMANCE

CLASSICAL MUSIC BY BACH-MANINOV, RAVEL AND SCHUBERT: \$35, \$20 students. 4 pm. Bargemusic (Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street at the East River in DUMBO. (718) 624-2083.

ITALIAN ARTS FEST: See Sat., Sept. 20.

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Smartmom loses her dad

Our beloved Smartmom — Louise Crawford — lost her father, Monte Gherlert, on Sunday. The Brooklyn Paper staff offers its full condolences and, in fact, was so moved by our columnist's writings about her father's death on her Web site. Only the Blog Knows Brooklyn, that we have compiled these excerpts:

Dad, we love you
My dad died yesterday at 41.5. I was with him when it happened. He was in hospice

in the sunny living room of his Brooklyn Heights apartment on the 21st floor with his view of the Manhattan skyline he adored. For most of the day he moaned softly. At 3:45 or so, my sister played one of his favorite records, scratches and all, on the phonograph. "Kinderzensen or Scenes from Childhood," by Robert Schumann.

Just before he died he had three labored breaths. But there was no fear, no panic in his eyes.



By Louise Crawford

Writing the Eulogy
Last week at the hospital, Hillary, my stepmother, told me that my father wanted me to speak at his funeral. That was an honor like no other, but also a huge pressure.

How could I write something — anything — that would compare to what my father would say on such an occasion? His wanting me to do this was his way of showing his faith in me about this most important thing of his: that he was able to turn experience into words, to find the right way to say that which is so hard to express.

Hillary also said that my father wanted me to read a poem and that I'd know which one. Hmm, I was stumped. Was it something by Yeats, Shakespeare or Frank O'Hara? I really didn't know what poem he was talking about. And I was stressed, but then it came to me: he probably meant the last two pages of "The House at Pooh Corner," by A.A. Milne, a book he cherished. I read this section at my high school graduation and my father was moved to tears.

So I am putting all my grief, shock, and numbness into the writing of this eulogy. At my computer is the only place I want to be right now tinkering with it, making it better, adding things, trying to write something worthy of the man.

Planning The Funeral
Sitting in the funeral directors plush office at the Frank E. Campbell Funeral Chapel was surreal, one of those situations you dread your whole life but is much

more normal than you expect. We had to choose the coffin and discuss my father's entombment in the family mausoleum. We even looked at a layout of the mausoleum. We want my father next to his dad, Dewey.

"Flowers or no flowers?" My sister wanted flowers, my stepmother did not. No real stalemate. We decided against them because we couldn't really think of a flower that represented my father.

The secretary typed up the New York Times death announcement and we proofread it. "It needs a comma here," I said reaching for a pen.

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It felt so ordinary. Meeting The Rabbi

This morning, my sister and I met with Rabbi Andy Bachman of Congregation Beth Esh. He asked a lot of questions and we got a chance to tell him much about my father's life.

Rabbi Bachman seemed to enjoy the story about the time my father told me to work at a shoe store. My father, then 19 or 20, assumed the store's owner that he had plenty of experience in the shoe business, but when he was caught in a funny trying to force a shoe onto a large woman's foot, the owner replied: "You're no shoe man, Gherlert."

My sister told Rabbi Bachman what a funny story her father was. I felt sad to have to do this, but I knew that we'd never again see my father but his hands were the way he did when he was warming up for a great punline.

Afterwards, we waited under the scaffolding at Beth Elkhon for a fire down pour to the down. I walked toward Sevens Avenue, but the sudden feeling of wet and cold made me rethink my plan. Then I saw a black car and I hopped in the back.

"You got lucky," said a man who was standing on the corner of Eighth Avenue as we got into the car.

Today, the grief was a fog around my forehead. I had a sense that the world was moving on and I wasn't part of it. I wanted to say, "Don't these people know I'm here? My father is gone?"

Friends
Friends called all day. One helpfully picked up by my apartment to stick up an envelope for me. He drove over to my stepmother's apartment in Brooklyn Heights. I feel overwhelmed at the thought of seeing a lot of old people today. I feel so inside myself and I don't know if I will be able to connect with anyone. I'm not sure about my father and keeping this of all the things I didn't say to him.

FAMILY CALENDAR

Compiled by Susan Rosenthal Jay

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13
11 am-1 pm: Free lunch and music. Giggles and Green (369 Court St., near First Place & Carroll Gardens). Free. Call (718) 499-6010 for info.
4:30 pm and 2:30 pm: "Hansel and Gretel." Puppetworks (338 Sixth Ave., at Fourth Street in Park Slope). \$7 kids, \$8 adults. Call (718) 765-3391 for info.
1 pm: Creative nature craft. Salt Marsh Nature Center (33rd Street and Avenue U in Prospect Park). Free. Call (718) 421-2021 for info.
4 pm: Harvest, cook and eat apples. Lefferts Historic House Center Prospect Park at Flatbush Avenue just north of Empire Boulevard. Free. Visit www.prospectpark.org

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14
2-4 pm: Learn about seeds and make arts and crafts. Brooklyn Botanic Garden (enter at 900 Washington Ave., just south of Eastern Parkway). \$8 adults, \$4 kids. Call (718) 623-7200 for info. 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm: "Hansel and Gretel." See Saturday, Sept. 13.
4 pm: Harvest, cook and eat apples. Lefferts Historic House Center Prospect Park at Flatbush Avenue just north of Empire Boulevard. Free. Visit www.prospectpark.org

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16
11 am: Sing-along. Monte Spert (81 Atlantic Ave., at Hicks Street in Brooklyn Heights). Free. Call (718) 922-9710 for info.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 19
3 pm: Free admission. New York Aquarium (West Eighth Street and Surf Avenue in Coney Island). Call (718) 265-FISH for info.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20
1-4 pm: Butter churning, potato sack races and spinning (free info). Inman Street. Lefferts Historic House Center Prospect Park. Call (718) 421-2021 for info.
SUNDAY, SEPT. 21
12:30 pm and 2:30 pm: "Hansel and Gretel." See Saturday, Sept. 13.

Admission to the New York Aquarium — featuring the baby walrus — is free on Sept. 19.

Flatbush Avenue just north of Empire Boulevard. Free. Visit www.prospectpark.org
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French connection for GAP

By Sarah Portlock

The French apparently hold the key to fixing Grand Army Plaza.

Two organizations — the Design Trust for Space and the Grand Army Plaza Coalition — invited architects and urban planners to craft a new vision for the plaza.



A Plaza for Brooklyn... finished in fourth place. It was the only award winner created by Americans.

Eventually, one of the chosen designs may even become a reality, said event organizer Deborah Marton, the executive director of the Design Trust.

Flushing Avenue, currently divided into wide, north- and south-bound segments, running through the circle, would become a single, two-way street on the east side of the plaza while the current south-bound lanes would be given back to pedestrians.

Users of Grand Army Plaza — drivers, bikers, pedestrians and open space enthusiasts — are eager to view new ideas of how best to use the 11-acre space.

should happen to this place to suit the needs of the people who live around it and the people who pass through it," Marton said.

When the exhibition comes down, city planners and traffic engineers will consult the conceptual designs while creating a master plan, Marton said.

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Congressional hopeful and former MTV "Real World" star Kevin Powell had hoped raising money, didn't file campaign paperwork on time, called attention to his prior history of violence, was difficult for reporters to get a hold of, scheduled campaign events featuring big-name celebrities who failed to show up, and then issued a 58-page "vision plan" for the district just five days before the primary (even though he'd promised it to reporters months earlier).

Not that Towns brought up any of that at his victory party at Eden Park, a catering hall in Clinton Hill.

"I'm delighted [by the results] and, in fact, I'm anxious and eager to get started again," he told The Brooklyn Paper.

Towns, who's rarely faced challengers, said he did not take Powell lightly.

For his part, Powell vowed to take on Towns again in 2010.

"Honestly, we need to raise more money next time, that's the bottom line," he told supporters at the Five Spot Restaurant in Fort Greene.

"For now, I'll go back to being a community organizer [but] I am determined to focus on parts of the district I wasn't able to cover well this time, like Williamsburg and East New York. This time, we were really just trying to get the name and message out there. In 2010, we will win it."

The hip-hop campaign came to a hip-hop conclusion — immediately after Powell thanked staffers and volunteers the DJ played Public Enemy's "Fight the Power."

But later, the DJ changed the record and old school rapper Kurtis Blow crooned, "These are the breaks."

Mike McMahon, 11,792 (74%) Steve Harrison, 3,885 (26%) Democratic primary, 13th Congressional District, Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and Bayside.

Robert Straniero, 3,617 (58%) Jim Wynne, 2,539 (42%) Republican primary, 15th Congressional District, Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and Bayside.

Yvettes in Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and Bayside had barely finished casting their ballots in Tuesday's congressional primary when the newly minted candidates — Councilman Mike McMahon (D-State Island) and former Assemblyman Bob Straniero (R-State Island) — started sinking their teeth into each other.

Straniero, a former 12-term State Island assemblyman and currently a Manhattan-based restaurateur, struck first. Before he'd even officially vanquished Jim Wynne in the GOP con-



LOSERS: 30-year state Sen. Marty Cornor (D-Brooklyn Heights) and congressional hopefuls Kevin Powell (10th district) and Steve Harrison (13th district) were repudiated by voters.



former Mayor Koch, netted 75 percent of the vote and even won in the Brooklyn side of the district in Harrison's base.

In his Bensonhurst field office on 15th Avenue on Tuesday night, McMahon pledged his commitment to his constituents.

The people of Brooklyn and Staten Island believe they should have someone in Congress that represents them — not the special interests, not the big fat corporations," he told a room full of staffers, volunteers and elected officials.

But Harrison attributed the margin of victory to two other factors: "The difference came down to money and star power," he said at his Bay Ridge home, where his supporters and family gathered mournfully. In spite of the loss, he said he would support McMahon in the general election.

The loss was especially bitter for Harrison because he had run in 2006



against Fossella and done better than any previous Democratic challenger to the six-term incumbent. But McMahon — including McMahon — came forward when Fossella decided not to seek re-election in the wake of an arrest for drunk driving in May and a subsequent admission that he had sired a lovechild with a woman not his wife.

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BEEP'S BEEF: TERM LIMITS

The Brooklyn Paper

Here's our photo op of the week — all five borough presidents (who are they again?) dining with our own Beep, Mary Markowitz, at James' on Monday.

The boroughs (from left) — Scott Stringer (Manhattan), James Molinaro (Staten Island), Markowitz, Helen Marshall (Queens) and Adolfo Carrion (The Bronx) — chewed over the big issues of the day (what are they again?) and, of course, weighed in on the issue that actually affects them: term limits. Is that special?

"Clearly I'm against term limits," Markowitz said. "I think the electorate made a terrible mistake. I think it's bad government."

The others agreed, more or less, with Markowitz. Also on the menu was brisquet, which voters tend to swallow a lot easier.

ASTROLAND... HIT

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of the tumbledown area.

"[Allowing Astroland to close] shows a total disregard for low-income jobs in our neighborhood," said Zigan. "Some 500 people work at Astroland and if there is no way — and there is no way — that next year they or anyone else could be building, why are we throwing away all those jobs?"

"I wish the city had the guts to step up and do something now, but I don't see a real commitment to the amusement park from the city either," Zigan added.

Mayor Bloomberg begged to differ. Asked about the Astroland closing his daily press availability on Tuesday, Hizzoner said that his administration was actively trying to get Astroland "another one-year extension of their lease" because "it would be a great shame if the amusements, which have been around for so many years and defined Coney Island [were] lost."

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Zander was a very popular little boy at his school and the neighborhood where he was known for being polite and very smart," his father said in a statement released to the Brooklyn Heights Blog.

Both accidents came as soaring gas prices — and summertime weather — has sent bikers onto the roadways in droves. And bike fatalities tend to be highest in the summer, Norvell said.

The Department of Transportation has created 70 miles of new bike lanes to accommodate the hordes, but the new paint often provides a backlash from drivers, said Community Board 1 transportation committee chair Teresa Toro,

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Sévre et Main, Sur Lie Shellfish on the menu? Here's your wine! This is a first-rate Muscadet, well up on the quality ladder, and I've brought it in at a great price. This is the absolutely perfect wine to drink with oysters... and it will be a hit with your shrimp, scallops, mussels, clams, crab and light cheeses. Excellent fruit/floral notes and 100% bone dry!

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Pacifico Sur Sauvignon Blanc

This may be what Chile does best! Crisp, dry, delicious Sauvignon Blanc, irrigated with clear water that melts from the Andes glaciers, a wine truly made in the vineyard, not in the cellar. No oak, just ripe grapes that express the soil, the water and the bright sun.

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Sogno di Casanova Nero d'Avola

Hillside vineyards, planted before the Romans! This is a ripe, rich tasting red from Sicily that goes so well with tomato sauces, grilled steaks and burgers, sausages and peppers... the whole Mediterranean table! Not too big, not hot on the palate: bold but just right!

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Lelia, Garnacha Cariñena

A sophisticated red from northern Spain! Swirl and sniff: aromas of ripe fruit with lots of cherry and black plum. Rich flavors of mocha, blackberry, baked berries and a hint of licorice with a long finish with notes of Chinese black tea. There's simply so much flavor here for the money!

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Trevisani Diana Bresciano

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Featured at Restaurant Babbo! This fleshy, earthy red wine is grown in the north of Italy, on the hills overlooking Lake Garda. This blend of Rebo and Merlot almost dances on your palate: never too heavy or overpowering, is just right with the cuisine of the north! This wine sees six months of ageing on the lees, leading to a more mature flavor and to deeper, complex secondary flavors and aromas of toasted brioche. Plenty of character and dark fruit flavors (blackberry, black plums, figs and berries) and a trace of minerality. Juicy and mouth-watering, yet light enough to serve chicken, seafood or light cheeses.



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Cellar Selection for September!

One of the top rated wines from South Africa! When I taste a wine that has the "terroir" of a first-rate Old World wine, but also shows the ripe, fruit-forward style of the best New World wines, I know that I'm drinking an outstanding example of what only South Africa can produce: truly the best of both Old and New World wine making! Kevin Grant has made a wine that deserves a place in your cellar, and I'm extremely proud to be one of the few retailers to carry it! This heady, seamless blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot shows light floral aromas along with wild raspberries, red currants, toasted bread, minerals, and a whiff of cigar box. Very well balanced and lush on the palate with soft tannins and elegant flavors of ripe fruit and spices, ending in a long, smooth, racy finish. Only 725 cases were made! This is a vibrant wine, rich and complex. This wine can be opened and enjoyed tonight, but it will continue to improve with another 3 to 5 years of cellaring. In a few years you'll enjoy a bottle of mature wine that will taste as if you paid much more than you did.



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