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Mosque moves forward

BY THOMAS TRACY

The city has rejected another attempt to halt the construction of a controversial Sheepshead Bay mosque even though opponents — and the city — say developers have distorted the number of people who will attend services there.

Last Tuesday, Meenakshi Srinivasan of the city's Board of Standards and Appeals, which rules on zoning matters, denied
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CALKO MUST ADD SPACES

City demands more parking at med center

BY DAN MACLEOD

The city is demanding the developer of a medical building in Bensonhurst find more room to park cars within the structure before it will sign off on the nearly finished nine-story edifice that doesn't adhere to the area's zoning.

The Board of Standards and Appeals and neighbors of the Calko Medical Center on Bay Parkway between 60th and 61st streets, criticized developers at a Nov. 22 meeting for setting aside valuable floor space for storage and a cafeteria before ensuring that it could provide enough parking spots for its patients and staff.

"It is clear that you are not utilizing the cellar space as much as
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On the march

Jessel Jones avoids a tackle during Lincoln's 30-14 semifinal win over DeWitt Clinton on Nov. 26. The victory sends the Railsplitters to the city championship game against Erasmus Hall at Yankee Stadium on Dec. 6. For more on the big win, see page 55.

Photo by Lauren Marsh

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PIZZA THE ACTION!

City closes Di Fara for mice, but re-opens it after second inspection

BY ELI ROSENBERG

You asked for it, and the city finally delivered.

The legendary Di Fara's Pizza re-opened on Nov. 23 after the restaurant breezed through the city's health re-inspection that morning.

"It feels like a grand opening," said Margy DeMarco Miele, who works alongside her father, owner Domenico DeMarco, in the shop. "Fresh starts always feel good."

The city shuttered the renowned pizzeria on Avenue J in Midwood, often named the city's best, on Nov. 17 when the Health Department sacked it with 67 violation points after an inspector found evidence of mice and flies in the kitchen, among other issues.

Pizza-lovers citywide had been up in arms — with some accusing the department of trying to make a sacrificial pie out of the pontiff of pizza — but DeMarco embraced the forced closure, treating it as an unexpected vacation.

"The only time I get to relax is when they close us," said the 75-year-old at the time, who jokingly posed for our photographer with his daughter behind the gate of his restaurant as if in prison after the closure.

After a city re-inspection, the joint quickly reopened, churning out the deliciously charred buffalo mozzarella pies it's famous for, to the delight of pizza-philas across the city.

"This is the best pizza in the universe," said Frank Benpensata, who rushed over to the Midwood shrine from Gravesend as soon as he got word DeMarco was



Pizza groupie, Nathan Karp, headed to Di Fara's as soon as he heard the place reopened last Wednesday after being shuttered the week before by the health department.

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back. "I'm happy they reopened."

A pie ordered by this paper was delicious, a sign that the 46-year-old restaurant had not changed in the week that it was closed.

The DeMarcos said they harbored no resentment toward the Health Department, but thought that the shutdown could have potentially been avoided.

"The [Department] is trying to make things better and says its interest is in the public's health," said

Miele. "But people will tell you they live for our pizza — they're not dying over it."

Customers concurred.

"I would eat this pizza if it had dog s—t on it," said Tom Kissane, a Di Fara fanatic who was so untroubled by the Health Department's allegations that he came from Queens with his pregnant wife to enjoy some pre-Thanksgiving pizza.

It's the third time the pizzeria has been closed by the city because of uncleanness since 2007, and each



Di Fara owner Dom DeMarco and his daughter Margy had to keep the gate to their famous Midwood eatery closed after a Nov. 17 health inspection found an unsavory topping in their kitchen — mouse droppings. But a week later the place passed a second inspection and Di Fara was open once again. Photo by Colin Mixson



Photo by Stefano Giovannini

time mouse droppings were involved. Back in 2007, it was closed twice between March and June.

Di Fara's will have to undergo one more re-inspection before it receives a city Department of Health letter grade. As per city rules, res-

taurants need two inspections before getting their grade.

Di Fara had scored a 'B' before the city forced it to close on Nov. 17.

Di Fara Pizza [1424 Avenue J at E. 15th Street in Midwood, (718) 258-1367].



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GET USED TO NEW GOWANUS

State kills plan to tunnel highway, makes 'interim' fixes permanent

BY DANIEL BUSH

The dream to replace the notoriously traffic-choked Gowanus Expressway with a tunnel was quietly killed this month when the federal government announced that it was dropping plans to re-build the highway between Sixth Avenue and the Battery Tunnel or knock it down and burrow it underground.

The Federal Highway Administration released a statement on Nov. 16 proclaiming that plans to replace or tunnel the highway would be killed because of exorbitant costs, and that the existing road would remain for the foreseeable future.

"[The state] is reevaluating its program with emphasis on preserving our existing assets to ensure a continuous system-wide operations," the notice, sent out by Jonathan McDade of the Federal Highway Administration, reads.

The news comes midway through the state Department of Transportation's \$680-million "interim" fix of the Gowanus, an 11-year-project to shore up the famously clogged artery, which many residents demanded be replaced with a tunnel back in 1996, when the government announced plans to completely rebuild it.

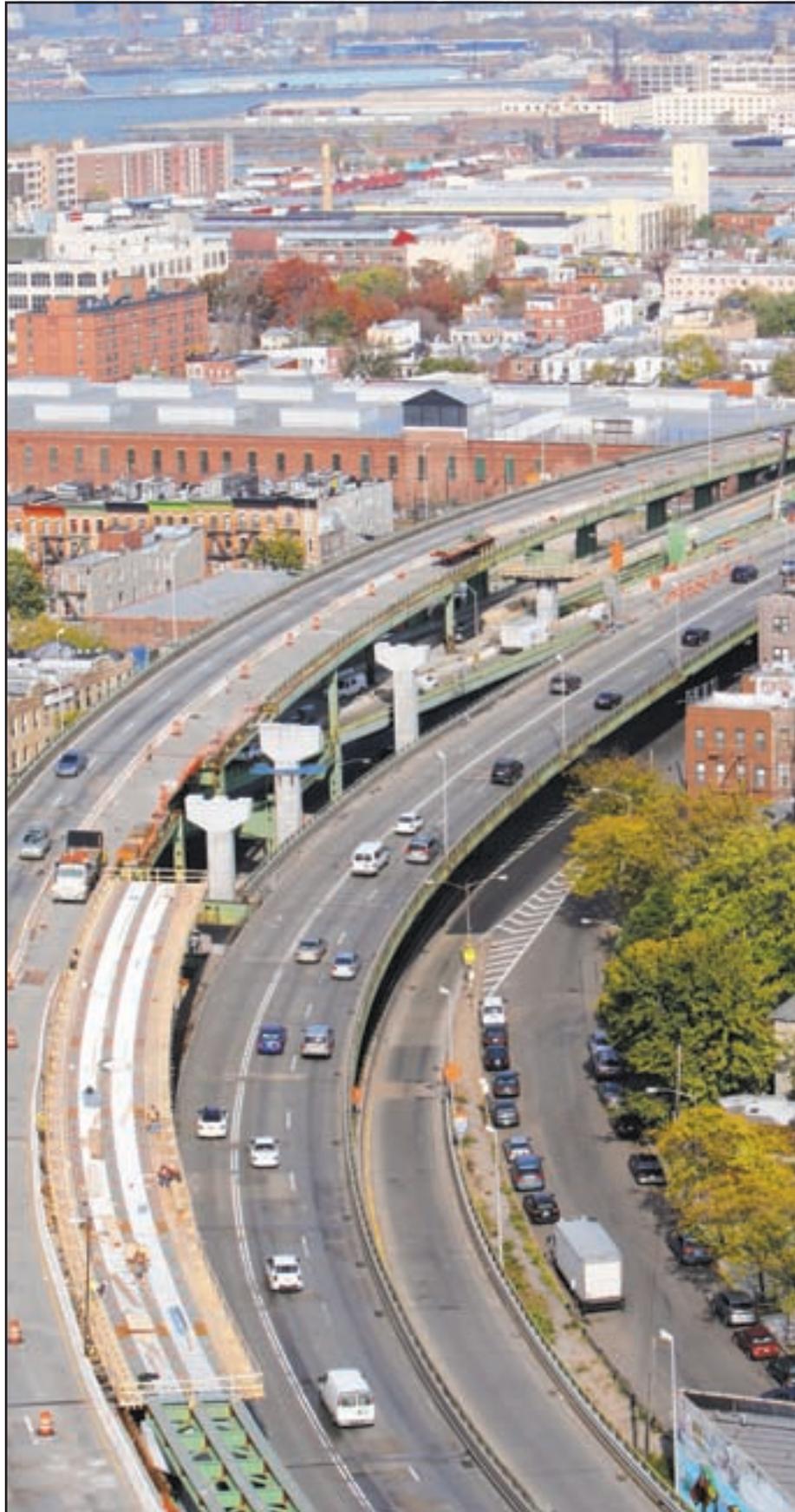
The mammoth repair job was started in 2005 to keep the decrepit, 70-year-old highway intact for the next 15-20 years while the state came up with a long-term plan for cars headed from the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel to the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge.

Now, those plans are dead, and drivers will have to settle for its laundry list of upgrades which are on pace to be finished by early 2016. They include:

- Installation of a new concrete deck along most of the roadway.

- New lighting on the sections of highway that pass through Red Hook and Sunset Park.

- A wider connector ramp for cars accessing the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway from the Gowanus.



Plans to replace the Gowanus Expressway with a tunnel are dead, but the highway's HOV lane will be opened to Bay Ridge-bound traffic once the state Department of Transportation finishes a \$680-million rehabilitation of the notoriously congested highway.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

Gowanus Expressway: History of a highway

The Gowanus Expressway runs 6.1-miles from the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel to the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, linking Brooklyn to Staten Island. Dreamed up by master builder Robert Moses in the late 1930s, the highway has proved controversial since it opened to drivers 70 years ago. Now, the state is half-way through an 11-year "interim" repair of the notoriously congested road. Here's a breakdown of the expressway's history, and statistics on the current repair project:

1939: Construction starts.

1941: Four-lane expressway opens.

1961: Expressway widened to six lanes.

1996: Public demands a tunnel option when state announces it plans to replace the decrepit highway.

2005: State begins the on-going \$680-million repair project, which involves:

- 164 million pounds of concrete to replace the highway's aging deck.

- 20,000 feet of resurfaced concrete.

- 4,600 feet of resurfaced asphalt.

- 400 new light poles.

2011: Federal government cans plans to replace the highway, promising it won't collapse.

— Daniel Bush

• A high-occupancy vehicle lane between the bridge and the tunnel that will be used for Manhattan-bound traffic from 6 to 10 am and Staten Island-bound traffic from 3 to 7 pm on weekdays.

To make the high-occupancy vehicle happen, the state is building an extra lane at the Prospect Expressway and an elevated span to carry carpools over the Belt Parkway interchange — all without shutting the busy Gowanus, which the state says carries 200,000 vehicles a day.

The project's designer said the changes would nevertheless bring the expressway into the 21st century.

"It's still a long ways off," said state Department of Transportation Project Manager Harold Fink. "But when the project is complete, driving on the Gowanus will be very smooth."

That's how master builder Robert Moses envisioned when converted an elevated train to a highway in 1941.

With the construction of his masterpiece, the Verrazano Bridge, the Gowanus, which was widened to six lanes in the 1960s, provided a southern link to Staten Island and New Jersey — but also divided Carroll Gardens from Red Hook, split Sunset Park in two, and displaced a swath of residents in Bay Ridge who lived along Seventh and Eighth avenues, where the approach to the bridge was built.

The highway's concrete deck and steel structure were severely deteriorated by the 1980s, prompting a slew of minor repairs to keep it from falling apart.

The current rehabilitation was considered the last such "interim" repair on the Gowanus before the Department of Transportation would have released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a permanent fix. But now, the government won't be conducting that study.

Case against Kruger's 'crony' dropped

Feds to clear Malinsky of charges he bribed Carl – as long as he stays clean for six months

BY DAN MACLEOD

Federal prosecutors have dropped charges against a developer they claimed funneled nearly \$500,000 in bribes to state Sen. Carl Kruger — the second suspect to beat the wrap in the government's pronged attack against the embattled Brighton Beach legislator.

Feds say they will dismiss the charges against Aaron Malinsky, who was arrested on March 10 alongside Kruger (D-Brighton Beach) — as long as he keeps his nose clean for six months, according to the developer's lawyer, Scott Mollen.

Mollen said the Nov. 22 deal was struck after a review of Malinsky's e-mails and other documents showed that he paid \$472,500, in good faith to Olympian Strategic Development not knowing the

money was going to what feds claim was a shell company established by Kruger and his purported gay lover, Michael Turano, to receive bribes from a select circle of deep-pocketed lobbyists and developers.

"The interests of the United States will be best served by deferring prosecution [against Malinsky]," federal prosecutors noted in court papers, which indicate that the deal would be voided if Malinsky is caught interacting with known criminals or fails to report to the court his whereabouts until next May.

The news is the latest twist in the case against Kruger, who is accused of swapping sweetheart land deals and construction contracts for nearly \$1 million in payoffs.

The feds arrested Kruger, Turano and six other



Kruger 2, Feds 1: The federal government has dropped a case against a man they claimed bribed state Sen. Carl Kruger.

Associated Press / Louis Lanzano

defendants following a widespread corruption investigation that also netted Assemblyman William Boyland (D-Queens), who was acquitted two weeks ago of charges that he accepted a \$177,000 no-show job in exchange for doling out millions of taxpayer dollars to

three hospitals.

But former Brookdale Hospital C.E.O. David Rosen, another suspect in the bribery scheme, found guilty in September of securing \$400,000 in state funding from Kruger after promising that Brookdale Hospital would do business with a hospice company that was on the payroll of the legislator's other consulting firm, Adex Management.

The government is not requiring Malinsky to testify against Kruger, Mollen said, adding that the developer did not plead guilty to any charges.

"There was no trade off here," he said.

Malinsky may be off the hook, but the scandal cost him a lucrative contract developing the \$60-million ShopRite supermarket at the corner of Flushing Avenue and Navy Street, after

the Brooklyn Navy Yard canned him for his alleged misdeeds. He was also fired from a \$750 million project being built at the Albee Square, Downtown, which is expected to bring a four-story shopping mall and 700 units of housing to the Fulton Mall.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's office declined to comment on the ruling.

Prosecutors claim that, in return for the money Malinsky paid to Olympian Strategic Development, Kruger greased the wheels so the developer could build a \$65-million shopping center on city-owned land at the corner of Avenue D and Remsen Avenue in Canarsie. The site is home to a BJ's.

The feds also accused Kruger of:

- Trying to get Forest City Ratner Companies, the

lead developer on the proposed Four Sparrows Retail Center on the southern tip of Flatbush Avenue, to give a portion of the project to Malinsky so he could build a department store on the city-owned site.

- Promoting Malinsky's plans to put a small-scale clothing store at Four Sparrows Retail Center during a scoping session on the project.

Malinsky and Rosen were among five men prosecutors say Kruger accepted bribes from between 2006 and 2011. The remaining three suspects, which include union lobbyist Richard Lipsky, have yet to go to trial.

Benjamin Brafman, Kruger's attorney, did not respond to a request for comment.

Kruger's trial begins in January.

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Liquor board rejects 'Pleasure'

BY DANIEL BUSH

Gravesend's Pleasure Island nightclub may as well be called Desert Island.

The State Liquor Authority rejected owner Mark Shteynshlyuger's liquor license after Community Board 15 denied the its request to reconsider opposition to the controversial lounge on Avenue U between E. Eighth and E. Ninth streets.

The liquor panel extended the club a life preserver on Oct. 19 by postponing a vote on the application for 30 days so that Shteynshlyuger could tweak the plan to address the community board's concerns.

But according to CB15 Chairwoman Theresa Scavo, the bar owner waited more than three weeks before asking for another sit-down, and, even if he would have come to it sooner, the board was determined to block Shteynshlyuger from reopening the club he closed in 2008.



Scavo cited the club's bad reputation — when opened between 2006 and 2008, it was believed by many to be a den of underage drinking, fights and wild after-hours parties — as the reason for the denial.

"It was just going to be the same histrionics," Scavo said. "We don't need those kinds of problems in the area."

CB15's executive committee voted 15-0 against the proposal on Nov. 10.

State Liquor Authority spokesman William Crowley said the state's decision to reject the application six days later was swayed by Shteynshlyuger's inability to win support from the board — and by angry let-

ters from residents and local elected officials.

"We received a tremendous amount of opposition," Crowley said. "It was not in the public's interest to grant the application."

In December, Shteynshlyuger filed plans to reopen the bar as a high-end lounge and began renovating the shuttered space this year — but the comeback hit a snag in June when CB15 recommended the state deny his request for a new liquor license.

That's when opponents of the plan redoubled their efforts to stop Shteynshlyuger in his tracks.

"This business was a plague on the community," said Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz (D-Sheepshead Bay), an outspoken critic of Pleasure Island's ill-fated return. "This is how government is supposed to work."

Shteynshlyuger's attorney George Karp could not be reached for comment.

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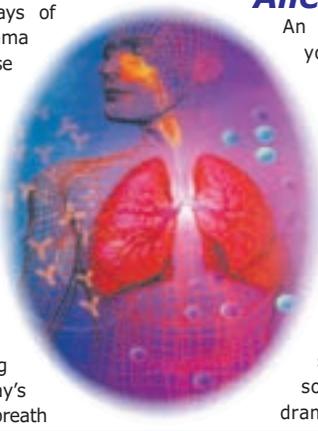
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Gerritsen Beach arborcide!

Tree vandals uproot 120 saplings – twice in a month!

BY DANIEL BUSH

Arborcidal maniacs who destroyed a grove of Gerritsen Beach saplings earlier this month have again attacked the hard-luck timberland weeks after it was replanted by the city, driving the Parks Department and hardwood-huggers out of their trees with rage.

The crooks uprooted approximately 120 three-foot-tall seedlings in Marine Park, between the Gerritsen Beach ball fields and PS 277, on the weekend before Thanksgiving, forcing Parks workers to return after the holiday to clean up the pulpy mess.

Most of the cute baby trees, whose types weren't immediately known, were replanted within days though the field still remains strewn with a dozen keeled-over casualties.

Residents blamed area mischief-makers who they said wanted to reassert themselves after this Halloween's cop crackdown to avoid a repeat of last year's Oct. 31 fiasco when thrill-seekers switched from eggs and shaving cream to potatoes and rocks.

"I guess they're just trying to show it doesn't have to be Halloween for them to act like jerks," said Joe Nicoletti, owner of a deli at Gerritsen and Channel avenues.

But the trees may have been doomed saps from the get-go.

City parks officials and volunteers planted 4,000 of them on Oct. 22 as part of the city's MillionTreesNYC program, but the ones near



TREES DOWN! Richard Halstead shows off one of the saplings that was uprooted by vandals near the Gerritsen Beach ball fields in Marine Park.

Community Newspaper Group / Daniel Bush

"We take this vandalism very seriously [and] will fully restore the area," he said.

Do-gooder greenthumbs beware: Under the law it's illegal for anyone except for Parks employees and certified pruners to work on city trees. Lawbreakers will be fined and arrested, stated the agency.

News of the arborcide was first reported by the blog Gerritsenbeach.net.

Furious residents said the tree vandals deserve to be punished.

"I hope they're caught," said Richard Halstead. "Whoever did this has no respect."

PS277 didn't last long. Parks received word on Nov. 2 that they were overturned, and dispatched workers to salvage them, only to see their hard work ravaged three weeks later.

The vandalism has steamed Brooklyn Parks Commissioner Kevin Jeffrey.

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Dr. Alfredo N. Lopez del Castillo of The Pain Relief Center, a pioneer in the field of pain management.

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Bleach bimbo

Police arrested a 23-year-old woman who they say broke into another woman's 77th Street apartment — just so she could ruin her victim's clothes.

The victim told police that the suspect, who she knows, called her and said that she had crept into her apartment near 16th Avenue through a fire escape window sometime after 6:30 pm and "left a surprise" for her.

When the victim returned home, she found a bunch of her clothes in her tub — doused in water and bleach.

Machete maniac

Detectives from the 62nd Precinct arrested a man who they say struck another man with a machete on 69th Street on Nov. 14 — nearly killing him.

Witnesses to the attack, which took place near 17th Avenue, said the two men were arguing at about 7:15 pm when the suspect swung the machete at his victim's upper body, burying the weapon deep into the victim's forearm.

The victim was rushed to an area hospital for treatment as his assailant ran off — only to be arrested this week and charged with attempted murder.

Supermarket raid

Cops nabbed two men who they claim tried to knock over an Associates Supermarket on 20th Avenue on Nov. 21.

Workers at the grocery store near 78th Street said that the thieves barreled in at 8:27 am with one of the men carrying both a small baseball bat and a large knife.

"I will kill you, give me all your money," the armed thief, age 29, allegedly screamed. "Give me all your stuff."

His accomplice, a 24-year-old man, was unarmed, but found a weapon pretty quickly: he pulled a beer can from his partner's satchel and threatened to throw it at store employees.

After a few tense moments, the thieves ran off empty-handed — only to be apprehended by police a short time later.

Car looter busted

Cops arrested a 42-year-old man who they say was looting a car parked on Bay 16th Street on Nov. 21.

Witnesses called police after they saw the thief was ransacking the cabin of a 2007 Infiniti near 89th Street at 11 pm.

Drunk driver dunked

A 51-year-old man was arrested for drunk driving along 18th Avenue on Nov. 22, police said.

Cops say the suspect was pulled over near 77th Street at 12:25 am and was taken into custody after scoring a .152 — the equivalent of a 180 pound man having seven drinks.

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BEACH-HOMECREST**Bribe boozer bust**

A 61-year-old who was arrested for drunk driving on Kathleen Court found himself in even hotter water on Nov. 27 when he tried to bribe the two police officers who took him into custody.

Police said that the motorist was nabbed near Coney Island Avenue after he smashed his 2010 Acura into three parked cars at 5:15 pm.

But when he was taken to the 61st Precinct, he asked a cop, "What can I do for you so that I don't see a judge?" then offered to give the cops more than \$1,900.

Unfortunately for him, cops got his offer on tape — then charged him with bribery.

Three shot

A trigger-happy gunman opened fire on a group outside of an 86th Street store on Nov. 20 — wounding three people.

Witnesses said the victims were standing outside Mee Mee's near Avenue V at 10:31 pm when the suspect opened fire.

A 30-year-old man was shot in the forearm while a 45-year-old man suffered a gunshot wound to the foot, police said. A third man, a 38-year-old believed to be the intended target, was shot in the buttocks, face and leg, police said.

Busted for robbery

Cops arrested a 19-year-old who they say robbed a man of his chain during an Oct. 15 skirmish on E. 18th Street.

The victim said he was between Avenues T and U at 11:50 pm when the suspect ran up, punched him in the face, and ran off with his jewelry.

Investigators caught up with the alleged thief on Nov. 27, charging him with robbery.

iSwipe

A thief grabbed up an assortment of electronics from a Bay Ridge home on Nov. 25 — but was nabbed with the loot on Oceanview Avenue.

The victim, a resident of Shore Boulevard, said that someone broke into his apartment sometime after 7 am, taking two iPhones, an iPad and a laptop computer.

Cops connected the alleged thief to the burglary the next day, when they were called to his Oceanview Avenue home for an unrelated incident — and found the stolen electronics inside.

E. 14th St. attack

Cops arrested a 16-year-old who they claim robbed a woman on E. 14th Street on Nov. 10.

The victim said she was nearing Kings Highway at 2 pm when the suspect jumped her, beating and pulling her hair — and taking her purse and cigarettes.

Cops caught up with the suspect this week, charging him with robbery in the second degree.

Threat assessment

A 29-year-old was arrested on Nov. 23 after he threatened to gun down two groups of people during two separate incidents, according to cops.

Police were told that the suspect flashed a gun in front of a man on W. Sixth Street near Avenue V at 2:45 pm on Nov. 21, claiming that he was going to kill the man and his wife.

Two days later, he allegedly called an office on Kings Highway, claiming that the victim "should watch what happens to the office workers."

60TH PRECINCT

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48 free hours

A 28-year-old Brighton Beach woman arrested for robbery escaped police custody on Nov. 24 — only to be picked up with her boyfriend two days later, cops say.

Janine Power, a resident of Oceanview Avenue, was nabbed for allegedly stealing a cellphone from a cab driver at the corner of Stillwell and Neptune avenues at 6:13 pm, police said.

The cops were taking her to central booking when she jumped out of the police car and ran off — but didn't get far.

Police officers patrolling Midwood saw Power and her boyfriend, 41-year-old Anthony D'Angelo, gassing up a car at a service station on Coney Island Avenue and Avenue P — taking them into custody without incident.

Beach bust up

Someone has been vandalizing and breaking into shuttered bathrooms and lifeguard stations along Coney Island's fabled Boardwalk this month. Here's the rundown:

- Someone cut the electrical lines to the Boardwalk's main bathroom at Stillwell Avenue on Nov. 18. The wires were cut from underneath the Boardwalk, the police noted.

- A thief broke into a locked Boardwalk utility room near W. Fifth Street on Nov. 16, stealing 30 feet of copper wire.

- A goon broke into a locked lifeguard station near W. 22nd Street on Nov. 2, spray-painting both the walls and lockers inside, our sister publication, the New York Post, noted.

- Someone set fire to a lifeguard station and a set of bathrooms near W. 33rd Street on Nov. 3. By the time the fire was put out by 60 firefighters, most of the station had been destroyed.

- A thief tried to break into a Boardwalk lifeguard station near W. 16th Street, but failed to get inside. City employees said that the thief tried to pry his way inside sometime after midnight.

B.B. bilkers

Cops say two thugs armed with a B.B. gun robbed a man of his cash during a Nov. 22 robbery on Surf Avenue — only to be arrested an hour later.

The two suspects stopped their victim near W. Eighth Street at 2 am, placing their weapon to the man's head, according to police. They ran off with the victim's money, but they didn't have time to spend it: cops nabbed both men an hour later, charging them with robbery.

Busted for weaving

Cops arrested a man who they say was driving drunk along Brighton Sixth Street on Nov. 28.

The 44-year-old motorist was pulled over for driving erratically near Neptune Avenue at 2:55 am and was taken into custody after scoring a .148 — the equivalent of a 160 pound man having six drinks — on a Breathalyzer test.

Helping hand

Cops arrested a 19-year-old on Nov. 27 who they say was trying to help a pal escape police custody.

At midnight cops were narrowing in on a 16-year-old who was accused of punching out another man on Mermaid Avenue near W. 17th Street. That's when the 19-year-old offered to change clothes with the assault suspect. He then gave the alleged thug a boost over a fence as police closed in.

But the assistance did little to deter cops, who nabbed both the helpful 19-year-old, as well as the 16-year-old assault suspect, a short time later.

Stuck after stick-up

Cops say a 24-year-old raided a Neptune Avenue store with an air pistol on Nov. 25 — but didn't get far with the loot.

Police said the suspect entered the store near Brighton Eighth Street at 10:30 pm, flashed his air pistol, and jumped behind the counter — taking the cash directly from the register.

He then ran off, ditching the gun in a nearby garbage can as cops closed in on him.

— Thomas Tracy

Oh, Boy-land! Assemblyman arrested again

Assemblyman William Boyland, Jr., the embattled state legislator who was acquitted of federal corruption charges last month, was arrested on an entirely new set of bribery charges on Tuesday.

Brooklyn federal prosecutors claim that Boyland (D-Bedford Stuyvesant) allegedly sold his political clout to deep-pocketed developers so he could pay off his attorneys representing him in his November corruption trial.

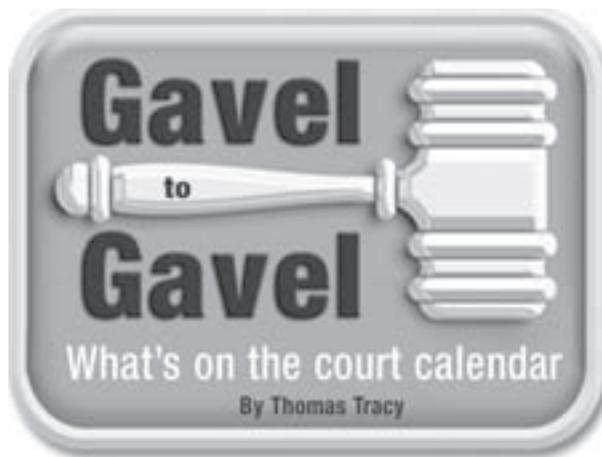
According to the new indictment, Boyland actively sought bribes from undercover officers pretending to be out-of-state developers looking to build on properties in his district. Boyland was connected to the developers from a carnival promoter, who Boyland also sought bribes from.

U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch claims that Boyland solicited more than \$250,000 in bribes — while his first corruption case worked its way through the court system. In March, Boyland was arrested for allegedly taking a \$175,000 no-show job with Brookdale Hospital. In return, Boyland steered millions of dollars in state funds to MediSys, Brookdale Hospital's parent company.

Yet a jury didn't see that way and acquitted Boyland, who was seen jubilantly pumping his fists in the air outside Manhattan federal court after the jury acquitted him.

But there will be no fist pumping this time around: prosecutors have Boyland on tape soliciting the bribes, claiming that he had unfettered control over any legislative activity in his district.

"Everything here I'm in control of," Boyland said, ac-



ording to court papers. "I'm the politician. I'm the guy that can make that move over on this end, so we know the folks that can pull the triggers we're looking for."

Federal investigators said he didn't want to accept the bribes personally — claiming that he had his own "bag man" for that explicit purpose — and that most of the bribes would go to the attorneys defending him in court.

"I have legal fees for this legal thing I have," he was recorded as saying. "I have to get clear of these charges, but I have to come back in a larger sense."

Boyland was released on \$100,000 bond after he was arraigned on the new charges. His attorney, Michael K. Bachrach, said that he and his team "will fight the charges just as hard as we defended the last case."

Snake on a plane

A Bushwick resident arrested for punching out a flight attendant 30,000 feet in the air was released on \$200,000 bail on Monday.

Antonio Ynoa, 22, is facing federal assault charges for the Nov. 27 attack, but showed no signs of remorse when he walked out of Brooklyn federal court on Monday night.

"I feel like a movie star!" Ynoa screamed to reporters as he waved a copy of the Daily News above his head. The Manhattan tabloid had a story of his arrest on the cover. "This is my script."

Federal prosecutors accuse Ynoa of attacking a Jet Blue flight attendant in a drunken rage as the plane approached John F. Kennedy airport on the last leg of the trip from the Caribbean.

According to the complaint, Ynoa was obviously drunk on the plane and was seen stumbling as he went to the bathroom. When a flight attendant asked if he was OK, he responded: "No. Are you OK?"

A few hours later, he was seen banging his armrest. When a flight attendant asked him to calm down, he allegedly told the woman to "get out of [his] face."

Still later, those seated around Ynoa said that he was sipping from a bottle he had bought at the duty-free shop. When the flight attendant demanded that he hand over the bottle, he threw his backpack at the woman, then allegedly punched her three times in the face.

The attendants and NYPD Officer Anibal Mercado, a passenger taking the same plane back from New York, managed to subdue Ynoa until the plane landed and he was taken into custody.

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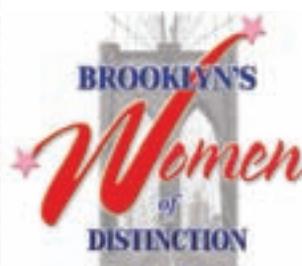
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REMEMBERING SOL POLISH

Beloved Courier Life columnist died peacefully at 96 years old

BY JOANNA DELBUONO

Sol Polish, an inveterate writer and chronicler of days-gone-by whose wry sense of humor and Runyonesque recollections of life before, during, and after the Great Depression appeared week after week in the pages of Courier Life, died peacefully on Nov. 21 at the New York State Veterans Home in Queens of natural causes. He was 96.

Polish kept old-time Brooklyn alive in his column "Remembering Brooklyn," which chronicled the adventures of Canarsie's 98th Street Kids in the 1920s and '30s: "Greazy Gus," "Goomba," "Suchie" and Polish himself, "Skinny," delighting readers of the Courier from the 1970s until he retired it in 2007 at the age of 92.

Polish then frequently contributed "Looking Back," which told stories of

Polish's adventures in World War II and the Korean War in the Courier's popular Harbor Watch supplement, which appears each week in our Bay Ridge edition. His last column was published on April 29 of this year.

Polish started writing in the 1960s when he penned a newsletter and worked for the Army in the insurance department.

But he discovered that there was better money in the private sector, so he left the army and became an auto salesman for the Studebaker dealership on Tilden Avenue. A friend convinced him to write a letter to the editor to the Canarsie Courier recalling the old days of the neighborhood, and soon after, a column called "Remembering Brooklyn" was born.

After several years — and a few editorial differences — Polish left the Ca-

narsie Courier, and began sending copies of his column to the Courier Life, which led to "Remembering Brooklyn" and, later, "Looking Back."

Polish was born Sept. 18, 1915 in Canarsie, the youngest of two boys, to immigrant parents. He attended PS 115 and Thomas Jefferson High School and enlisted in the cavalry in 1941 after becoming enamored with all those horse soldiers he saw at the Saturday matinees.

But as the army phased out his unit in favor of tanks, Polish found himself transferring into the infantry division and served in Europe as a cryptographer until his discharge in 1946. After a short span as a civilian, Polish re-upped in 1950 and served in the Korean conflict — the same year that he married his beloved wife Lil.

"I met her in a night club in Manhattan. She was

a girl from Bensonhurst, I was from Canarsie, so I had to travel across the borough. Right before I left to go to Korea, Lil and I married, Sept. 10, 1950."

He and Lil moved into an apartment in Canarsie after his second discharge, where he lived until July when he took ill and moved to the Veterans facility in Queens. They had no children.

His niece, Anne Baumgarten, said that she would be keeping Polish's beloved Smith Corona typewriter, which he used to type every column that appeared in the Courier.

"He was so proud of two things: his military service, and the fact that his work still appeared in Harbor Watch," she said.

Polish, who once said of his work that "writers of nostalgia reach into the hearts of both old and young, and brings the



Sol Polish wrote about his time in the Army — he served in World War II and the Korean War — in the pages of the Courier.

Courtesy of the Polish family

reader away from the stark reality of today's existence," will be sorely missed by his colleagues.

"Sol had a twinkle in his eye and a humble love of life that he wove into heartwarming tales about his youth that will remain forever timeless," said Shavana Abruzzo, whose column, "A Britisher's View," appeared alongside Polish's

"Remembering Brooklyn" for many years. "His loss is huge because he brought so much pleasure to people each week."

Polish was interred last Friday, next to his wife Lil, who passed away in September 2010.

His family asked that in honor of Polish, donations can be made in his name to any Veterans Association.

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Green-Wood's new gateway?

A visitor's center in an old greenhouse

BY NATALIE O'NEILL

Green-Wood Cemetery is ramping up its tourism push by buying a crumbling, but historic, greenhouse across the street with an eye towards turning it into a museum and visitors center.

Officials at the landmark boneyard are closing on a deal to purchase the Weir-McGovern Greenhouse, a dilapidated flower shop on Fifth Avenue and 25th Street.

The greenhouse, which is near the graveyard's west entrance, could soon house artifacts belonging to famous people buried across the street.

Neighbors are cheering for the move, saying the 130-year-old flower shop has long been a blemish on the block.

"I'm tired of looking at a dump, so this is a win for both the neighborhood and the cemetery," said Aaron Brashear of Concerned Citizens of Greenwood Heights.

It may also increase the number of visitors to the 478-acre open space, where famous poets, mobsters and artists — not to mention half a dozen of Theodore Roosevelt's relatives — are buried.

Even with its history, the 173-year-old cemetery



Green-Wood Cemetery has bought the McGovern Weir building at Fifth Avenue and 25th Street to turn it into a visitors center. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

just south of Prospect Park hasn't been a huge tourist draw since the horse-and- buggy days — though in recent years, the cemetery has reached out to a new audience with tours and site-specific dance pieces.

The family-owned Weir-McGovern Greenhouse was built in 1879 — about 40 years after the cemetery opened — and was known for its striking architecture and springtime chrysanthemums. But business slowed and owners could not generate enough cash to fix the structure. Complicated landmark architecture rules also made re-

pairs more difficult.

The greenhouse building — which is worth nearly \$3 million — has been closed for at least three weeks, according to neighbors.

Owner Kevin McGovern did not respond to calls; a phone number listed for the business just rings.

Its closure is fine with Brashear, who says the structure's proximity to the 25th Street subway station sets the tone for visitors to the neighborhood, making its repair even more important.

"It could be beautiful," he said. "It's a natural extension of the cemetery."

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Island Shores Senior Residences on Staten Island is inviting the community to an exclusive tour of its newly renovated accommodations on Dec. 3.

manicured lawns for bocce games.

The celebration, which is open to the community, will start at noon at the Is-

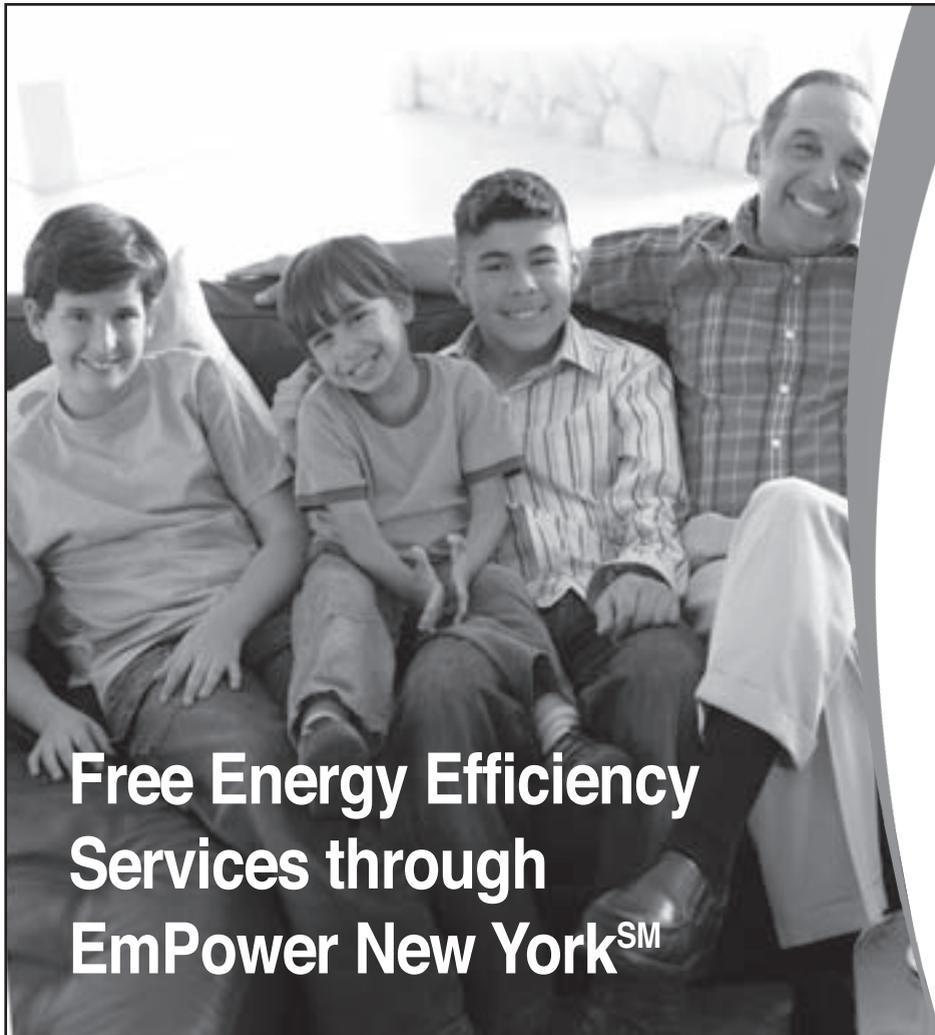
land Shores Midland Beach location on Father Capodanno Boulevard. Visitors will be able to enjoy refreshments while

touring the building and obtain information about senior housing. Tours will highlight the upgrades made in the last year, including easy operational windows, digital air and heat units, marble walk-in showers, exterior townhouse facelift, and decorated grounds, which include gazebos and the bocce area.

The residents will also be holding their annual Holiday Charity Fair during the same time. The fair includes raffles, giveaways, vendors, baked goods, and handmade art and crafts. All proceeds go to local charities the residents have chosen.

"This event is something the residents look forward to all year round. They enjoy being able to participate in their community and give back during the holiday season," explains Community Outreach Coordinator Kimberly Brown.

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ICE CREAMED!

Customer finds dime in a pint of Häagen-Dazs

BY AARON SHORT

This pint of ice cream came with cash back.

A Hasidic woman's Shabbat was spoiled after she bit into a frozen dime buried inside a container of Häagen-Dazs chocolate at her Williamsburg home on Nov. 11.

Sara Abraham purchased two containers of the delectable confection from a Kent Avenue Duane Reade store on Nov. 11, as she has done once a week since the pharmacy opened several months ago.

But by the fifth spoonful, she tasted something "metallic" — and the dime was in her mouth.

"I had a bad taste and I spat it out," said Abraham. "I felt something in my mouth and the ice cream didn't have a good taste from the start. Two hours later, I still felt a metallic taste in my mouth."

Her husband, Orthodox activ-

ist Isaac Abraham, called Häagen-Dazs and the Duane Reade at 4 pm, and complained about finding the frozen coin.

A Duane Reade employee said the store pulled its Häagen-Dazs batch from its shelves in response to Abraham's complaint and gave its order back to the global dessert company, just to be safe.

A Häagen-Dazs employee told Isaac Abraham last week to send more information about the incident and ship the icy dime to its California-based quality control center.

But for now, he is keeping the change.

"I'm not an idiot — if I send the dime then my story would melt away with the ice cream," said Abraham, who is speaking with an attorney. "Luckily, she didn't break a tooth. Who knows where the dime came from or who touched it before it went into the

ice cream?"

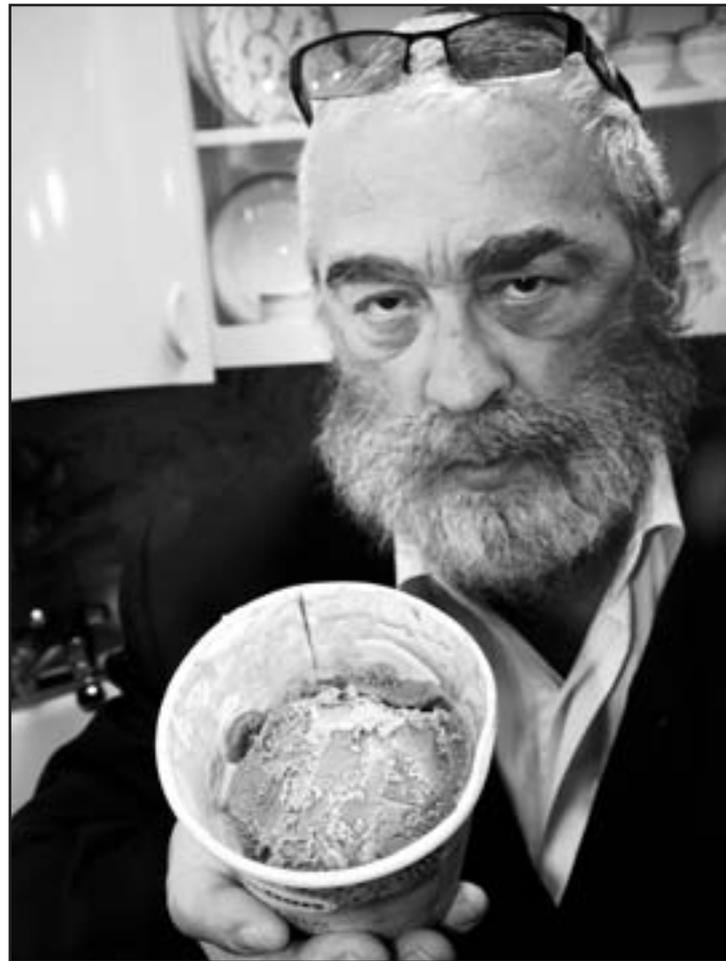
A Häagen-Dazs representative said that the company "apologizes for her experience," adding that finding a foreign object in chocolate ice cream is "highly unusual."

"It is made in one location, then it is pumped and filled [into cartons] before it passes through a metal detector that shoots them off a carrier belt if metal is detected," said Häagen-Dazs spokeswoman Diane McIntyre. "It detects dime, but nothing is infallible."

The company, which was founded in the Bronx and opened its first retail store in Brooklyn in 1976, has found shell casings or pebbles, but never coins, inside nut-flavored ice cream.

That's cold comfort to Sara Abraham, who said she is giving up ice cream indefinitely.

"I don't want to eat it anymore," said Abraham.



Cash back: Isaac Abraham and his wife Sarah found a dime in a pint container of Häagen-Dazs chocolate. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

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PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE OF SALE OF COOPERATIVE APARTMENT SECURITY BY VIRTUE OF DEFAULT in a security agreement executed on 10/29/2001 by LEV MALKIN and EverHome Mortgage Company, and in accordance with its rights as holder of the security, Lawrence Estreich, Auctioneer, DCA #1247619, will conduct a public sale of the security consisting of 205 share(s) of TOWER OWNERS, INC. and all right title and interest in and to a proprietary lease to UNIT 4R in a building known as and by the street address 35 SEACOAST TERRACE, UNIT 4R, BROOKLYN, NY 11235, together with fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with UNIT 4R on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 2:15 PM at Front Entrance Steps of the Supreme Court, County of Kings, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York, in satisfaction of an indebtedness in the principal amount of \$121,990.96 plus interest from 09/01/2010 and costs, subject to open common charges.

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS NYCTL 2006-A TRUST and THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 2006-A Trust, Plaintiff against ALEON MCNARE, if living and if he/she be dead, etc..., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated March 23, 2011, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on the 15th day of December, 2011 at 3:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 4091 and Lot 13 on the Kings County Tax Assessment Map. Said premises known as 612 JEROME STREET, BROOKLYN NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 32, 596.36 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 15903/07. FRANK T. GEOLY, ESQ., Referee. Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Michael Resnikoff, Esq., (212) 237-1102, 156 W 56 Street, NY 10019 BG-4X 11/10,17,24, 12/1, 2011

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CITATION File No. 2009-03674. PA. No. 136849 SURROGATE'S COURT, KINGS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Pamela Tranberg, Elizabeth Gautier, Janice Chambers, Sharon Rose-Calhoun, Pa-

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tricia Rapelyea, Nathaniel Rapelyea III, Doreen Cokley, Attorney General of the State of New York, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, New York City Human Resources Administration. The spouse, if any, and any and all unknown distributees and creditors of FRANK N. MICKENS, deceased, whose whereabouts are unknown and if any of the aforesaid persons be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if the persons died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown, and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of FRANK N. MICKENS, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after due diligence be ascertained, A petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of Kings County who has offices at 360 Adams Street, Room 144A, Brooklyn, New York 11201, United States. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, at 2 Johnson Street, Room 319 Brooklyn, New York, on January 10, 2012 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why: (a) The account of proceedings of the Public Administrator of Kings County as Administrator of the estate of FRANK N. MICKENS, should not be judicially settled; (b) The Public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his commissions pursuant to SCPA §2307 in the amount of \$7,674.12, as set forth in Schedule I of the Account; (c) The Public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his administrative expenses pursuant to SCPA §1106(3) in the amount of \$1,668.53, as set forth in Schedule J of the Account; (d) The Court should not fix, determine and approve the legal fees of Cullen and Dykman LLP, counsel to Petitioner, in the amount of

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\$10,011.17, and disbursements in the amount of \$323.29 as shown in Schedule J of the Account; (e) The claim of Doreen Cokley in the amount of \$41,316.28 for funeral expenses should not be allowed in part, with the claim to be borne by the intestate estate based upon the proportion that the net intestate estate bears to the total gross estate, and that the balance of the funeral expenses should not be equitably apportioned to Doreen Cokley based upon her receipt of the bulk of the decedent's gross estate; (f) The claim of Doreen Cokley in the amount of \$5,563.92 for debts and administration expenses paid on behalf of the estate should not be allowed and paid in the full amount, as set forth in Schedule D of the Account; (g) The claim of Doreen Cokley in the amount of \$4,000.00 for legal fees should not be rejected, as set forth in Schedule D of the Account; (h) The claims of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and the New York City Human Resources Administration, if any, should not be fixed and determined; (i) The Petitioner should not be permitted to distribute so much of the net estate to the decedent's distributees, as now known or hereafter determined, as their interests may appear, and to deposit any amount not so distributed with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York to be held for the benefit of decedent's unknown distributees or for the benefit of any distributees of the decedent who are under disability for whom no guardian of the property has been appointed; (j) The Petitioner, upon fully complying with the Decree to be made in this proceeding, should not be released and discharged of and from any and all liability, responsibility and accountability with respect to the Petitioner's acts and proceedings as Administrator as set forth and embraced in said account and the Court grant such other and further relief as it deems just and proper; Dated, Attested and Sealed, November 25, 2011 HON. MARGARITA

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LOPEZ TORRES Surrogate Doreen A. Quinn Chief Clerk. ATTORNEY RICHARD H. FREEMAN, ESQ. Cullen and Dykman LLP 177 Montague Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 718-780-0088

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CITATION File No. 2010-3653 SURROGATE'S COURT, KINGS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: MARCIA BERMAN and KAREN BERMAN, if living and if dead, to her or their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if she or they died subsequent to the Decedent herein to her or their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of BEVERLY R. BERMAN, the Decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained; A petition having been duly filed by Janet Skolnik who is/are domiciled at 8 Pondsides Place, Harrington Park, New Jersey 07640. **YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE** before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, at 2 Johnson Street, Room 319, Brooklyn, New York, on Jan 10, 2012 at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Beverly R. Berman lately domiciled at 440 Neptune Avenue, Apartment 12B, Brooklyn, New York 11224, United States admitting to probate a Will dated

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June 16, 2009 (and Codicils(s) if any) as the Will of Beverly R. Berman deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that: Letters Testamentary issue to Janet Skolnik. Dated, Attested and Sealed; November 17, 2011 HON. MARGARITA LOPEZ TORRES Surrogate, Doreen A Quinn Chief Clerk Madelynn R. Mason, Attorney
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NOTICE OF LEGAL POSTPONEMENT OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY TRIBECA LENDING CORPORATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. ROLSTEN TROWERS, IF LIVING, OR IF EITHER OR ALL BE DEAD; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about August 5, 2011, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at Room 274 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On December 8, 2011 at 3:00 PM Premises known as 8602 Avenue M, Brooklyn, NY 11236 Block: 8077 Lot: 1 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the building and improvements thereon erected situated, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the

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terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$363,386.87 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 28260/07 David Hernandez, Esq., REFEREE ****PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A LEGAL POSTPONEMENT FOR THE SALE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR November 10, 2011****

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14 APOLLO REAL ESTATE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/18/2011. Office in Kings Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 480 76th St., Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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363 7TH AVENUE LLC Art. Of Org, Filed Sec. Of State of NY 06/21/2011. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to THE LLC, 363 7th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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504 PROSPECT LLC Art. Of Org, Filed Sec. Of State of NY 08/26/2011. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to THE LLC, 342 Seventh Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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By *Camille Sperrazza*

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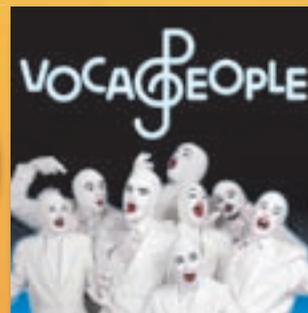
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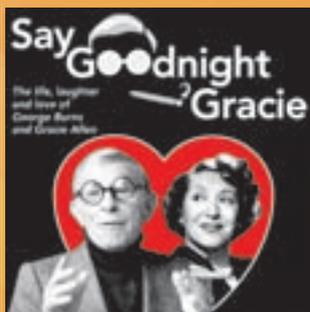
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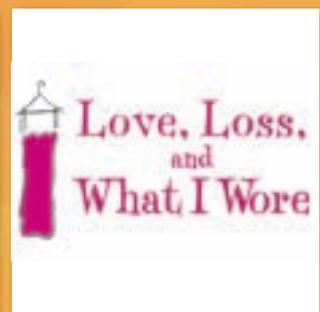
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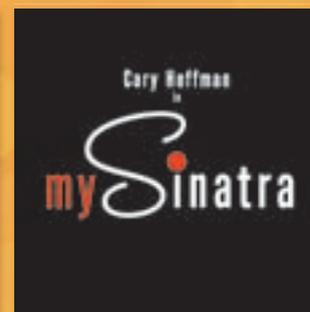
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The frame of the controversial Sheepshead Bay mosque, now under construction, peeks above the fence on Voorhies Avenue between E. 28th and E. 29th streets. Photo by Alice Proujansky

Bay people

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an 11th-hour application to kill the Voorhies Avenue project, which opponents, led by the group Bay People, say is being built under false pretenses — even though she agreed mosque developers are being deceptive about how many people will show up for services.

Opponents claim that the city doesn't really know how many people will be coming to the mosque because it is only counting the people who will fill the main sanctuary — a space where only male worshippers will pray. Female congregants will also be coming to services, but worship in a different room — one that isn't being counted by the city — said Bay People attorney Howard Goldman.

"The division of a sanctuary into a 'main prayer room' and a 'secondary prayer room' and the exclusion of the secondary prayer room from the parking calculations is contrary to the intent of the Zoning Resolution," Goldman told the Board of Standards and Appeals, during a Nov. 1 hearing, claiming that if all of the worshippers coming to the house of worship were counted, developers would have had to provide on-site parking. "By excluding the population of the secondary room, it results in an undercount of the number of people and cars coming to religious services."

City law says a house of worship does not have to provide on-site parking if its management can prove congregants would use less than 10 cars to come to services. But the decades-old law only requires that the occupancy of the main sanctuary be used in determining how many parking spaces are needed.

At the hearing, Srinivasan recommended that if the Bay People wanted both sanctuaries to be counted, it should have the law changed.

Undeterred members of Bay People say they're going to go back to court.

"We are going to file a lawsuit against the city," a Bay People spokesman told this paper on Monday.

Opponents say that traffic and parking are their driving concerns in demanding that the mosque close, but the tenor of their rallies over the last year has been more anti-Islamic rather than anti-congestion, with neighborhood protestors and Brooklyn Tea Party members waving signs reading, "Islam not welcome here," "New York is not Islamabad" and "Do not forget 9-11!"

One resident even claimed he was going to "blow up the mosque" if it was built.

Despite its repeated legal losses, the Bay People have already had some success in halting the project's completion, and the building is moving ahead at a snail's pace: only the foundation and basement have been built.

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The Pointing Finger

Take My Health Care Mandate, Please!

By Dr. Stephen Finger

The Supreme Court has finally decided to rule on the constitutionality of the humorously titled Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or, more colloquially, ObamaCare. The question to be answered by The Court is whether the Constitution's Commerce Clause, which states that Congress can 'regulate commerce among the states', allows the Federal government to mandate that all Americans purchase health insurance.

"The Convention will come to order. Please, no talking until recognized by the chair, and no condescending liberal bias without press credentials from MSNBC.

The Chair recognizes Thomas Jefferson of Virginia."

"Ich bin ein Berliner."

"What?!"

(Legend has it that, because of the great number of German immigrants in the various colonies, the colonists had originally considered making German, rather than English, the official language of the United States.)

"Oops, sorry...Mr. President and fellow delegates. We are all aware of the difficulties faced by our citizens in conducting business with 13 separate colonies, each with its own set of taxes and tariffs. I would like to propose a short clause that would allow Congress to 'regulate commercial intercourse among the states.' "

"Good, but maybe drop the 'intercourse' part and make it just 'commerce.' The Pilgrims have their issues."

Anyway, however it happened, the Constitution was ratified and Congress was soon hard at work seeking to earn every bit of its 9% approval rating. Over the years what had started out as a few words to resolve intractable conflicts ended up providing justification for any law the Congress wanted to pass as long as it had anything to do with or 'touched upon' or was related to in any way anything which involved more than one state, most recently ObamaCare and the 'mandate.'

Of course, every state already has health care laws and an insurance department to enforce those laws. But remember, patients often go to doctors, and doctors frequently have travel magazines in their waiting rooms and these magazines often contain stories about other states and patients often read those stories and patients and doctors sometimes go to other states and sometimes come back again as well and some patients can even spell, 'interstate' and.....

Clearly the Commerce Clause gives Congress the power to control the entire health care industry... and many other industries as well.

If this is all starting to make sense to you, you can probably get a job teaching Constitutional Law someplace, regardless of where you were born.

Dr. Finger practices medicine in Brooklyn. He was both the Libertarian and Republican candidate for Congress in NY's 11th C.D. in 2006. DrSteveFinger@aol.com.

Previous columns posted at: www.ThePointingFinger.blogspot.com.

Calko

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you could." Board Chairwoman Meenakshi Srinivasan chided project consultant Seth Wright at the hearing.

It was the fourth time that the city told the lawyer representing developer Mark Caller that he needs to provide more parking.

The city requires a building that size to provide at least 206 spaces, but Caller has repeatedly tried to low-ball that figure, using dubious parking studies to explain why the parking situation in the neighborhood is not as bad as everyone makes it out to be, critics charged.

Wright told the board that another pocket of space in the basement could not be used for parking because sensitive medical equipment was stored directly above on the next floor.

A cafeteria in the basement also used up space, so some board members told



Calko is currently under construction - and the city says the Bensonhurst medical center must provide more parking spaces before it signs off on the project. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

developers to just move it.

"The cafeteria is an amenity; it isn't a requirement," said Susan Hinkson. "I'd like to see that used for more public space."

The meeting in lower Manhattan drew a packed crowd of Bensonhurst neighbors who took the day off from work and travelled by bus to rail against the plan.

"We would really have like to welcome this building into our community,"

said Anna Cali, who is among 50 neighbors organized a group four years ago to fight oversized developments in the area. "But there has just been too much deception. Instead of shuffling cars around, why can't they just add another floor of parking?"

Caller's lawyer, Lyra Altman, declined to comment after the meeting.

The next hearing is slated for Jan. 10.

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How sweet it is!

Hinsch's makes triumphant return

BY DAN MACLEOD

Don't call it a comeback — Hinsch's, the beloved greasy spoon and soda fountain that served homemade egg creams and desserts for 63 years before it was abruptly closed by its long-time owner in September reopened on Monday to cheers from locals who packed the Fifth Avenue diner in celebration.

"It's an institution that's been here for so long," said Ann Plagianos, who said she's been coming to Hinsch's for 30 years for its hamburgers. "I'm just happy it's open again."

New owners Gerard Bell and Roger Desmond rechristened the shop Monday morning, welcoming a crowd of Hinsch's devotees clamoring for the Bay Ridge mainstay's clas-



Lauren Dauer, Hinsch's floor manager, awaits customers at the grand re-opening of the luncheonette on Monday. The Fifth Avenue mainstay was briefly closed while new owners made improvements.

Photos by Stefano Giovannini

sic American menu — and its patented soda fountain fare.

"We got a lot of requests for egg creams," said Lola Bell, Gerard Bell's wife.

The re-opening came after a two-month hiatus while the new management — who also own the renowned Skinflints restaurant down the block — renovated and painted the shop.

The new owners stuck to the tried-and-true desserts, and still make all of its ice cream in the shop's basement, but the menu has been substantially expanded, with a bounty of salads, paninis, and new additions like sweet potato fries and mac 'n cheese.

The improvements have breathed new life into the shop, which previously had



The iconic Hinsch's sign.

seen little change since Herman Hinsch first opened it up in 1948. Flat-screen TVs, working model trains and a giant mural of 86th Street from the 1940s now adorn the walls.

"I'm just glad that it's done," said Gerard Bell.

Bell announced in October that he and his partner would take over the business after its longtime owner John Logue closed the legendary soda shop, citing the bad economy and changing tastes.

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By Camille Sperrazza

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While so many other fruit stands have gone the way of white disco suits, Three Guys From Brooklyn has kept its eye on satisfying a consumer need — consistently providing fresh, delicious fruits and vegetables to its customers, all at affordable prices.



Phil Penta, Jr. shows off the amazing selection of fresh produce you'll find at Three Guys From Brooklyn.

This goal was accomplished by three men with street smarts. It was 1978 when Zimmerman expanded the business, moving it to a new location, and bringing his brother, Howard, and his brother-in-law, Harry, into the fold. These straight-shooters called this venture Three Guys From Brooklyn.

Today, the three guys who run it — Scott Zimmerman, and business partners Phil Penta and Phil Penta, Jr. — maintain that same vision.

"We make sure the rich and the poor can afford the finest fruits and vegetables, no matter what their budget," says Penta Jr. "It's easy to sell the cheap price. We sell value."

They also carry just about everything — more than 300 fruit and vegetables, including some you may not have tried, like dragon fruit, star fruit, and pepino melon. If you're sick of the same old same old, you've come to the right place.

Three Guys From Brooklyn stocks a variety of grocery items, too, so shopping there saves you time, as well as money. As our borough is so diverse, there are items of interest to all ethnicities.

"We're home to everyone from everywhere," says Penta Jr.

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"We're the very first green grocer in

Brooklyn to address the problem," he says. These efforts help the immediate neighborhood. Unsightly waste is not lining the streets, attracting vermin, and causing foul odors to linger.



You'll find everything from apples to oranges — to the more exotic dragon fruit — at this Bay Ridge store.

"We're mindful of our neighbors' welfare," says Penta Jr.

They've also taken steps to reduce their demand for energy, installing a system for their pumps, refrigerators, and equipment that uses less electricity, Penta Jr. says.

Three Guys From Brooklyn [6502 Ft. Hamilton Pkwy, corner of 65th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 748-8340]. Open seven days a week, 24 hours a day, even holidays. For more information, visit www.3guysfrombrooklyn.com.

Photos by Steve Solomonson

Give thanks for 'America the great'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor,

I read Shavana Abruzzo's column, and I want to thank you for publishing it ("Give thanks for being American," A Britisher's View, 11-25).

It's so true that we enjoy the fruits of this blessed land every day. I came here 32 years ago as a 27-year-old from India with \$10! My wife and I work hard, and because of the greatness of this fine country, we live in a \$2-million house.

When you compare life here with life in other countries, we know that we are blessed — with no complaints. Thank you for this great nation.

Ipe Kurian
Long Island

Slice of good life

To the editor,

I have to hand it to Dom Di Fara of Di Fara's Pizza ("Breaking: Di Fara is back!" online, Nov. 23)!

He gets closed up by the health department every so often, gets a week's vacation, cleans the place up, re-opens, gets thousands of dollars worth of free advertising, then has lines out his door with people paying five bucks for a slice of pizza for the rest of the year. This guy is not only a great pizza maker, he's a marketing genius.

That old saying about fooling some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time doesn't apply here. Di Fara fools all the people all the time — over and over again!

Michael Mangiari
Dyker Heights

MAR-athon

To the editor,

I also object to the route of the New York City Marathon ("Get out of my race," Nov. 24). Enough already with these nit-wit runners!

They and the bicyclists have caused disruptions in traffic flow in all boroughs,

and now they want to extend it to two days, plus extend the Brooklyn Marathon outside of Prospect Park to the whole borough ("Our first ever epic race," Nov. 24)!

Why can't they run around Prospect Park and Central Park 20-30 times and leave the rest of us alone? Citizens should mobilize to stop this imposition to our daily lives.

Kenneth Katta
Kensington

Blame game

To the editor,

Credit the city's debt — increased from \$39.2 billion (or \$4,923 per resident since 2001) to \$73.5 billion (or \$8,763 per resident, today) — to Mayor Bloomberg, Council Speaker Christine Quinn, former Council Speaker Gifford Miller, Finance Committee Chairman Dominick Recchia, former Council Finance Committee Chairperson David Weprin, Comptroller John Liu and former Comptroller Bill Thompson.

They all voted for each and every budget or certified that they were balanced — year after year. Misery loves company while taxpayers and the business community are stuck with picking up the tab.

Larry Penner
Great Neck, N.Y.

UFT follies

To the editor,

Absent teacher reserves are rotated weekly in their school districts as substitute teachers, if they are not filling in for a long term absence.

These teachers have a different story to tell as to how they inherited this humiliating title. Some of them came from schools that were failing and closed, others were brought up on unsubstantiated charges, couldn't return to their home school, and ended up in the absent teacher reserve pool. Many of them taught out-of-license for many years and this was a loophole for principals to excess teachers if they no longer wanted them.

Every school is run differently and these teachers need to acclimate themselves quickly in order to survive. We are assigned to a new building each week, and we get to informally assess the administration, teachers and children in addition to being able to view schools from an outsider's point of view.

Most absent teacher reserves have been public service teachers for decades and are highly qualified. The fact that they survive their current role is a testament of how dedicated and highly skilled they really are.

They don't need a check list to know which schools are performing effectively

and which are in need of improvement.

Every school building has different things to rave about. One principal enforces that male teachers must wear a shirt and tie every day, radiating professionalism and respect throughout the building. Another school requires the children to recite an oath to try their best each day. All of these touches makes each school special, but the successful ones have something in common. They work together as a team unconditionally and understand how to achieve academic excellence.

Hopefully, justice will be served and we will become permanently assigned to a school.

Barbra Nahoum

The writer is a substitute teacher.

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To the editor,

Isn't it ridiculous that in this day and age, schools do not have teachers teaching certain classes? It's only the end of November!

As a retired pedagogue, I can tell you that this has been an ongoing problem for years. Will someone tell me why an administrator, either from the school or regional office, can't step in and teach the class until a teacher is hired? Of course not! These people were experts in getting out of the classroom at their earliest convenience.

The problem is compounded by the Leadership Academy principals. These people never taught a day and are now rating teachers. Ridiculous! Also, with so many excessed teachers relegated to substitute status, you could certainly get someone to take over the vacant positions. Instead of demonizing excessed personnel, put it to proper use.

We should not have given full control of our schools to the mayor. Schools are not corporate boardrooms! We need a committee of teachers and supervisors, both active and retired running our schools. They know what is needed for children to succeed.

Ed Greenspan
Sheepshead Bay

Ho, ho, ho!

To the editor,

Here comes Christmas it's that time of time of year for Santa to appear.

Snow is falling on the ground, everywhere you look snowflakes can be found.

Children wearing mittens in the snow, making snowballs they intend to throw.

Jingle bells a ringing, jing-a-ling, the sounds of Christmas echoes ring.

Parents and children skate on the lake, the children home for holiday break.

Children dream of Santa Claus as parents shop without a pause.

The days are bright, the nights so clear, the love and spirit of Christmas permeates throughout the wintery air.

Christmas carols sung at night under a dancing moon that glows so bright.

Chestnuts roasting, grown-ups toasting this special time of year, after a nip or two, all our woes and troubles seem to disappear.

Here comes Santa, it's Christmas Eve, he's finally here it's hard to believe.

Santa and his reindeers are now flying high, their lonely silhouettes dot the blackboard sky.

Empty stockings line the living room wall, hung for boys and girls who have images of Santa's gifts racing through their minds.

All in hope that they will find their stockings filled to the very top with toys and presents of every kind.

Joseph Martino
Millburn, N.J.

Coney's 'insult'

To the editor,

Coney Island has been undergoing construction on the Boardwalk for several years, and the beach has been neglected as a result of that.

I am extremely unhappy about this because I live in the area and visit the beach all year round.

The boardwalk is approximately three miles long, and if the entire length of the beach was in the same disarray, it would be more understandable, but the affected area is only about three quarters of a mile long! The sand near the Sea Gate area is littered with garbage, making it impossible to walk on it without shoes, while the beach further down towards Steeple Chase Park — in the direction of Brighton Beach — is always clean.

It is downright insulting and disgraceful that the trash is just left there. Millions of people come to this beach every year, and it should be cleaned and treated with more respect.

I complained to Councilman Domenic Recchia (D-Coney Island), but the woman who answered the phone at his office did not seem eager to address the issue and rushed me off.

I also spoke to a worker from the Parks Department, and he said that they were understaffed and spread too thinly to tend to every area of the beach.

I strongly feel that the end leading into Sea Gate should be given equal treatment as the rest of the beach.

George Georgiadis
Sea Gate

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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It's Stan's birthday — time to celebrate

Everybody! Join in! Happy birthday to me! Happy birthday to me!

Yup. Another one has come and gone, and this year we did something interesting. For the past year or two, in most restaurants, whether we ate a \$10 coupon special or dined in a better steakhouse, we found comment cards that asked for opinions along with my e-mail address and date of my birth. About two weeks before that special day I started receiving coupons for desserts, drinks, pretzels at the mall, and even complete meals.

We began the day with a wonderful breakfast compliments of Denny's and finished the day with an outstanding \$46 Rodizio at Texas De Brazil. The manager there said that this was the company's way of thanking me for past patronage along with insuring that I will continue to be a customer. He was right. We will be there again next week with several friends paying full price.

And there is no doubt in my mind that my friends will fill out the comment cards.

I know that some of us do not like FOX News. That's OK. There are more of us that do. Here's the proof. The top-10 news shows on cable television are:

10. "Politics Nation" with Al Sharpton, MSNBC

9. "The Last Word" with Lawrence O'Donnell, MSNBC

8. "The Rachel Maddow Show," MSNBC

7. "Hardball" with Chris Matthews, MSNBC

6. "The Ed Show" with Ed Schultz, MSNBC

5. "On The Record with Greta VanSusteren," Fox News

4. "The Fox Report" with Shepard Smith, Fox News

3. Special Report with Bret Baier, Fox News

2. "Hannity" with Sean Hannity, Fox News

1. "The O'Reilly Factor" with Bill O'Reilly, Fox News

Note that the top-five shows are all on FOX. None of the others even broke a million and Mr. Bill is still number one. FOX is on top in spite of what Ellen Barkin spewed



IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

Stanley P. Gershbein

while being interviewed by Joy Behar. By the way, you can see that Ms. Behar didn't even make the roll.

There's another FOX show, "The Five", which is catching on. I predict that in a couple of months it will make the list. Watch it once and you will see why.

And speaking of the number five — the results of a Rasmussen survey of one thousand likely U.S. voters conducted on Nov. 16 tells us that 69 percent of those asked believe that the federal government does not have the authority to force us to buy health insurance. Sounds good to me, but it is not up to any of those who participated in the poll. The magic number is five. It will take five judges on the Supreme Court to make that decision for all of us.

Tempus Fugit. It was 23 ago this week that I sat down at an old typewriter and created my first column for this newspaper. On that very same day, my colleague and great friend, Shavana Abruzzo, became employed here. Many others have come and gone but we're still hanging on. We must be doing something right. I am StanGershbein@Bell-south.net raising my glass high to wish my dear friend a Happy Anniversary. Here's to a whole lot more.

Hey, Museum: Show Muslim art

Art wouldn't be art if it wasn't contentious, but to truly shock and awe, it must also be new and revolutionary.

The Brooklyn Museum's latest "Christ" exhibit, depicting an ant-encrusted Jesus as part of a collection of gay identity portraiture, is neither provocative nor rebellious — nor new — even though the ho-hum archive defends it as "an expression of the artist's outrage at indifference to human suffering."

The museum and its supporters have rehashed the anti-Christian theme ad nauseam: In the late-1980s, a graduate of its art school emerged with "Piss Christ," an image of a crucifix soaked in urine.

In 1999, it exhibited a painting of a dung-embossed Virgin Mary, followed by another in 2001 showing Christ as a nude woman.

Museums exist to tickle consciousness and wonder, and while the Jesus-ant exhibit would certainly have pushed the envelope during the Crusades, today it is more irrelevant than irreverent.

By its own admission, the Brooklyn Museum "is committed to making its collections accessible to the widest possible audience."

Jolly good. Then it should have no problem accommodating those of



A BRITISHER'S VIEW

Shavana Abruzzo

us who want to view some thought-provoking Islamic art. Its Islamic installations, to date, have been coy offerings meant to mollify than move mountains.

Its June 2009 exhibit, "Light of the Sufis: The Mystical Arts of Islam," carefully omitted any mention of one of Sufism's greatest proponents — Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini, who once declared, "If you made a referendum for all the peoples of the world and asked them what is the most savage regime in the world, I believe that the vast majority, if not all of them, would say, America."

Its long-term installation, "Arts of the Islamic World," similarly reflects "a variety of inspirations and expressions," but none that speak to Islam's fanaticism.

The Brooklyn Museum needs some fresh blood on its walls, and Iranian artist and human rights activist Ahmed Mashhoury might be among the visionaries to provide it.

His 2009 portrayal of human suffering entitled, "It's Not Forbidden to Think," was removed by a museum in

Norway, where the dissident lives in exile, after it was attacked by Muslims within hours of its installation. The dozen graphic images are accompanied by pleas and controversial Koranic quotes, including one of floating stones

with the message, "Stop Islam. Islam has to stop killing people by stoning." Another, graced by the word, "Allah," depicts an outstretched hand wearing a bracelet of explosives.

The thorough cave-in disappoints Mashhoury: "I thought I [had come] to a country with freedom," he states.

The Brooklyn Museum should also lead the charge with the work of Australian revisionist Sergio Redegalli, who has received death threats for a mural he painted outside his Sydney studio of a burqa-clad woman, bearing the slogan, "Say no to burqas." The bold stunner has been vandalized more than 40 times, and Redegalli has restored it as many times to promote freedom and debate.

"I don't believe bullies have the right to stand over people and deny us our freedoms," he explains.

These fearless expressions by truly heroic artists chronicle the "outrage at indifference to human suffering" far better than another anachronistic exhibit hoping — beyond hope — to marginalize Christianity.

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It's the little steam mop that could!

Who knew that the steam engine that James Watt perfected in 1763 would have such an impact on my cleaning habits in 2012.

I brave the crowds every Black Friday and buy all the gifts on my list for family and friends, especially my daughter Bri, whose Santa wish-list is a wee bit longer than the Rime of the Ancient Mariner. This year however, I felt compelled to buy for myself and the heck with everyone else, besides I had already given Bri money and she went out at midnight to buy her own. What a relief.

My present to me was the Shark Lift-Away Professional Steam Pocket Mop with attachments. I have watched the infomercial for a long time and have at many times picked up the phone to order it, but for whatever reason, put down the receiver and continued cleaning with mop, bucket, and elbow grease. However, the deal offered this past weekend at Bed, Bath and Beyond was so good that I just had to take the plunge.

When I brought it home, my husband said, "Why did you buy this? What's wrong with just cleaning the



NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

floors the way you always do?" My answer was "Well for one thing, I really don't like hard work, and for another, I wouldn't mind cleaning the floor if say someone else (hint, hint) did it for me. But since pigs flying is a better probability, I treated myself to the steam mop."

That effectively zipped his lips.

As I opened the box, I felt just like a

kid on Christmas morning. I couldn't wait to see if the gadget lived up to its infomercial potential.

Well, I can truthfully say, without any reservations, "Wow, what a great invention it is."

This little steam engine cleaned, shined, and sanitized like it was nobody's business. With just one push of the button, my ceramic kitchen floor shone, the living room hard wood floor gleamed like new, I needed sun glasses just to gaze at my tiled bathroom walls, and without too much scrubbing, my stove top and oven door were spiffy enough to pass military muster.

Did I mention that the 99 percent of the germs were DOA at the first puff of steam? Well, they were.

James Watt would have been proud.

Not for Nuthin™, but short of having a cleaning staff hit my house, the Shark Lift-Away Professional Steam Pocket Mop is one of the best presents I've ever given myself.

Now if I could only get Bob to do all the cleaning for me — nah, I'd better watch out for those flying pigs instead. Jdelbuono@cnglocal.com

Carmine spells it out for you: BUY AMERICAN

I'm madder than one head on a two-headed snake who's suffering from the worst case of agita because his stupid other head ate way too much on Thanksgiving over a bunch of things, the first being that all these smart aleck department stores have removed the "s" from the end of their names!

Look, you all know that when I played Santa Claus at the A&S's (That's right! A&S's! And don't you forget it) Downtown and little Natalie Wood came and sat on my lap, I told her family if they couldn't find what they needed there, they could go to "Macy's" or "Gimbel's" or "Bloomingdale's" or "Alexander's" or "Korvette's" or "Kresge's" or any of those department stores that ended in an "s" because some actual person — and not a soulless corporation — owned them.

But I'll tell you this, old R.H. Macy and those seven Korean veterans are probably turning over in their graves over the fact that



BIG SCREECHER

Carmine Santa Maria

Kris Kringle now has to send shoppers to "s"-less places like "Costco," "Home Depot," "Ikea," and, my least favorite of all, "Target."

Now, I don't need to tell you that this past Black Friday, my lovely wife Sharon and I went out bargain hunting at the place I will now refer to as "Targets" so my edi-

tor doesn't have to remove the "s" that I added to the end of every reference I made to this store. But the only reason we went was because the Erskine Street exit is about 12 minutes away on the Belt Parkway — and because Targets is the only department store nearby that *sometimes* has electric shopping carts for the elderly, handicapped, and yours truly. I emphasize *sometimes*, because it would be more accurate to say *rarely*.

The store claims it has six of these devices, but in my experience, only one is functional — and that's why I hate Targets! Here is a giant department store that spends millions on advertising in ads and TV commercials, but a pittance for its disadvantaged customers like me that want to spend their hard-earned dollars there without breaking a sweat!

And let me tell you this: the fact that I think it's owed by the French doesn't thrill me (In fact, it's not even pronounced "Target," it's pronounced "Tar-jay"!).

Which brings me to the

second thing I am pig-biting mad about: New York City discriminates against Wal-Mart's, which is an American-owned company, and lets Targets roost where ever it pleases. I even hear, Targets will be taking over K-Marts on Richmond Avenue on Staten Island, which will give it two stores in the forgotten borough!

Which brings me to the crux of this column, best explained in this e-mail sent to me from a friend ... BUY AMERICAN!

I'm not going to bore you with the details of the e-mail, but I'll tell you this: she looked at the labels of the stuff she was buying and found out that stuff made in China cost more than stuff made in the good ol' U.S.A!

"The other day I went to Wal-Mart's looking for a wastebasket. I found some made in China for \$6.99. I didn't want to pay that much so I asked the lady if they had any others. She took me to another department and they had some at \$2.50 made in USA. They

are just as good!"

And the same thing happened when she went to buy a kitchen rug, greeting cards, and hose attachments! And she found it all out just by reading the labels!

I couldn't believe it at first, so I did my own research.

My grandson likes Hershey's candy (and when I say "likes," I mean "loves," and when I say "grandson" I mean "me"). So I read the label and noticed it was "Made in Mexico." So I do not buy it anymore.

Then, there's my grandson's favorite toothpaste, Colgate. It's also made in Mexico so, you guessed it, I have switched to Crest! You have to read the labels on everything, people!

Speaking of light bulbs and dryer sheets, this past weekend I needed 60-watt light bulbs and Bounce dryer sheets.

I was in the light bulb aisle in the supermarket, and right next to the GE brand I normally buy was an off-brand labeled, "Ev-

eryday Value." I picked up both types of bulbs and compared the stats: everything was the same, except for the price! The GE bulbs were more money than the Everyday Value brand — even though the GE was made in Mexico and the Everyday Value brand was made in — get ready for this — the U.S.A. by a company in Cleveland, Ohio.

So you can throw out the myth that you can't find products you use every day that are made right here!

So on to the Bounce dryer sheets aisle — yep, you guessed it: Bounce costs more and is made in America's sworn enemy, Canada. Meanwhile, the Everyday Value brand was less money and made in the U.S.A.!

I did laundry yesterday and the Everyday Value dryer sheets had the Screecher's undies smelling like foses (no small feat, mind you) — at almost half the price!

So start reading the labels, people. It could save an American a job — and money!

Screech at you next week!

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No-tel! City shows off big park plans

But is tight-lipped on Bridge Park development

BY KATE BRIQUELET

Residents and local pols are demanding that the city give them more time to digest designs for a controversial hotel, retail, and luxury condos project inside Brooklyn Bridge Park before it moves ahead with the massive project, but the city shot them down, saying it plans to move quickly, and will have a committee of unnamed officials choose a developer behind closed doors before spring.

Last Tuesday night at Borough Hall, park officials revealed the proposals for a mixed-use complex to rise on Pier 1 along Furman Street near Old Fulton Street — prime space inside the park that, they say, must be developed to generate revenue for the park's \$16-million annual maintenance budget.

But community members were fuming over a

short public comment period, which ends on Dec. 22, claiming they need at least another 30 days to determine the best plan. Residents also slammed the Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation for refusing to reveal who will make the final decision.

Councilman Steve Levin (D-Brooklyn Heights), state Sen. Daniel Squadron (D-Brooklyn Heights), and Assemblywoman Joan Millman (D-Cobble Hill) also requested the city extend the deadline for public review, but park officials denied their request.

"We've been working long hours and expect to ... move this as fast as we can," said David Lowin of the Brooklyn Bridge Park Corporation, the quasi-government agency that oversees the park. Residents and pols also demanded to know who was going to choose the developer.

But tight-lipped park officials wouldn't budge.

"We're not releasing their names," said Regina Myer, president of the park corporation.

Such acts of secrecy concerned residents.

"Is there anyone here who now doubts that this development turns the park into a mall?" said Roy Sloane, member of the park's community advisory council.

Seven big-time developers are vying to build luxury hotel and residential complex along Furman Street, just south of a park entrance at the foot of Old Fulton Street.

The city first announced it was seeking developers for the two-parcel site last August.

The seven developers for Pier 1 include:

- The Dermot Company, a Manhattan-based firm that wants to build a can-

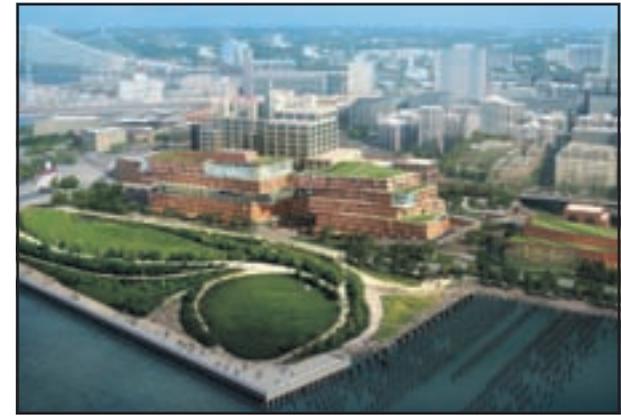
tilevered Hyatt hotel and residential building made of aluminum panels — and left one lot open for St. Ann's Warehouse, a theater that's being booted from its DUMBO home next year.

- Extell Development, a Manhattan company, wants a Westin hotel and three residential buildings in a glass, zinc, wood and terra cotta building with a green roof.

- RAL Companies, owned by developer Robert A. Levine, wants to build a glass and concrete Le Meridien hotel with lower-level retail space and a reflective glass residential complex to capture the Manhattan skyline.

- SDS Procida, a Brooklyn firm helmed by Mario Procida, would create another futuristic all-glass building with a hotel on the top floors.

- Starwood Capital Group, a global investment firm, would have copper



THE SUGAR WAFER: Dermot wants to build a cantilevered Hyatt hotel and residential complex with a facade of aluminum panels that open and close — and save another lot for a theater for St. Ann's Warehouse, which is being booted from its home in DUMBO next year. We like this one with a big glass of chocolate milk.

Courtesy / FXFWOLE

fin lining two buildings, that move with the wind to create a kinetic sculpture.

- Toll Brothers, a national real-estate group, is proposing a glass, limestone and mahogany tiered complex that would include a Dream Hotel by Hampshire Hotels, condos and

ground-floor retail.

- Two Trees Management, owned by DUMBO real-estate titan David Walentas, would build a futuristic, curvilinear building with giant windows and green, living patches of facade. The firm didn't announce a hotel partner.

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Powsner on parking: It should be free



SPEAK OUT

Lou Powsner

The same NYC Council that voted to permit the Barclay's Arena in Brooklyn's most traffic-congested area now has the gall to consider the soon-to-be-engulfed residents with a new "privilege": paid parking permits.

The Barclay's Center area never offered adequate parking. The Williamsburgh Savings Bank Tower generated tons of daily dental traffic, plus all the residential parkers, both day and night — all in an area loaded with white-hatted police traffic mediators trying not to be swallowed up by the over-loaded traffic coming to the intersection of Fourth Avenue, Flatbush Avenue and Atlantic Avenue.

Each council person who voted for this disaster should come and see for themselves.

They could have admired the braveries of white-gloved officers constantly flagging or gagging the frantic, quagmired motorists at each of those entangled intersections.

Long before the wonderful Dodgers fled to Los Angeles, the tema's management turned down our borough's offer to park their new home field on the very empty lots we now gave to the Barclay tycoon!

In the many years that I've travelled for my semi-annual dental trials there, I preferred the subway because of the horrid day-time parking!

Now, after the brazen City Council defied area residents and chose to add a giant basketball arena to their already congestion-filled neighborhood, the same City Council and local leaders offer us the same overnight parking takes

that we endured in the Ed Koch era. What rewards did our city offer us in the "Ed Koch Era?" — The Sound of Music? No! The incessant dramas of awakening to all-night auto-alarms ... honk, honk, ring, ring, all through the night because of a lack of police protection!

Remember the privileges we had to have our tires stolen, and politely replaced with milk-boxes? Remember whole wheels — or rear-view mirrors, vanished in those nights when there was no sleep for we, the weary.

I paid a city warden who came to my home one Sunday to secure my dear wife's four hub-caps with rivets for \$100 each! I also recall three days later, dear Irene stayed home in a snow storm — and asked me, "How did he steal my hub-caps during the night?" I could not be-

lieve it until we cleared the snow from her wheels. Gone.

Selling stolen tires, hubcaps, radiators, and side-view mirrors was a raging industry in those Koch-ian years that rolled into David Dinkens!

But how can this City Council permit this injustice in an area of dense residential congestion, overly trafficked with intersections of Brooklyn's major Avenue intersections — while they dare to permit our same city to seek to tear down the sports-zoned Abe Stark Convention and Sports Center in a rarely congested huge Coney Island location with its very own park lot?

Let's blow the whistle against the City Council's efforts to impose upon us an overnight parking tax!

This is Lou Powsner.

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County. Princ. office of LLC: 236-250 Greenpoint Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11222. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of Mainstay DRE IIA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/12/11. Office location: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: 57 E. 75th St., 44th Fl., NY, NY 10021. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of formation of Onyx and Orb LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/07/11. Office in Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 45 Hart St #4, Brooklyn, NY 11206. Purpose: retail trade.

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Notice of Qualification of ADS/Trinity L.L.C. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 6/17/11. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in GA on 11/2/09. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. GA addr. of LLC: 5595 Peachtree Rd., Chamblee, GA 30341. Cert. of Org. filed with GA Sec. of State, 2 MLK, Jr. Dr. S.E., Atlanta, GA 30334. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Qualification of GREENE AVE LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/28/11. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 05/05/11. NYS fictitious name: 75 GREENE AVE LLC. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, New Castle Cnty., DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Pete's Basement LLC. Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 9/27/11. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 40 Exchange Place, New York, NY 10005. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Ratner funds 'jobs' group — but provides no jobs

BY DANIEL BUSH

The organization that promised jobs for black supporters of Atlantic Yards has received hundreds of thousands of dollars from developer Bruce Ratner to help train workers for the positions — but has only secured work for 15 people at the \$5-billion mega-project.

The mostly black members of Brooklyn United for Innovative Local Development, who were promised some of the 1,500 jobs per year over the project's 10-year buildout, loudly supported Atlantic Yards during the approval process, a contrasting face to the project's mostly white opponents.

BUILD's President James Caldwell admitted that only 15 of the 400 jobs the organization has secured are on Ratner's Prospect Heights development, which currently consists of only the under-construction Barclays Center near the corner of Flat-

bush and Atlantic avenues.

Residents filed a lawsuit against Ratner and BUILD last Tuesday in federal court, claiming that executives at BUILD and Ratner's company falsely promised them union memberships and jobs in exchange for completing a "sham" 15-week training program run by the nonprofit in 2010.

Caldwell disputed the claim, and blamed his failure to secure more Atlantic Yards jobs for local residents on the economy.

"The bottom fell out of the economy," Caldwell said.

But the Great Recession hasn't hurt BUILD's bottom line: its annual operating budget increased from \$191,721 in 2007 to \$279,395 in 2009, according to the latest available documents from the Internal Revenue Service.

Approximately 85 percent of the money is spent on the salaries and benefits of Caldwell and his chief op-

erating officer Marie Louis.

Ratner has covered 77 percent of BUILD's operating costs this year, Louis said.

The developer began paying the organization in 2005, after BUILD and seven other groups signed a controversial "community benefits agreement" that promised jobs, jobs-training, housing, and other amenities to supporters.

In exchange, agreement signatories are contractually obligated to speak favorably about Atlantic Yards — a clause that provided Ratner with critical support as the project went through the public approval process.

Ratner's spokesman Joe DePlasco said that 779 people are working on the arena, which will open next fall. Of those, roughly 20 percent are from Brooklyn. DePlasco confirmed that the developer has provided money for BUILD, but declined to comment further.



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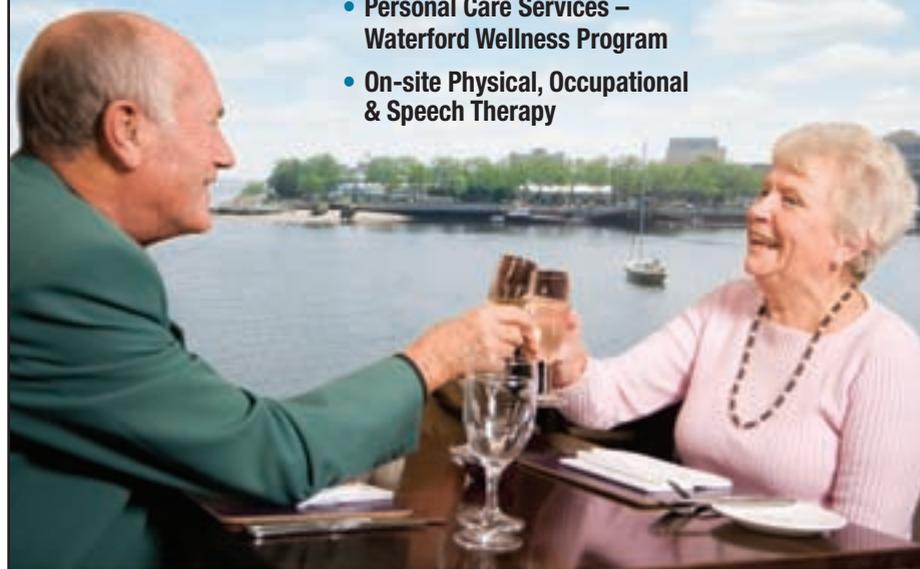
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Sheepshead Bay Plumb Beach Civic Association, Agenda; holiday meeting; annual dues collected and report from the 61st Police Precinct; Dec. 6, 7:30 pm; The Waterford on the Bay, 2900 Bragg St. at Emmons Avenue; (917) 797-6977.

Community Board 10, Monthly meeting; Dec. 8, 7:30 pm; Holy Family Home, 1740 84th St. at Bay 16th Street; (718) 266-8800; www.brooklyn11.org.

61st Precinct Community Council, Monthly meeting; Dec. 9, 7:30 pm; Bainbridge Center, 3090 Ocean Ave. at Voorhies Avenue; (917) 840-9165.

Community Board 13, General meeting; Dec. 14, 7 pm; Coney Island Hospital, 2601 Ocean Pkwy. at Shore

Parkway; (718) 266-3001; www.brooklyn13.org.

Fraser Civic Association, Annual Holiday Get Together; Agenda; The Fraser Service Award will be presented; a representative from the 63rd Police Precinct. RSVP requested; Dec. 14, 7:45 pm; Yeshiva Tiferes Yisroel, 1271 E. 35th St. at Avenue L; (917) 559-3600.

The Madison-Marine-Homcrest Civic Association, Annual holiday party and meeting; Dec. 15, 7:30 – 9 pm; King's Chapel, Quentin Road at E. 27th Street; (718) 375-9158.

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New sky-high ride heading to Coney

BY DANIEL BUSH

Thrill-seekers will get a bird's-eye view of Coney Island next summer — at speeds of up to 60-miles-per-hour — when Central Amusement opens a new ride that combines the thrills of bungee jumping with the thrills of, well, skydiving.

The new Skycoaster will swing harnessed riders through the air on cables stretched between two roughly 110-foot-tall towers, sending riders at the breakneck speed back and forth in a pendulum motion. The ride lasts roughly five minutes.

A spokesman for Central Amusement did not say how much each thrill will cost, but said that the Skycoaster will join a new go-kart track inside of the Speed Zone, an amusement park a stone's throw from the Boardwalk that's scheduled to open next April.

Central Amusement promised to bring new, state-of-the-art rides to the historic amusement district after being tapped by the city to revitalize the heart of Coney Island in 2009.

In 2010, the company opened Luna Park, the first

new amusement park to open in the People's Playground in almost 50 years. Central Amusement also opened Scream Zone, another amusement park, this spring, drawing praised from city officials who backed the Bloomberg Administration's vision for a "new" Coney Island.

"Coney's best days as America's Playground for the 21st century are yet to come," said Borough President Markowitz.

So far the parks have been a hit: approximately

640,000 people visited them this summer, taking more than 2 million rides, according to the city, which leased the land to Central Amusement in a 10-year deal.

But the company's effort to remake the Boardwalk has gone less smoothly.

Central Amusement grabbed headlines last month when several long-time Boardwalk businesses — including Cha Cha's bar and Beer Island — were evicted to make way for upscale eateries.



Coney developer Central Amusement is planning to build a Skycoaster ride and a go-kart track in this empty lot near the Boardwalk.

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TALES OF THE NIGHT WATCHMAN LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. Of State of NY 09/26/2011. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to THE LLC C/O, David M. Kelly, 20 Butler Pl., # 5B, Brooklyn, NY 11238. Purpose: Any Lawful act or activity. BG-6X 11/24, 12/1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2011.

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TOWNSEND FITNESS SYSTEMS LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/17/11. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Matt Townsend, 25 Montrose Ave., Apt. 402, Brooklyn, NY 11206. General Purposes.

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YOSHIDA PLANNING, LLC Art. Of Org, Filed Sec. Of State of NY 09/12/2011. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. CSC designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to THE LLC, C/O Corporation Service Company, 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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Boro **beat**



"Wildman" Steve Brill teaches Beckett O'Neill, age 5, Justin Whitley, age 5, and Petey Whitley, age 8, about Chickweed on Saturday's foraging tour through Marine Park.



Naomi Hanson, 28, leads the group of weekend foragers through Marine Park on a hunt for wild carrots.

Photos by Bryan Bruchman



Environmental expert and foraging specialist "Wildman" Steve Brill hosted a tour of Marine Park on Saturday to search for the elusive wild carrot. Along the way he found some chickweed, which he said, is not only edible, but delicious!

FORAGING FUN! 'WILDMAN' HUNTS FOR WILD CARROTS

BY THOMAS TRACY

There's a lot more than wild carrots in them thar weeds.

Free-wheeling forager "Wildman" Steve Brill uncovered a cornucopia of consumable delights on Saturday when he took more than a dozen hearty souls on a wild carrot hunt in Marine Park — a hunt that turned up far more than the environmental educator had hoped to find.

"There were lots of surprises," Brill explained. "We haven't been [in Marine Park] in a few years, so when I got there I found a huge bush called the Wrinkled Rose, that had the most gigantic rose hips. Its hips bear one of the best fruits in the world. I'm going to be making jello out of it tomorrow."

But that was not all, besides the wild carrots (which he plans to use in a carrot cookie recipe), he and his team also found an unending supply of wild parsnips, winged sumak (which you can make pink lemonade out of), and blue-tinged palate-twisting mushrooms called blewits (the "Wildman" likes to put them in his macaroni and cheese).

Since the 1980s, Brill has shown that fields of gold — or at least nutritious and tasty wild carrots — lie underneath the weeds strewn across the Gateway Recreation Area — federally protected land south of Avenue U.

"The first year after their seeds are planted, [wild carrot] roots are full of nutrients and if they get a little bit more sun they get larger," Brill said, explaining that the plants die by the second year. He planned the foraging tour now — in the sweet spot of the wild carrot's circle of life —



Edita Greben, 19, Anastasia Martinova, 18, and Yula Grokhovsky, 19, inspect some of their finds during Saturday's foraging tour in Marine Park.

so his trip would have zero impact on the environment.

"We were collecting carrots at the same places I visited years earlier," he said. "But the rose hips and blewits were more than

I expected on this trip."

His foraging friends agreed.

"It's surprising what we have right here in our own neighborhood," Gerritsen Beach resident Peter Whitley said.



SUCCESS! Peter Whitley digs up a wild carrot! But he's going to need a lot more if he wants to make a savory soup. (Right) A large wild parsnip was discovered on Saturday during the foraging tour



Buddy, can you spare a Dime

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Cheers to the generous folks who contributed to the month-long **Dime Savings Bank of Williamsburgh** Halloween promotion. The donations, \$25,000 in all, benefited **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**. This was the first year that the Dime Savings Bank participated in the initiative



which annually raises funds that support the internationally recognized research facility located in Memphis. Over the past 20 years, the event has raised over \$52 million for research. "I'm so pleased with the support we received from everyone in the Dime family" said **Vincent Palagiano**, chairman and CEO of the bank.

Dime Savings Bank of Williamsburgh
[209 Havemeyer St. near Broadway in Williamsburg, (718) 302-1069].

DOWNTOWN

'Unsteady' as she goes

City Tech English professor **Monique Ferrell** hones her poetic chops with the release of her latest book, "Unsteady," a collection of poems and dramatic monologues. The work examines the social, cultural, political and gender issues that affected her as a student of life and a woman of color. "Maybe it's the Buddhist in me, but everything about this world matters now more than ever," opined the poetess. She is also hard at work on a short work of fiction, "Impetus," and the non-fiction, "Her Own Worst Enemy: The Eternal Internal Gender Wars of our Sisters."

BOROUGH-WIDE

Golden arms

Don't mess with these two. **Giorgi Gelashvili** and **Joyce Boone** won this year's men and women's Arm Wrestling Championships respectively. This was the 34th annual Empire State Golden Arm Tournament of Champions held in the city. Giorgi dominated both the right- and left-handed super-heavyweight classes for men, and Joyce not only brought her competitors to their knees, but also received the distinction of being the first female ever chosen as the state Arm Wrestler of the Year. And did



Students chop veggies for St. Edmund's special turkey stuffing.

Charity begins at St. Edmund

MARINE PARK

Students, faculty and alums gathered at the school and began prepping, chopping and basting early last Wednesday in order to prepare **St. Edmund's** famous Stuffing from Heaven. Team Edmund prepared more than 250 pounds of the delicious side that was

delivered to the streets of Morningside Drive on Thanksgiving morning as part of a larger T-day meal. Students loaded trays, covered them in donated blankets and scooped up the filling to feed the needy in Harlem.

St. Edmund Preparatory HS [2474 Ocean Ave. at Avenue T in Marine Park, (718) 743-6100].

BUSHWICK

Practice makes perfect

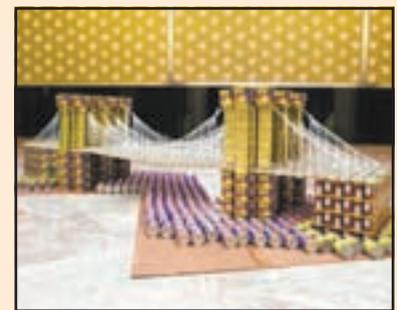
Medical students at **Wyckoff Heights Medical Center** get to practice their bedside manners each and every Wednesday at a nearby senior center. Dubbed "Wyckoff Wednesdays," the almost-MD's visit with members and provide blood pressure and glucose screenings in the morning. Then, after a nutritious lunch, the students dust off their dancing shoes and participate in Latin dances. One step, two step, cha, cha, cha.

Wyckoff Heights Medical Center [374 Stockholm St. at Wyckoff Avenue in Bushwick (718) 963-7272].

CONEY ISLAND

Oh Carol!

Three cheers to **Carol Moore** on her retirement as principal from Mark Twain IS 239 in Coney Island. Our pal Carol has been



Tuna cans – a good thing

BOROUGH-WIDE

Not satisfied with just building **Brooklyn Bridge Park**, the engineer geeks at **Skanska USA's** Metro New York office tested their construction skills and fabricated a replica of our very own Brooklyn Bridge from, are you ready?, 440 cans of tuna, 860 cans of anchovies, 630 cans of Spam, 120 feet of wire, one roll of string and two bags of number 64 rubber bands (and a partridge in a pear tree). The massive recycled span entitled, "Suspending Hunger," was submitted in support of a community food program at the New Jersey chapter of the American Institute of Architect's 19th annual "Can"struction event. It took home the award for Structural Ingenuity — then was dismantled and donated to charity through **City Harvest**.

at her desk collecting shiny apples for the past 38 years, so she has definitely earned the rest. The dedicated educator was feted at Garguilo's with family, friends and local pols, including **Councilman Domenic Recchia** (D-Coney Island); **Carlo Scisura**, representative from Borough President Markowitz's office; **Donald Weber**, former superintendent of District 21; and our very own **Carmine Santa Maria**, aka, The Big Screecher and former president of Community School Board 21. During the gala, Carol handed over the reigns to her successor **Anita Ditiola**. Carmine told Standing O that he roasted/toasted Carol, "Even though you broke my son Carl's nose when he was in fourth grade and he fell off the swing, we still love you for your concern and caring and wish you well in your retirement." Standing O wishes her well even without the broken schnozola.



(Left) Anita Ditiola and Carol Moore.

Boro beat



Flatbush vet George Boston stands at attention, and a color guard member enjoys the moment as he arrives in a procession.

PS 216 SHOWS ITS TRUE COLORS FOR VETERAN'S DAY

BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO

If you love freedom, thank a vet.

Pint-sized patriots at PS 216 made a grand show of their gratitude by delivering a mega-watt Veteran's Day salute to Brooklyn's war heroes, complete with a brass band concert, true-blue dances, and a roll call of all the wars participated in by the U.S. since its formation.

They couldn't wait to show their true colors!

Pre-kindergarten students J.P. Lombardi and Seby Diagonosto, both 4, sang up a sweet storm alongside their classmates, all of them dressed in red, white and blue boaters, and waving the Stars and Stripes for the 17th annual soldier boost on Nov.



Photos by Alice Proujansky



Students cheer during a roll call of wars participated in by the U.S.

Photo by Jane Zweifler

23, which saw the special guests arrive with pomp.

The audience was visibly moved as dozens of members of the 79-year-old Kings County Council Jewish War Veterans, the American Legion Marlboro Post 1347, and other veteran groups entered in a procession led by the Kings County Council Color Guard, comprised of Jack Holzman, Irwin Beck, Anton Gancz, Philip Dorf, Sidney Goldberg, and Harold Engelmann.

This year's tribute was dedicated to late Post 1347 Commander Patrick Malone, whose help teacher Ann Pollack had sought when she first emerged with the idea of a celebration for freedom fighters at the Gravesend school — a tradition also inspired by Pollack's uncle, a World War II vet, and her father,

an engineer who helped build the battleship U.S.S. Missouri — on whose storied deck the treaty to end World War II was signed.

The retired educator returned last week to reiterate one of her favorite messages from the podium: "It's never too early to instill a feeling of patriotism in young children."

It seems to be working, because national pride is very much in evidence at PS 216, where visitors are greeted in the lobby by a display of a soldier with the pledge, "We support our troops."

The sentiment has a far reach, according to Principal Celia Kaplinsky.

"When you teach a child patriotism, you teach a whole generation, and when you help a child, you help a whole family," she said.

GREATER NY ICE HOCKEY LEAGUE ASSISTS FOOD PANTRY

BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO

Players and brass from the Greater New York Ice Hockey League got a jump on hunger by organizing a holiday food drive for Brooklynites in need, and then dropped off the fruits of their labors at the Abe Stark Skating Rink in Coney Island in time for Thanksgiving.

League President Matthew Davie and wife Lisa presented the donations to a grateful Thomas Neve, founder

and executive director of Reaching Out Community Services — a cash-strapped food pantry in Bensonhurst which serves more than 4,000 clients across south Brooklyn — on Nov. 22.

Neve had some food for thought about the warm-hearted ice gladiators.

"It's well appreciated that there are groups out there that not only consider hunger an issue, but actually



Greater New York Ice Hockey League brass and players assist Brooklynites in need by presenting food donations to Reaching Out Community Services food pantry on Nov. 22.



Photos by Arthur De Gaeta



Thomas Neve (front left) accepts donations from Lisa Davie of the Greater New York Ice Hockey League, which collected food and dropped it off at the Abe Stark Skating Rink in Coney Island on Nov. 22.

do something about it," said the pantry boss, who was moved by the scale of the drive. "They came with a van full of food — everything from soup to nuts."

Budget cuts have forced groups such as his to seek help wherever they can, added Neve.

"We're depending more on organizations and schools to help us not turn away people."

Reaching Out Community Services [7708 New Utrecht Ave. between 77th and 78th streets in Bensonhurst, (718) 373-4565], www.rcsprogram.org.

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GROW YOUR OWN!

A competiton for the follically gifted

By Dan MacLeod

Give us your bearded, your mustached, your mutton-chopped masses yearning to grow free!

A group of Greenpoint pogonophiles are going whisker-to-whisker in the group's second facial hair takedown — a party that celebrates the magic and grandeur that only a room full of hairy dudes can bring.

It's a party that will attract the world's most follically talented men — and a few bearded women (more on that later) — including top beardsmiths such as Jack Passion, who has been described as “the Michael Jordan of full-beard competition.”

At least 50 beards will compete in the Gotham City Beard Alliance event this year in categories including full natural beard; partial beard; 99-percent beard (formally the “recession beard”); fake beard (for women and the follically challenged); natural moustache; styled moustache; and freestyle, which is where the really imaginative hair designs can be found.

Competitive bearding has taken off in the past couple years — partially thanks to the Independent Film Channel's “Whisker Wars” — a reality show about the nascent sport.

“It's sort of a niche thing, it's also become popular because it's so fun,” said organizer Mike O'Connor, who describes his own belly-button-length growth as “a full, natural beard.”

It's no secret that Mustached-Americans have long groaned under the yoke of mistrust in the court of public opinion — servants to a hairless master sneering in derision at post-ironic porn-star 'staches.

But beards and mustaches today aren't just for Tom Selleck and George Carlin, thanks to a growing acceptance of the style among celebrities — including actor Jon Hamm, freak folk phenom Devandra Banhart and pretty much everybody who regularly rides the L train.

And it's worth noting that the nation's top law enforcement official, Attorney General Eric Holder, is a Mustached-American.

“At some point it was a sign of a sex appeal to not have any facial hair,” said O'Connor. “People are starting to realize that it is a natural look for men and shows that they are a healthy mate.”

The event will raise money for breast cancer awareness, so now you can grow for a good cause.

Beard and moustache competition at Club Europa [98 Meserole Ave. between Manhattan Avenue and Lorimer Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-5723], Dec. 3, 7 pm. Tickets are \$15. For info, visit www.gothamcitybeards.com.

Beardo! Mike O'Connor, organizer of the beard and moustache competition that will take place at Club Europa in Greenpoint on Dec. 3, shows off his “full, natural beard.”

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Soul elevator

Brooklyn's got soul — but did you know? If jazzman Craig Shoenbaum has his way, you will — that is, once you see his band live at Southpaw in Park Slope on Dec. 10.

Shoenbaum, the founder and frontman of the funky rock outfit OTiS, who wrote, recorded, mixed and mastered the band's most recent record, "Music Elevator," is determined to shed light on the nascent musical movement that already includes acts like SouLive and the Royal Family — and gain a little notoriety and name recognition in the process.

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"The timing is right for us — we think of ourselves as soul, funk, and rock, but the soul sound is our thing; our new slogan is 'Brooklyn soul,'" Shoenbaum said. "The music scene is finally curving back around again to bands that play their own instruments — and it's about time."

OTiS's sophomore album, released on Nov. 21, has a jazzy, full-bodied and soulful vibe — complete with buttery bass lines, classic keyboard fills, talking guitar riffs, and a horn section laid down by very windy trumpeter/sax player Joe Scatassa.

To support the LP, OTiS filmed its very own music video — a "Hard Day's Night" spoof that features band members being chased by a mob of screaming girls through Park Slope (we couldn't help but love the video; at one point, the band hides behind a copy of The Brooklyn Paper).

"We just need to get noticed, have someone let us quit our jobs so we can play music full-time, and put the Brooklyn soul genre on the map!" Shoenbaum said.

These guys are already well on their way.

OTiS at South Paw [25 Fifth Ave. between Sterling and Lincoln places in Park Slope, (718) 230-0236], Dec. 10, 7 pm. Free. For info visit www.spsounds.com.

— Juliet Linderman

Glass houses

It may be winter, but art is still blossoming at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Artist Jae Hi Ahn and the garden's curator, Jennifer Williams, have created several sculptures, prints and glass terrariums for an exhibit at the Steinhardt Conservatory Gallery, opening on Dec. 3.

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Ahn's work consists of landscapes made from artificial materials, while Williams is contributing miniature environments under glass structures, some inches wide.

"The exhibit explores the tension between naturalistic environments made out of artificial materials and artificial environments made out of natural materials," said Brooklyn Botanic Garden spokeswoman Kate Blumm.

Williams's terrariums contain ferns, mosses, Venus fly traps, and pitcher plants that you would never find in the same place; Ahn's prints and sculptures are evocative of delicate flowers, which she studied in the garden's Aquatic House.

Best of all, the Garden is free on weekdays.

"Terrarium: Artworks by Jae Hi Ahn and Jennifer Williams" at Brooklyn Botanic Garden [900 Washington Ave. near Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 623-7200]. Dec. 3–Feb. 26. For info, visit www.bbg.org.

— Aaron Short

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BEST BETS

Stuff it at taxidermy night

This ain't your grandfather's taxidermy! Carnivorous Nights — the annual contest for Pope squirrels, deer butts turned into faces, and two-headed cows — is back for its sixth show-and-tell at the Bell House on Dec. 9.

Rogue taxidermists, stuffed-animal enthusiasts and people who just inherited odd stuff will vie for a grand prize and the glory of winning "Best in Panache" or "Best in Bones."

"It's sort of like the field of dreams, but it's a field of taxidermy," said Margaret Mittelbach, a creator of the event. "If you build it, they will come."

Alongside traditional mounted pieces are oddball creations and animal hybrids, including a massive chandelier made of goat skulls, a rabbit with mermaid fins, and the ubiquitous jackalopes.

Storytelling is just as important as the craftsmanship. Contestants have two minutes to get on stage before a panel of judges and describe their piece.

"I'm a big stickler for panache," said Robert Marbury, an elite judge and founder of the Minnesota Association of Rogue Taxidermists. "There's always something sublimely beautiful that's a surprise."

One such surprise was artist Takeshi Yamada, who showed up two years ago holding a clumpy two-headed baby in a diaper.

"Everyone was kind of like, 'Huh?'" Marbury said. "Then he explained that he had been collecting his sunburned skin until he had a full-sized baby."

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Andrew Templar and Margaret Mittelbach are gearing up for a dead animal menagerie at the annual taxidermy contest at the Bell House in Gowanus on Dec. 9.

Photo by Bess Adler

Carnivorous Nights started in 2005 as a shameless publicity stunt for "Carnivorous Nights: On the Trail of the Tasmanian Tiger," Mittelbach's book about the elusive marsupial shaped like a wolf and striped like a tiger.

The competition quickly turned into a hot-ticket event that sells out every year.

"We've discovered that New Yorkers and taxidermy go together extremely well," Mittelbach said.

Carnivorous Nights at the Bell House [149 Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], Dec. 9, 8 pm. Tickets, \$7. For info, visit www.thebellhouse.com. To preregister, e-mail secretsclub@gmail.com.

— Kate Briquet

Have a pickle with your whisky

Some matches are meant to be.

There's peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, whisky and ... pickles? Don't knock it until you give it a shot — literally.

It's called a pickleback — that one-two punch of a whisky slug followed by a shot of brine — and on Dec. 10, Brooklyn Oenology in Williamsburg is featuring three whisky purveyors and three pickle pedlars, whose boozy shot combos are guaranteed to tickle your taste buds (and leave you sauced).

"It's the cleansing nature of the chaser — you drink a shot of whisky,

and then a shot of pickle juice, and it's almost like the whisky never happened," said TJ Provenzano, the event's organizer, the manager of Brooklyn Oenology's Tasting Room, and a former bartender at the

Bushwick Country Club, which popularized the pickleback four years ago. "They're dangerous like that."

The combos — designed to highlight flavor contrast — will include the sweetly flavored Breucklen Wheat "Black Wax" Whisky paired with spicy and garlicky

McClure's pickle brine (pictured); Finger Lakes-based McKenzie Rye chased with Brooklyn Brine pickle juice; and caramel-tinged Kings County Bourbon coupled with smoky, spicy, vinegar-soaked Rick's Picks Smoked Okra brine. All three pickle purveyors will be present, farmers-market style, to dole out samples and sell whole jars.



Not enough piquancy for your flavor-craving palate?

Local beef jerks, Field Jerky Co., are also setting up shop, with flavor varieties such as teryaki and honey spice to go along with each of the three saucy couplets.

"Our customer are going to be taking three shots of whisky, at least," Provenzano said. "They're going to need some jerky to snack on."

Whiskey, Pickles 'n Jerky at the Brooklyn Oenology Tasting Room [209 Wythe Ave. between N. Third and N. Fourth streets in Williamsburg, (718) 599-1259], Dec. 10, 3 pm-midnight; Dec. 11, noon-10 pm. \$5 per pairing; \$13 for all three. For info, visit www.brooklynoenology.com.

— Juliet Linderman

Write on!

From subway walls to gallery walls. Five graffiti legends are reliving the 1970s — sans the vandalism, police and barbed-wire fences — with a new show at the FiveMyles Gallery in Prospect Heights.

"These guys are a handful of the very few original writers who wrote on trains," said curator Frank Godlewski. "They are pioneers."

The show, "Street Art Legends Collective," will feature Albert Mercado, aka Lava I&II; Jaime Ramirez, aka MICO; Richie Admiral, aka Bama; Joe Lopez, aka Clyde; and Eddy Salgado, aka Flint 707.

But now, they're being hailed as bona-fide artists — a far cry from what they were considered back in the day.

"We were considered criminals," said Bama. "We want to have that door open, for people to understand we're not criminals, we're not dangerous and that, no, we're not going to rob you."

These writers, or bombers, as they were also known, were teenage kids from Brooklyn and



Graffiti pioneers Bama, Lava and MICO pose in front of a collective piece that will be featured in an exhibit at the FiveMyles Gallery in Prospect Heights opening on Dec. 9.

the Bronx who literally made their names on the side of subway cars in the most ostentatious and colorful script one can conjure from a can of spray paint.

"At first it was just names," said Bama. "Then we took those names and made them prettier. It went from simple print to more elaborate styles and then we added more color, backgrounds. Then it became 3D and we started blending the colors."

For them, it wasn't about gangs and it wasn't about vandalism, at least, not for vandalism's sake — it was about fame.

"Seventy-five percent of the youth who grabbed a magic marker or some spray paint and did a tag did it because he or she wanted to become famous," said MICO. "If you were from Brooklyn, if you were from my neighborhood and we both rode the D train and it had big MICO tag on, they would tell you and they would know your name."

The gallery will feature around seven–10 works from each artist, as well as several collective pieces, in which six canvases are arranged together, like a brick wall, on which the artists paint in tandem in homage to their work during the '70s.

"This is the closest thing you can get on canvas in 2011 to a subway car writing," said MICO. "When you looked at the subways and you saw all the names on the subway cars, it was a collective thing. This canvas is essentially the same idea."

FiveMyles Gallery [558 St. Johns Pl. between Classon and Franklin avenues in Prospect Heights, (718) 783-4438], Dec. 9–11. For info, visit www.fivemyles.org.

— Colin Mixson

■ AROUND TOWN

SHOPPING MADE EASY!

Part one of our holiday gift guide: presents for someone tough to shop for!

By Juliet Linderman

Now that Thanksgiving is over, we're headed full-throttle towards Christmas (and Hanukkah, too). There's no getting around it: we're in the thick of holiday madness, which means you should probably start thinking about presents. Buying holiday gifts for friends and family can be a grueling, anxiety-inducing experience — that is, if you don't know where to

look. We're here to help.

Welcome to the first installment of your holiday shopping guide, designed to help you select the best gifts for the ones you love — without spending a fortune, or leaving the borough. The best part? Most of the items we've selected are produced locally, which means you'll be supporting the economy, small businesses and, of course, Brooklyn.

For the gardener with no garden: Twig Terrarium, \$60

In this city, not everyone has the luxury of a backyard. So, why not make your own personal biodome?

Brooklyn Collective [198 Columbia St. between Sackett and Union streets in the Columbia Street Waterfront District, (718) 596-6231]. For info, visit www.brooklyncollective.com.



BROOKLYN MADE!

For the shutterfly: Blackbird, Fly Camera, \$130

Inspired by its new exhibit, "Youth and Beauty: Art of the American Twenties," the Brooklyn Museum is now offering a selection of these beautiful 1920s-style twin-lens reflex cameras; one lens is used to expose the film, while the other is used as a viewfinder. Unlike most cameras of this design, the Blackbird Fly uses 35mm film, so you can take all the photographs you want — and drop your film off for one-hour processing at your local drug store.

Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 638-5000]. Closed Monday and Tuesday. For info, visit www.brooklynmuseum.org.



For the lover of leather: Maxx and Unicorn wallet, \$88

Check out the limited-edition, camouflage, tri-fold wallet by this Greenpoint-based leather designer, whose wares are sleek, expertly crafted, and well worth the money. These designs are unisex, which means a lover of leather of either gender will love it.

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For the beach bum: Boombox Cooler, \$55

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BROOKLYN MADE!

For the brewmaster-in-training: One-gallon home brew kit, \$40

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Brooklyn Victory Garden [920 Fulton St. between Washington Avenue and St. James Place in Clinton Hill, (718) 398-9100]. For info, visit www.brooklynbrewshop.com.

For the truly disorganized: Animal print Baggubag mini pouches, \$8 for a set of three

For anyone who has organizational issues, these Baggubag pouches are an adorable and ideal way to arrange your bag, from the little stuff — keys, makeup, iPod, pens — to the slightly bigger stuff, such as notebooks, planners, sunglasses, and the like.

Baggu [242 Wythe Ave. at N. Third Street in Williamsburg, (800) 605 0759]. For info, visit www.baggubag.com.

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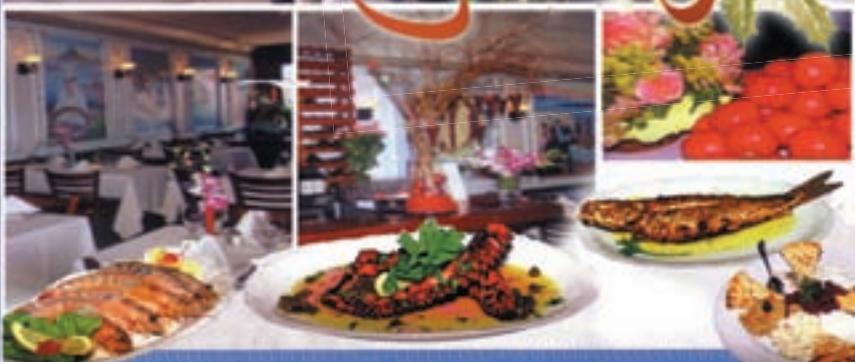
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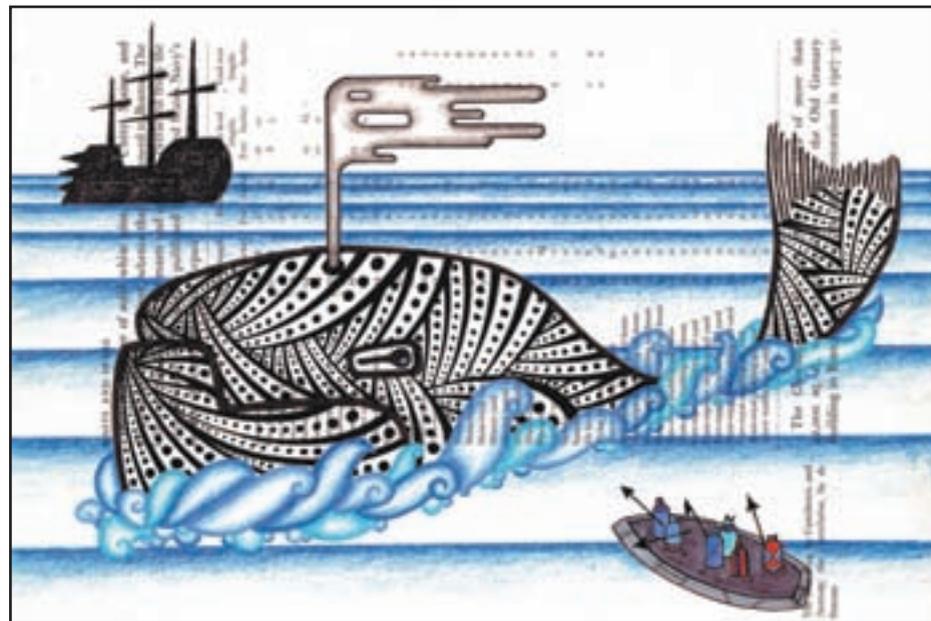
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AROUND TOWN

MAJOR 'DICK'!

Matt Kish's illustrated 'Moby' is huge



By **Juliet Linderman**

He's just like Ahab — except for one key detail.

Unlike the doomed captain, Matt Kish defeated Herman Melville's white whale — and landed a book deal in the process.

Two years ago, Kish plunged head first into illustrating every page of "Moby-Dick" — and this month, he's celebrating the release of "Moby-Dick in Pictures: One Drawing for Every Page," comprised of his own original illustrations inspired by — and juxtaposed against — Melville's complex text.

"It was an astounding feeling," Kish said, of conquering "Moby-Dick" — the novel that has stymied the smartest comp lit majors. "I was as obsessed as Ahab — I'd wake in the middle of the night thinking about it. Thank god I'm still married."

The book runs a cool 600 pages, and contains 552 illustrations that took Kish 543 days to complete. Initially, the drawing-a-day endeavor was confined to Kish's blog, and existed as a way for Kish to rekindle his love of drawing, with the comfort and companionship of his favorite novel.

But after Kish's last trip to Brooklyn — where presented his drawings at Pete's Candy Store in Williamsburg to excited fans and at least one book agent — the scope of the project began to evolve.

"It wouldn't have happened if I hadn't come to Brooklyn," Kish said. "I never thought it would be a book."

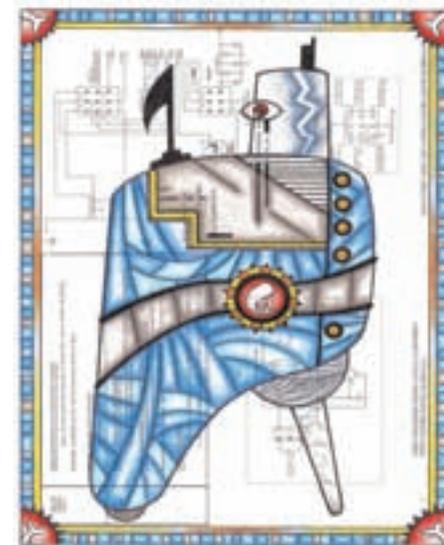
Kish's colorful, obsessive, frenetic illustrations create a layered, dreamy and, at times extremely dark, re-imagining of "Moby-Dick," when paired with Melville's prose, is more of an interpretation all its own than an homage.

The voyage was no easy feat — but for Kish, one of the hardest parts was finishing it.

"I knew every second I spent working on

"I will have no man in my boat," said Starbuck, 'who is not afraid of a whale.'" (Below) "Reality outran apprehension; Captain Ahab stood upon his quarter-deck." From pages 109 and 117 of "Moby Dick in Pictures."

Illustrations by Matt Kish



other things was putting off that moment of inevitable freedom," Kish said. "But it was very bittersweet; even in the darkest moments, even when I felt completely obsessed with finishing, I still had Ishmael, I still had Ahab, I still had Queequeg. Saying goodbye to them is heart-breaking."

As Ishmael can attest, it's tough to be the only one who survives to tell the tale — but Kish's visual storytelling is so strikingly beautiful, so expertly drawn and full of raw emotion, you'll be glad he did.

Matt Kish celebrates "Moby-Dick in Pictures: One Drawing for Every Page" at BookCourt [163 Court St. between Pacific and Dean streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 875.3677], Dec. 3, 7 pm. Free. For info, visit www.bookcourt.org.

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BY SARAH ZORN

Forget about turkey and mashed potatoes — get your weekly whisky fix at Longbow Pub and Pantry in Bay Ridge, your monthly taste of smoked seafood at Shelsky's in Cobble Hill, and your overall fill of openings, closings, bits and bites from all over Brooklyn!

Everybody's drinking for the weekend: Why wait for Friday when you can whet your whistle during "Whisky of the Week" at Longbow Pub and Pantry every Thursday? Bay Ridge's favorite Welsh drinking house features a new top shelf spirit (Penderyn Aur Cymru! Glenn Fiddich!) for rock-bottom prices each week (think \$8 a pop). We'll raise a glass to that!

Good taste: Peter Shelsky will also hold discounted tastings at his eponymous Smith Street appetizing shop one Monday a month — and you won't have to contend with a hangover the next day. As Pardon Me For Asking reported, a \$20 ticket buys a host of noshes, such as smoked salmon bites, white-fish salad canapés, sugary rugelach and slabs of homemade chocolate babka, plus a salmon slicing demo and lesson, and discussion about pickling and smoking. A perfect date for you and your bubbly!

Out of the fire, into the frying

pan: Cochinita in Clinton Hill drew raves right of the gate for its tasty tacos on homemade tortillas — but was sadly devastated by fire shortly after its opening. Here's an early Christmas present for pibil aficionados: Grub Street reports that the tacqueria-that-could will be back up and running by early December.

Adieu Abistro: It's closing time for the original outpost of French/Senegalese institution, Abistro, one of the pioneers of Fort Greene's now-flourishing foodie scene. Although an expanded, pricier, and BYOB-less version of Abistro lives on a mere five blocks away, owner Abdoul Gueye acknowledges that breaking up with his first baby was hard to do. "It meant a lot to me, it meant a lot to a lot of people," he told Zagat, "but it was too much to run two businesses."

Spam-alot: According to Here's Williamsburg, residents can soon satiate cravings for poke and poi (along with that other, other white meat) at 84 Havemeyer St. — the location of an upcoming Hawaiian-themed restaurant. Although the borough is hardly saturated with fare from the 50th state, Bay Ridge alone is home to two new contenders — Aloha Grinds and the upcoming Ho'brah tacos. Do we sense a trend on the horizon?

Konditori continued: What do you think of when you think of Sweden? Fish? Meatballs? Particleboard furniture? Political neutrality? How about coffee bars? Park Slope just got a little bit Swede-r now that a Seventh Avenue outpost of Konditori has joined the original location on Fifth Avenue near Sackett Street. Both serve French-press coffee and traditional Swedish cardamom bread, cinnamon rolls, and coco balls — so good, they'll make you want to go bork bork bork!

Meatball moment: Like wood-fired pizza, organ meats, and hamburgers before them, meatballs are now having their moment in the bun. The latest men with balls are Fornino owner Frank Ayoub and his chef Kert Eggers, who have turned the generally excellent restaurant's lackluster takeout counter into Polpette, a meatball sandwich shop. Standout Dagwoods include the pork meatball with fennel sausage on a potato roll and Josphine's Famous, featuring classic beef balls on a hero. The turkey meatballs were a bit disappointing, but you can't have everything.

What happens in Greenpoint: Chef/restaurateur John Fraser got plenty of attention for his experimental What Happens When, a temporary Lower East Side restaurant (don't call it a pop-up!) that changed menus — and décor — each month. He got even more attention when it abruptly shuttered in June over complications obtaining a liquor license. Why do we care? Grub Street reports that Fraser is steps away from signing a lease in Greenpoint — albeit for a much less avant-garde eatery.



Peter Shelsky will offer tastings on Monday nights at his awesome appetizing shop on Smith Street in Carroll Gardens.

WHERE TO GO
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EVENTS

FRI, DEC. 2

MUSIC, NATALIE PIRES AND TUDO ISTO É FADO: Free. 7 pm. BAMCafe [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4129], www.bam.org.

THEATER, "HENRY V": The Irondale Ensemble presents Shakespeare's drama. \$35. 8 pm. Irondale Center [85 S. Oxford St. at Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 488-9233], www.irondale.org.

THEATER, "A CHRISTMAS CAROL": Narrows Community Theater presents its holiday production. \$20 (\$15 seniors and students). 8 pm. Fort Hamilton Army Base Theater [403 Lee Ave at 101st Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 482-3173], www.theateronline.com.

MUSIC, JUKEBOX THE GHOST: With The Spinto Band and Deleted Scenes. \$10. 8 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

MUSIC, MARGRET GREBOWICZ: Free. 9 pm. Tea Lounge [837 Union St. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 789-2762], www.tealounge.com.

MUSIC, KEYS 'N KRATES: \$5. 11:30 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

SAT, DEC. 3

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

NATURE WALK: Hunt for wild coffee with "Wildman" Steve Brill. Pre-registration required. \$20 (\$10 children under 12). 11:45 am. Prospect Park [Grand Army Plaza at Flatbush Avenue in Prospect Heights, (914) 835-2153], www.wildmanstevebrill.com.

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, TASCAS AS PART OF TUDO ISTO É FADO: Free. 7 pm. BAMCafe [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4129], www.bam.org.

DANCE, BALLET: Le Dance Off members perform to music from Bach to Lady Gaga. \$30. 8 pm. Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Decatur Avenue in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5596], www.onstageatkingsborough.org.

THEATER, "HENRY V": 8 pm. See Friday, Dec. 2.

EVENT, THE DESK SET BIBLIOPHILE: A dance party for librarians, archivists, authors and the people who love them. \$20-\$40. 8 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebell-houseny.com.

MUSIC, GENE WEEN AND DAVE DREIWIWITZ: \$15. 9 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

OTHER

WINTER FESTIVAL: Benefit for the Gowanus Canal Conservancy. \$40. 6 pm-9 pm. Build It Green [69 Ninth St. between Second Avenue and Smith Street in Gowanus], www.gowanuscandalconservancy.org.

BAROQUE ACROSS THE RIVER: A celebration of French culture. \$20. 7 pm. Brooklyn Histori-

cal Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

SUN, DEC. 4

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, VINYL FAIR: With DJ Uncle Mike. Free. Noon. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

MMUSIC, CHORAL CONCERT: Sunday music recital. Free. 6 pm. Good Shepherd Church [1950 Batchelder St. at Avenue S in Marine Park, (718) 998-2800].

MUSIC, SALSA SUNDAY: With the Williamsburg Salsa Orchestra. \$5. 8 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

OTHER

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR: Hand-crafted gifts, raffles and refreshments. 10 am. St. Andrew the Apostle Parish [6713 Ridge Blvd. between Senator and 67th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 680-1010], www.standrewtheapostle.net.

MOVIES, HAROLD LLOYD SHORTS: Featuring "Girl Shy," and "Graduate." Free. 1:30 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [Flatbush Ave. at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope, (718) 230-2100], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

INVENTING BROOKLYN EXHIBIT TOUR: Free. 2 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

LESSONS AND CAROLS: Readings will be in English and Spanish. Free. 4 pm. St. Finbar Msgr. Scanlon Center [Bath Ave. at Bay 20th Street in Bath Beach, (718) 236-3312].

READING, KIDS HOLIDAY PARTY: Readings of "Razle Dazzle Ruby," by Masha D'yans; "Stuck," by Oliver Jeffers; and "Toys Come Home," by Emily Jenkins. Free. 4 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhouse-arena.com.

COMEDY, EUGENE MIRMAN AND FRIENDS: \$7. 7:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

MON, DEC. 5

FILM, "PINGU": A "Big Movies for Little Kids" favorite. \$7. 4 pm. Cobble Hill Cinema [265 Court St. between Butler & Douglass streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 596-9113], www.cobblehilltheatre.com.

LITERACY FUNDRAISER: \$30. 7 pm. Galapagos Art Space [16 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 222-8500], www.galapagosartspace.com.

MUSIC, THE T.K. BLUE BAND: Part of "Jazzy Mondays" series. Free. 7 pm. For My Sweet [1103 Fulton St. at Claver Place in Bedford Stuyvesant, (718) 857-1427].

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TUES, DEC. 6

READING, BEST MUSIC WRITING 2011 MARATHON: Featuring Nitsuh Abebe, Franklin Bruno, Jeremy Denk, Nancy Griffin, Vanessa M. Grigoriadi, Wendy Lesser, Chris Norris, Lauren Puchowski, and Kelefa Sanneh. 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

THEATER, "HENRY V": 8 pm. See Friday, Dec. 2.

WED, DEC. 7

NY CREATES HOLIDAY CRAFT FESTIVAL: Free. 11 am-7 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

WORKSHOP, TANGO LESSONS: For adults and youngsters interested in ballroom dancing. No experience and no partners necessary. Pre-registration required. Free. 6 pm-9 pm. IS 96 [99 Ave. P at W. 11th Street in Bensonhurst, (718) 232-2266].

WORKSHOP, JOB TRAINING: 6:30 pm-9:30 pm. See Saturday, Dec. 3.

THEATER, "HENRY V": 8 pm. See Friday, Dec. 2.

MUSIC, THE BAND: And free Sixpoint beer! \$10. 8:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

THURS, DEC. 8

NY CREATES HOLIDAY CRAFT FESTIVAL: 11 am-7 pm. See Wednesday, Dec. 7.

MUSIC, CORY BRANAN, DAVE HAUSE, SAD & FRENCH: \$10. 7:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

THEATER, "HENRY V": 8 pm. See Friday, Dec. 2.

COMEDY, PARTY MACHINE HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR: Featuring Lisa deLarios, Kristen Schaal, Eugene Mirman, Wyatt Cenac, Arden Myrin and more. \$15. 8 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebell-houseny.com.

MUSIC, RIGUAD SIMON: Free. 9 pm. Tea Lounge [837 Union St. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 789-2762], www.tealounge.com.

FRI, DEC. 9

NY CREATES HOLIDAY CRAFT FESTIVAL: 11 am-7 pm. See Wednesday, Dec. 7.

TOY DRIVE: Annual Christmas benefit. \$15 donation. 6 pm. Sugar Hill Restaurant and Supper Club

[609 Dekalb Ave. at Nostrand Avenue in Bedford Stuyvesant, (718) 298-1072], wbls.com.

READING, TOM RACHMAN: Author of "The Imperfectionists." Free. 7 pm. BookCourt [163 Court St. between Pacific and Dean streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 875-3677], www.bookcourt.org.

THEATER, "HENRY V": 8 pm. See Friday, Dec. 2.

THEATER, "A CHRISTMAS CAROL": 8 pm. See Friday, Dec. 2.

CARNIVOROUS NIGHTS TAXIDERMISTRY CONTEST: \$7. 8 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouseny.com.

XMAS POP SING-ALONG AND SANTA CON PRE-PARTY: \$10. 10 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

SAT, DEC. 10

PERFORMANCE

DANCE, DANCEWAVE'S HOLIDAY FIESTA: \$10. 10 am-6 pm. Brooklyn Lyceum [227 Fourth Ave. at President Street in Park Slope, (718) 857-4816], www.brooklynlyceum.com.

MUSIC, WIND SYMPHONY HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER: \$20 suggested donation. 7 pm. Matt Torey's Bar [46 Bushwick Ave. at Ainsley Street in Williamsburg, (718) 218-7646].

THEATER, CILLIAN MURPHY IN "MISTERMAN": 8 pm. See Friday, Dec. 2.

THEATER, "HENRY V": 8 pm. See Friday, Dec. 2.

THEATER, 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL, THE MUSICAL': 8 pm. See Friday, Dec. 2.

THEATER, "A CHRISTMAS CAROL": 8 pm. See Friday, Dec. 2.

MUSIC, ISABELLE OLIVER: Free. 9 pm. Tea Lounge [837 Union St. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 789-2762], www.tealounge.com.

OTHER

WORKSHOP, JOB TRAINING: 10 am-1 pm. See Saturday, Dec. 3.

NY CREATES HOLIDAY CRAFT FESTIVAL: 10 am-5 pm. See Wednesday, Dec. 7.

TREE LIGHTING: St. Finbar's adult and children's choir will perform seasonal favorites. Free. 6:30 pm. St. Finbar Msgr. Scanlon Center [Bath Ave. at Bay 20th St. in Bath Beach, (718) 236-3312].

COMEDY, HEART OF DARKNESS: Hosted by Greg Barris, with Eric Drysdale, Shonali Bhowmik, and Max Silvestri. \$10. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

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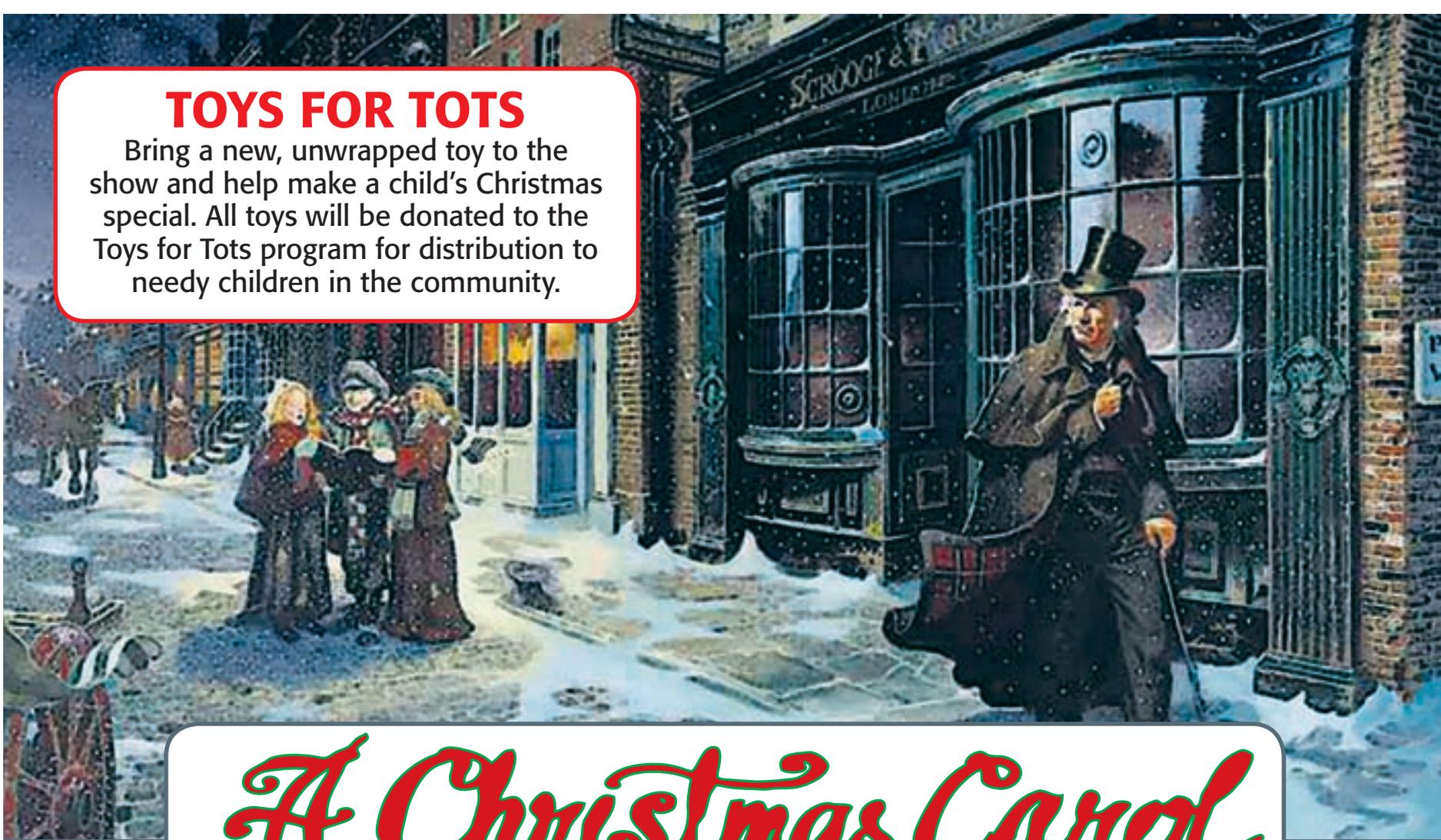
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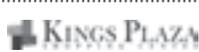


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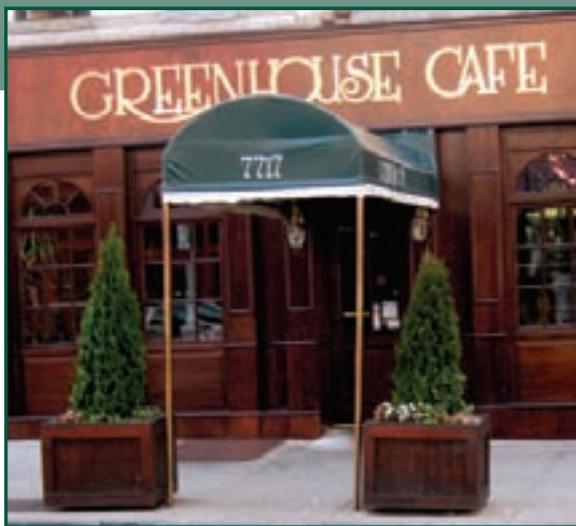
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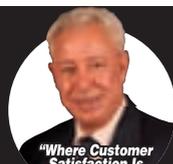
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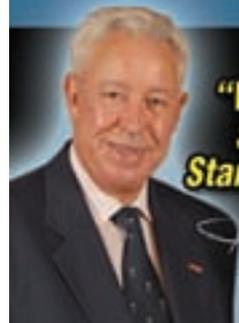
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● 'Here we are, going back to Yankee stadium. We love proving people wrong.'

— Lincoln quarterback Jessel Jones

● 'When we get on the court, that's when the beast comes out'

— Christ the Kings's Omar Calhoun

Creating its own legacy, Lincoln crushes Clinton

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

From August through November, Lincoln has heard about the players it lost rather than the players it returned. The 2011 season has been mostly about proving itself compared to the star-studded 2010 group.

With a chance to equal what that team did, and an opportunity to get back to Yankee Stadium, the Railsplitters were up to the task, and showed it in front of many of their former teammates Saturday afternoon.

With key contributors such as Wayne Williams, DeJuan Heath and Selwyn Nicholas on the sidelines, No. 1 Lincoln manhandled seventh-seeded Clinton, 30-14, getting back to the Public School Athletic League City Championship division final.

"Everyone said we're not as good as them, we played cupcakes, we're overrated," quarterback Jessel Jones said. "But here we are, going back to Yankee Stadium. We love proving people wrong. It drives us."

He's as much as a reason as any as undefeated Lincoln (12-0) will play for the title Dec. 6 against No. 5 Erasmus Hall. He ran for two touchdowns, threw for another and accumulated 167 total yards, 107 on the ground. With star running back Kareem Folkes slowed somewhat by a turned ankle in the second half, Jones took command by calling his own number.

"He was the unsung hero for us," said Folkes, who ran for 155 yards on 33 carries and a touchdown.



Lincoln's Kareem Folkes charges down field in the division semifinals against DeWitt Clinton on Saturday. The win sent the Railsplitters to the championship game against Erasmus Hall at Yankee Stadium on Dec. 6. Photo by Lauren Marsh

"Nobody knew who he was at the beginning of the season. But he opened the game up for us."

Typical of Lincoln's undefeated season, the Railsplitters put forth a complete effort and got off to a fast start. They led 22-0 after Jones threw a 9-yard scoring strike to Tarik Pusey with 5:02 left in the first half. Clinton didn't pick up its initial first down until its next drive and though it got within 30-14 late in the fourth quarter after Jeremiah Obeng-Agyamong's 43-yard touchdown, never truly threatened.

Lincoln sacked Clinton (8-4) quarterback Ryan Camilo seven times, limiting the normally elusive signal-caller to a season-low 18 yards rushing. A high ankle sprain suffered by bruising fullback and-linebacker Ashton McKenzie early on played a part in the Brooklyn school's dominance, but so did its front seven's size and speed.

"They pursued well and they were very fast," Camilo said.

Two-way linemen Robert Kitching and Armani Gordon created canyon-size holes for Folkes and Jones.

Tevin Fraser and Rasheed Anderson harassed Camilo all afternoon and when given the opportunity Jones found open receivers.

"They went to the championship last year and they're going back," Clinton coach Howard Langley said. "They got everything."

The win was more typical of Lincoln's first 10 games than No. 11 when Jefferson nearly rallied from a 24-6 halftime deficit before falling, 30-28, last weekend. That game tested the Railsplitters mettle, actually having a game decided in the final minutes.

"I definitely prefer this," Jones said, smiling. "It's much better than being in a close game."

The narrow victory did have a bonus, Jones and Folkes said. Lincoln was getting too confident, the seniors said, and the scare dropped them down a peg.

"We know we can't sleep on teams," Folkes said.

Lincoln coach Shawn O'Connor said: "It snapped them back to reality. They came out today very focused."

There won't be any overconfident in nine days at Yankee Stadium. It's been 18 years since the Coney Island school, known for winning basketball championships, has won a city title in football. Even last year's team, the one everyone likes to remind the current Railsplitters about, failed to win it all. This group has an opportunity to make history now.

"If we win it," Jones said with a wide grin, "we can say we're better."



James Madison coach Thomas Mobilia gets a Gatorade shower following Madison's triumph over August Martin. Photo by Denis Gostev

Madison goes from worst to first

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Barry Dagbolen surveyed the scene and couldn't believe his eyes. There were teammates shedding tears of joy, some down on the turf and others chasing their coaches around with Gatorade buckets.

The stands were filled to the brim with ecstatic Madison-clad fans decked out in gold and black. And there was a championship trophy that belonged to the Knights — the 0-9 Knights of 2010, 2-7 Knights of 2009 and 0-9 Knights of 2008 — the Brooklyn school's first of any kind since 1983.

"You go from having nothing to everything in one season," the quarterback/defensive back said. "To come back from a zero-win season to winning the championship is an unbelievable feeling. I can't even describe it."

Madison (10-1) came a long way in the last year, accepting a demotion to the Bowl division and proceeding to go 8-1 and garnering the top seed in the playoffs. Sunday afternoon at Lincoln High School, it completed the about-face, holding off No.

2 August Martin, 22-20.

"We hoped for this, we hoped to make the playoffs," Madison coach Tom Mobilia said. "This exceeds our expectations... We thought we were going to win some games, but we achieved much more than we thought we were going to achieve. It's a credit to the kids who have worked hard since August."

As has been the case much of the year, Dagbolen was the catalyst, throwing for one touchdown and running for another. The senior-laden defense contained August Martin's potent ground attack and created four turnovers, taking advantage of the Falcons (7-4) being without starting quarterback Ricky Dunbar (ankle).

The difference, though, might've been slight sophomore Dellon Peters, a player who knew very little of Madison's losing. A track and field star, the 5-foot-4 underclassman joined the team this fall and his 78-yard kickoff return following an August Martin touchdown in the final minute of the first

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Siblings carry Christ King

The Calhouns could be best brother-sister duo in USA

BY MARC RAIMONDI AND JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Shooting drills. Dribbling workouts. HORSE. All of those are fine for Omar and Sierra Calhoun.

One-on-one? Not so much.

"We played against each other when we were younger, but it always ended up being a fight," Omar said. "We had to stop. My dad wouldn't let us play... She would think I'm cheating or something like that. She would call a foul and it would end up being a conflict."

Such is life at their Park Slope home, where being the best you can be was instilled at an early age.



Sierra Calhoun and Omar Calhoun, a sibling-duo, are stars on their teams at Christ the King, and perhaps the best brother-sister basketball duo in the United States. Photo by Denis Gostev

Omar and Sierra Calhoun, stars on their respective teams at Christ the King, are perhaps the top brother-sister basketball duo in the United States. The University of Connecticut-bound Omar, a senior, has led the Royals boys team to two straight Catholic High School Athletic Association Class AA inter-sectional titles and Sierra, one of the top sophomores in the country, is set to take a leading role this year for the girls.

Their uncanny success starts from the beginning. Omar Sr., the patriarch of the clan, played Division I basketball at St. Francis College and mother Samara competed for girls hoops powerhouse Murry Bergtraum High School.

Basketball, though, was just one of the many lessons.

"Growing up, nothing was ever handed to us," Sierra said.

Off the court, they excel academically and are both first-class citizens. Omar Sr. and Samara, a teacher, are omni-present at games — not to meddle, but to support. They have always stressed education first for their children.

"They're great basketball players and great people," CK boys coach Joe Arbitello said of the siblings. "They're way too humble, way too nice, way too unassuming to be superstars. Whatever [Omar Sr. and Samara] did, I asked them to tell me, so I can raise my kids."

Omar Jr., a six-foot-four scoring machine, paved the way at Christ the King for the family, starring as a 10th grader on a championship team. Sierra was hooked on the Middle Village school from that point.

"I just saw everyone coming to the game, packed house every time they stepped on the court," she said. "I wanted to [have] that, too."

Sierra, an athletic, six-foot guard, came up from the junior varsity in December

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Cancer scare was a catalyst for X-man

BY ZACK BRAZILLER

Jack Alesi has coached boys basketball at Xaverian for 17 years, and the only player who's ever worked as hard as Chris Mullin, he says, is current senior Brian Bernardi.

The Southern Methodist-bound sharpshooter spends hours before and after practice shooting. Instead of playing Amateur Athletic Union basketball this summer, he put himself through three-day workouts to improve skills work, quickness, and grow stronger.

It all stems from a near-catastrophic moment in his life — a cancer scare in the eighth grade.

Bernardi was just coming into his own as a player, getting ready for his final season before high school when he discovered a golf-ball-sized growth near his left ankle in the Cuboid bone, one of seven bones in the foot. Initially, he figured it was a turned ankle, but soreness became a lump that kept growing. There was a fear his foot might have to be amputated if the tumor, an Aneurismal bone cyst, was malignant.

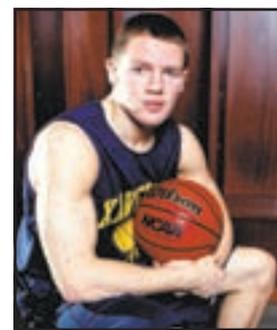
"I was crying," the 6-foot-3 guard from Staten Island said when told of the possible outcome. "I didn't know what was going to happen. It was scary."

Fortunately, it wasn't cancerous, but the tumor ate away at most of the bone, and doctors told the family if they had waited any longer, the prognosis would have been worse.

"His sports could've ended right then and there," said his father, Charles.

A laser removal operation got rid of the tumor and cost Bernardi three months of basketball and most of his final Catholic Youth Organization season. In that time — laid up on his couch, in a wheelchair or on crutches — he realized how much he wanted to succeed in basketball.

"It taught me the value



A cancer scare in the eighth grade gave Xaverian's Brian Bernardi the will to succeed.

of hard work and never giving up," said Bernardi, an honor roll student. "It taught me to be mentally tough."

There remains a faint possibility the tumor could grow back, so Bernardi goes in for checkups every nine months, which is down from seeing doctors every three months after the operation.

Even in that time when he couldn't put pressure on his left foot, he would hobble into his backyard and shoot hoops, hopping on one leg or while he sat in a wheelchair. Once he was able to start walking, he attacked physical therapy sessions like he does opposing defenses and returned in time to lead his CYO team to the title.

That determination has only grown since, making him into one of the city's top seniors. A three-year starter and pre-season All-City first team selection by The Post, Bernardi has improved his all-around game. He's added significant muscle, his ball-handling is better and he can create his own shot.

"I believe the sky is the limit for him," Southern Methodist University coach Matt Doherty said.

During golf season, Alesi often plays with friends at the Silver Lake Golf Course in Sunnyside. The 17th hole ends within sight of the Bernardi household. A bouncing basketball always can be heard, and a ball swishing through the hoop. There

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Yes, Virginia, there is an Ida

We just received this letter in our mailbag from lil' Virginia O'Malley of Old Mill Basin:

"DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Ida Eisenstein.

Papa says, 'If you see it in THE COURIER, it's so.'

Please tell me the truth; is Eisenstein real?"

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They inhabit a skeptical world that is antithetical to the footloose universe our very real gridiron Galileo inhabits. You see, Virginia, we are all simply hermit crabs in a tide pool, blissfully unaware of the boundless ocean of truth and knowledge that exists just beyond our claws' reach.

Yes, Virginia, there is an Eisenstein. She exists as certainly as a platter of whitefish chubs displayed in the appetizing department of the Silver Star meat market.

Alas! How dreary a world if there was no Ida! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias! There would be no Kryptonite Lock of the Week, no weekly inspiration, no quixotic behavior that both beguiles and infuriates her fans.

No Eisenstein! Thank God! She lives, and she lives on to improve the respectable 8-8 week she posted last week.

Not believe in Eisenstein? You might as well not believe in Santa Claus!

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IDA'S KRYPTONITE LOCK OF THE WEEK:

Raiders (+3.5) over Dolphins:

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Hockey phenom abandons Aviators

Top-scorer Vladimir Nikiforvov, who had 21 points in 10 games, flies Brooklyn's coop

BY THOMAS TRACY

Say it ain't so Niki!

The Aviators' offense took a huge hit last week when Vladimir Nikiforvov, the 24-year-old hockey phenom who scored nine goals and had 12 assists for Brooklyn in just 10 games, parachuted over to the despised Central Hockey League — and there was nothing that coach Rob Miller could do about it.

“When you join the Federal Hockey League, you are obligated to play with the team you sign up with, but there's nothing binding you from joining another league,” a crestfallen Miller told us on Monday, claiming that the Hauppauge native's departure will undoubtedly impact the team's performance. “He was a good player, but we knew he wasn't going to be around for long. We are just glad that we had him as long as we did.”

The move will be a promotion of sorts for Nikifor-

vov: the Central Hockey League — and the Bloomington Blaze, the team he'll be playing for — is a 'AA' professional hockey league. The Aviators play single-A stick.

Nikiforvov, known as Vlad or Niki to his friends, always had his eye on advancing, but seemed content in Brooklyn, telling this paper that the Aviators was “one of the best group of guys I ever played with.”

“The chemistry here is really awesome,” Nikiforvov told us a week before he abandoned his teammates.

Brooklyn certainly could have used Nikiforvov last week: the fourth-place Aviators won just one of four games, including two embarrassing losses against the hated New Jersey Outlaws, which is led by former Brooklyn Aces coach Chris Firriolo and counts former Aviators John Goffredo and Matt Puntureri among their crew of cold-hearted banditos.



GOODBYE NUMBER NINE: Hockey phenom Vladimir Nikiforvov parachuted out of the Aviators' plane last week, leaving Brooklyn in dire straits.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

The Aviators were clearly outclassed and outgunned in their first bout in dirty Jersey as Brooklyn lost 5-3 — with the Outlaws out shooting Brooklyn 43-33.

The team fared much better in their second match against the Outlaws, but then lost it 5-4 in overtime — something the team has become famous for.

So far, Brooklyn hasn't won a single game that went into overtime this season, a fact that leaves Miller baffled.

“Last year we were phe-

nomenal in overtime,” he said. “But it's always hit or miss in overtime and the [Outlaws] have a lot of skilled players.”

The Aviators also lost to the Cape Cod Bluefins (for the third time this season) last Tuesday, but Brooklyn did manage to pull off a bit of magic during this deplorable Thanksgiving weekend turkey trot — they managed to destroy the top-ranked 1,000 Island Privateers, scuttling the Alexandria Bay team's advance into Floyd Bennett Field's Aviator Sports and Recreation Center, known by the team's fans, and our readers, as the Hangar.

“That was a big win for us,” Miller said. “We should have split the New Jersey games as well, but the team showed a lot of character during both games. We still need to make a few tweaks, but if they play they way they did this weekend for the rest of the season, I'll be happy.”

Madison

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half swung the game's momentum, eliminating the Falcons' lone lead.

“I looked at the time,” he recalled. “I said, ‘48 seconds, I can do this.’”

Mobilia anticipated Peters making a difference, though not as was planned. Peters fumbled early on and didn't even handle the kickoff. But when teammate Michael Carey muffed it, Peters picked the ball up and raced through the middle to pay dirt, passing would-be tacklers like they were moving in slow motion.

“I thought it was the turning point in the

game,” Mobilia said.

Madison seemed to be in complete control, up 22-7 after Dagbolen's 1-yard touchdown run on the first play of the fourth quarter, but August Martin came storming back. Clinton Westmoreland started the rally with a 3-yard score and after recovering an onside kick, Westmoreland went 36 yards to the house, tiptoeing down the right sideline with 48 seconds remaining. It set up another onside kick, this one more dramatic.

“I didn't want to look,” said Dagbolen, who completed 5-of-8 passes for 64 yards. “It was nerve-racking.”

Dagbolen was able to breathe easy when Teqeil

Evans recovered Ghrelle Francis' attempt. Soon the raucous celebration was on.

Dagbolen said he and the program's other 12 seniors were hesitant when told of the decision to move down. When the wins came fast and furious, they weren't questioning the decision.

“This is the best way to build it up,” Dagbolen said.

Its value was seen on Sunday. Mobilia hopes that continues.

“It's good to have some success,” the coach said. “Hopefully some Pop Warner teams say, ‘hey, Madison is pretty good, they're rebuilding, we'll send some kids there.’”

Siblings

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and had a stellar freshman season, hitting the team's two biggest shots of the year, late three-pointers to lead Christ the King to the Catholic High School Athletic Association Class AA state final.

Omar Jr. said he's proud of his younger sister, calling her

very mature for her age. He's always at her games and vice-versa. CK girls coach Bob Mackey marvels at the bond the two share.

“They're close,” Omar Sr. said. “They talk to each other all the time, but not just about basketball. They talk about everything together.”

After all, they're cut from the same cloth.

“We were brought up to be

humble and hungry,” Omar Jr. said. “We carry ourselves as normal kids in the hallways trying to keep up our academics and grades. When we get on the court, that's when the beast comes out of us. We're both ferocious, as vocal as we can be on the court, trying to win.”

Evidently that also carries over into when they try to play each other.

Cancer

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was one day Alesi didn't expect Bernardi to be out there. It was rainy and cold. Alesi questioned himself for playing golf that day.

“There he is with a pon-

cho shooting,” the coach said, laughing.

It's all worth it — Bernardi has a full scholarship to Southern Methodist University, which may be moving to the Big East soon.

“This is my dream,” he said. “My goal was to get a Division I scholarship and play

at a high level.”

Called “The Quiet Man” by his father, Bernardi doesn't talk much about his cancer scare.

“I don't like to show sympathy for myself,” he said. “I know there are people who have been through a lot tougher things than I have.”

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Sun. 12/4/11 1-3 pm

2049 East 74th St (Ave T & Ave U)

GREAT STARTER HOME!

1 Fam S/D duplex, 3 bdrms, 1 3/4 baths, EIK w/granite counter tops, formal LR & DR, fin bsmt w/radiant heated flrs, new windows & electric, \$400's.

Owner listening to offers

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BERGEN BEACH

Sun. 12/4/11 1-3 pm

7323 Avenue V (corner East 74th St)

1 Fam custom mansion, 40X100, 4 bds, 4 new bths, jacuzzi & sauna, euro EIK, marble & granite flrs, cathedral ceilings, huge walk in closets, frplce, balconies, venetian plaster walls, inground heated pool, too much to mention!

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Bay Ridge CO-OP OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY 12/04 1-4 PM

9040 Ft. Hamilton Pkwy/ 91st St. Apt. #6-I

SPONSOR SALE!

Large 1 Bedrm Co-op, fully renovated, parquet flr, all rooms separate, garage in bldg, price \$174,900, maint \$586. R.E. 917-902-4291

Bergen Beach OPEN HOUSE

SUN, DEC. 4, 1-3PM

2425 EAST 70th ST

"Fabulous Northgate"

Semi-Det 1 Family Hse in Mint Cond Features 3 Oversized BRs, 2.5 Designer Bathrms w/ Vaulted Ceils, Open Kitch w/ Sliders to Terr, Formal LR & DR w/ Oak Flring Thruout, Lrg Den w/ Full Bathrm & Sep Ent, Can Be Apt, Huge Deck w/ Oversized Pool!

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BERGEN BEACH

Sun 12/4/11 1-3 pm

2129 East 70th St (Ave U & Ave V)

Beautiful 1 fam s/d renov 3 bdrm duplex, granite bth w/ jacuzzi, top of the line EIK, lrg LR, formal DR, new windows, lrg closets, fin bsmt w/ sep. ent, 3 car private drive, \$600's

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CANARSIE BB1655

Sun. 12/4, 1-3

9901 Ave. J

FANTASTIC CORNER

S/A brick 1 fam shows like a 2 fam, hwd flrs, new EIK, full bath, lg LR, DR, & new windows. Commercial unit offers sep entr, kit & bath. Ideal for professional space! Fin bsmt, updated HWH & gas heat. Price reduced! Asking \$359,000
www.bergenbasin.com

► **BROOKLYN OPEN HOUSE**

Canarsie
OPEN HOUSE
SUN. 12/04, 1-3 PM
102-17 AVE L
(E.102nd & E.103rd)
Great Starter Home!
2 family brick, 2BRs over
1BR, prvt drv, built-in
garage + backyard,
asking \$439K.

LABARCA R.E.
718-258-1222

► **BROOKLYN OPEN HOUSE**

Flatbush Co-op
OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 12/04
12-2 PM
1655 Flatbush Ave.
Apt. A1103
Junior 4, spacious co-op
in Phillip Howard Bldg.
2 bdrms, full bath, large
terrace, beautiful views.
Walk to buses and trains!
Near all.
Welcome Home
Realty
718-513-0240

► **BROOKLYN OPEN HOUSE**

GRAVESEND
OPEN HOUSE
SAT-SUN 1-3 PM
37 AVE U
(W.12th St)
Corner prop 1 family 2+BR
duplex. Full bsmt w/ 3/4
bth. Front enclosed porch.
Huge det 2 car garage.
Lots of potential. Centrally
located. Walk to train.
\$519,000

718-252-6060

► **BROOKLYN OPEN HOUSE**

Marine Park/ Knapp St
OPEN HOUSE
SAT 12/03, 12-2PM
2251 KNAPP ST.
APT. 6A
Spacious 3 bedrm co-op,
top flr, hdwd flrs, freshly
painted, large living-rm,
dINETTE, eat-in kitchen w/
window, full bath, lots of
closets! Near shopping.
\$140,000.
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Realty
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► **BROOKLYN OPEN HOUSE**

MIDWOOD OPEN HOUSE
SAT-SUN 12-3 PM
839 East 19/ 1912 Ave H
(Corner E.19/Ave H)
1-2-3 BR condo conversion
by landmarked, historic
Fiske Terrace section of
Midwood. Turn of the cen-
tury, pre-war bldg centrally
located. Short walk to
B'klyn College & historic
Ave H train station (Q/B)
near Ditmas Pk. Laundry
& storage rm to be
installed in bldg.
CHEAPER THAN RENT!
1BRs starting at \$142,000
2BRs starting at \$234,000
3BRs starting at \$323,000
C21 Homefront 252-6060

► **BROOKLYN OPEN HOUSE**

OLD MILL BASIN OPEN HOUSE
SUN. 12/4 1-3PM
5312 Avenue O

SPECTACULAR NEW
CONDOMINIUMS
Brk beauty, 2 lg BRs, granite
kit., S/S appls, Cherry wd flrs
& Euro tiled bths. Must see!
Starting at \$279,000
BB1637

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► **BROOKLYN OPEN HOUSE**

MILL BASIN
OPEN HOUSE
SUN, DEC. 4, 1-3 PM
2024 EAST 67th ST.
"BEST PRICE"
Nothing Comes Close to
This 1 Fam S/D w/ Prvt
Parking, Custom State of
the Art Kitchen, 3 Bdrms,
2.5 Designer Baths, 2 Sep
C/Air Units, Fin Bsmt w/
1 Bdrm. Only Low \$500's.

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E.22nd St/ Ave V
OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 12/04
12-2 PM
2166 E.22nd ST
Lovely 1 family, 7 rms,
3 bedrms, 3 baths,
custom EIK & fin bsmt.
Move-In-Condition!
Asks \$599,000.
Agent
718-934-2902

GERRITSEN BEACH OPEN HOUSES
Sunday 12/4
106 Frank Ct. 12-2PM
2 family features 2 kitchens, 2 full
baths, 1ST flr is W/I 2 bdrms, 2ND flr
is 3 bdrms, both apts in MIC
Asking \$350,000
ALSO
12 Ivan Ct. 12-3PM
High Ranch, 3 bdrms, 2 bath, full fin
bsmt w/separate entrance. Lots of
potential. Asking \$379,000
D Greenwood R.E.
718-769-4448
www.dgbrooklyn.com

MARINE PARK
OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 12/04
12-2 PM
2065 E.35th ST.
Beautiful brick 1 family
with extra apartment.
2 bdrm/ 1 bdrm. New
kitchen, wood floors.
Private drive/ garage
+ nice yard.
Welcome Home
Realty
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MIDWOOD
OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 12/04
1:30-4:30 PM
1357 E.27th ST.
(Btwn Aves M & N)
Totally renovated
large 3 BR duplex.
Vacant. Owner must
sell! Best offer
over \$599K.
Owner
718-382-1700

Mill Basin/ Bergen Bch
OPEN HOUSE
SUN, DEC. 4, 1-3 PM
1433 EAST 64th ST.
Best Deal on Market!
1 Fam S/D Fully Reno Dplx
Features 3 Bdrms, 4 Cust-
om Designer Bathrms,
Custom Kitch w/ Granite &
SS Appliances, All Htd Tile
Flrs, Sliders to Bkyrd Off
Kitch, Amazing Fin Bsmt
w/ Huge Den & Sep Ent.
Spacious Storage, Prvt
Prkng & Much More!!

718-968-4444

MILL BASIN
OPEN HOUSE
Sun. 12/04
1:00-3:00^{PM}
2340 East 65th St
Det 1 family brick
Ranch, 3 bedrooms
2 baths, modern
kitchen, basement,
C/A, large yard,
long private drive
Elite Home Sales
718-375-6200

Mill Basin
Sun. 12/4/11 1-3 pm
2428 East 64th St
(off Mayfair Dr N)
Det 47x100 Waxman Split,
7.5 over 3.5 with very lrg
rms 7 vaulted ceilings,
newly updated extended
kit, parquet flrs, loads of
closets, formal LR & DR,
finished bsmt with summer
kit & 3.5 rental, 3 car drive,
owner wants all offers
\$800's
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Realty
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EAST FLATBUSH
OPEN HOUSE
SAT-SUN 1-3 PM
930 East 49th St.
(Farragut/ Foster)
ESTATE SALE
Spacious 1 family semi-det
4 bedroom duplex w/ full
bsmt. Freshly painted,
hdwd floors. Clean MIC.
Drvwy & garage.
\$349,000

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GERRITSEN BEACH
OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 12-2 PM
3171 WHITNEY AVE
#3B
(Gerr Ave & Plumb 1 St)
Bright & spacious 720 sq ft
1 bdrm co-op in unique
3 story bldg. Lrg LR, bdrm
w/ walk-in closet. Parquet
flrs. MIC. Walk to park,
nature preserve, shopping.
Parking available.

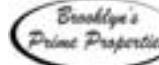
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Kensington CO-OP
OPEN HOUSE
SUN 12/04, 1-3PM
715 OCEAN PKWY
(Newkirk & Parkville Av)
Studio, 1 bdrms & 2 bdrm
apts in bldg, all apts in
very good condition, kitch
w/ window, parquet floor,
1 bdrm apt for sale from
management, no board
approval, \$159,000.
B&R INTEGRITY
REAL ESTATE
Boris 347-739-5686

Marine Park
OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 12/04
1-3 PM
3702 AVE S
2 family brick semi-det,
3BRs/ 2BRs, prvt drv
& 2 car garage.
JUST REDUCED
TO \$575K.
Jacob Gold Realty
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Midwood
OPEN HOUSE
Sun. Dec. 4th
1:00-3:00pm
641 East 23rd Street
Breathtaking, large
Victorian 2 family. Totally
renovated, 6 BR's, 5 baths,
13ft ceilings. CA, sep heat-
ing. Fin bsmt. Pvt drive
\$999,000

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Mill Basin
OPEN HOUSE
Sun * Dec. 4th
2:00pm-4:00pm
118 Whitman Drive
Gorgeous move in
condition 1 Family
4 bedrooms, 3 baths,
Full finished basement,
garage driveway
Reduced \$1,150k

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MILL BASIN
OPEN HOUSE
SUN, DEC. 4, 1-3 PM
2221 56th DRIVE
PRIME LOCATION!
1 Family S/D Duplex
Featuring 3 Bdrms, 2.5
Custom Designer Baths,
Brand New Xtra-Lrg Eat-In
Kitchen, Formal DR & LR
w/ Fireplace, Fin Bsmt,
Prvt Drvwy. Must See
to Believe!

718-968-4444

MILL BASIN
Sun. 12/4/11 1-3 pm
2732 MILL Ave
National Drive
2 fam 7.5 duplex,
3 bdrms, brand new kit
with sep. laundry rm,
1.5 baths, Lg L.R./D.R.,
parquet flrs, sundeck,
4.5 rm w/1 full bth &
EIK, fin bsmt sep ent,
\$639,000,
Owner listening to
all offers!
Talk of The Town
Realty:718-251-7400

EAST FLATBUSH
OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 12/04
12-4 PM
305 E.39th ST.
(Btwn Church & Snyder)
1 Family 3BR Duplex,
Lrg Kitch & Master BR,
Big Backyard. Vacant.
Only \$350K.
Call Agent
718-382-1700

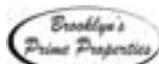
Gravesend CO-OP
OPEN HOUSE
SAT-SUN 12/3-12/4
1-3 PM
602 AVENUE T
Apt. 5-E
(Corner Ocean Pkwy)
Huge 1 bdrm co-op, 850 sq
ft, all separate rms, parquet
flrs, modern eat-in kitch &
bathrm w/ window, Euro
design. Custom closets,
apartment faces rear.
B&R INTEGRITY
REAL ESTATE
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Yelena 646-468-3258

Lefferts Marine Prime
OPEN HOUSE
Sun. 12/4/2011
12:00pm-2:00pm
165 Fenimore St.
(Off Bedford Avenue)
Unique 1 family 5 BR
Tudor Brk triplex, land-
mark block + f/bsmt
w/b frpice. Must sell.
Excellent. Agt. on
premises. Joseph.
718-934-2400

Marine Park
OPEN HOUSE
Sunday 12/4, 1-3^{PM}
2167 E. 34th St.
btwn T & U
All brick semi det. 1 fam. 3
bdrm duplex. Features kit.,
living rm, dining rm, plus
full finished bsmt. Shared
driveway, private back-
yard, 1 car garage, patio,
mint condition. Great
location, Near park.
Asking \$629K Negotiable
Anthony Marra
ERA Top Service Realty
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MIDWOOD
Sun. 12/4, 1-3
1799 East 15th St
DETACHED corner
property in great
location offers
3 bedrooms, 1.5
baths, backyard &
parking. Must see!
\$600's BB1649
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Mill Basin
OPEN HOUSE
Sun * Dec. 4th*
1:00pm-3:00pm
2218 East 65th St.
Priced to Sell Fast!
Must see it to believe
this newly renovated
home! Wont Last!

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MILL BASIN
OPEN HOUSE
SUN, DEC. 4, 1-3PM
1524 EAST 66th ST.
"JUST ARRIVED"
1 Family S/D Dplx, 3 Lrg
Bdrms, Formal LR + DR,
Fully Remodeled, X-Lrg
Eat-In-Kitch, Semi-Fin
Bsmt w/ 1/2 Bath. Newly
Painted Brick Det Garage.
Asking Low \$400's.

718-968-4444

MILL BASIN
Sun 12/4/11 1-3 pm
301 Mayfair Dr N
(off Bassett Ave)
1 Fam det dover split,
58x100, 4 huge bdrms,
3 new bths, gourmet
EIK w/ stainless steel
appls, huge fam rm w/
views of garden & pool,
designer porcelain flrs,
open LR w/ vaulted
ceilings, entertainers
fin bsmt, lrg yard, gar
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Realty: 718-251-7400

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► BROOKLYN OPEN HOUSE

MILL BASIN WATERFRONT
Sun 12/4/11 1-3 pm
2659 East 66th St (off Dakota Place)
1 fam tremendous Euro style waterfront on 35x200, 3 lg bds plus master suite on own level, 4 Lg bths, 2 jacuzzi's, granite gourmet kit, grand windows, cathedral ceilings, fin bsmt w/ bath & maids quarters, elevator, double deck, built in pool, 2 car garage
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► BROOKLYN OPEN HOUSE

OLD MILL BASIN
Sun. 12/4, 1-3
1545 East 59TH St
MOVE RIGHT IN! 1 fam att brick 3 br duplex in great condition, front & rear porch, beautiful laminated hwdw flrs, granite kit & paved bkrd, tiled bsmnt, new windows, hwh & boiler. Price reduced! Asking \$469,000 BB1612
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Sheepshead Bay OPEN HOUSE
SUN. 12/04, 1-4PM
3901 Nostrand Ave #5-P
Beautiful Large 3 Bdrm Co-op, 1480 Sq Ft, 2 Baths, Exclnt Cond, Everything Top of the Line, SS Appliances, Very Nice Bldg With Pool.
WILK R.E.
Alex 917-334-3183
Nadya 917-407-4543

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CANARSIE INVESTMENT
Store + 1 apartment
Price: 279K Neg
OWNER:
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CONY ISLAND
Stillwell Ave
Parking Lot/Yard
3700 Sq/Ft,
Office Space
1300 Sq/Ft
FOR LEASE, OWNER
917-337-1800

Mixed Use Coney Island Ave
1300 sqft, store front, 2 bdrm & 1 bdrm apts, fin bsmt, lrg yard, \$700's
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Office/ Warehouse with Parking For Rent 2,000 Sq Ft
Coney Island (Stillwell & Neptune Ave). Perfect for Contractor, Electrician or Plumber. \$2,500 per mo.
Pat 917-915-3483

PARK SLOPE
2,000 sqft of sprinkle open space on 2nd flr
Near all transportation
Responsible to pay heat, electric & water
Price: \$2,200/mo
Owner: 917-416-1776

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GRAVESEND/ AVE X
Hi Traffic Area
2ND floor
5 rooms, 500 sq ft,
\$1150 per month
Lease terms avail
Near transit.
Owner 718-339-0800

OFFICE FOR RENT
410 Utica Ave
700 SF on 2nd floor
\$1,500 per month.
BY OWNER
516-532-1816

SHEEPSHEAD BAY
2323 Ave U
2nd floor, 1,600 sq ft
Good for Lawyers, Doctors, etc. \$2,500/mo
Small store: \$1,000/mo
Rachel: 718-934-1813
Russo: 917-755-6012

► OFFICE FOR RENT

SHEEPSHEAD BAY/ AVE U
High end executive office. Beautiful corner bldg w/ huge windows. Furnished 2800 sq ft office space with conference rooms, reception area, internet & telephones. Fully carpeted & ready to move in. Individual cubicles avail, HVAC. Will subdivide! Brokers Protected!
CALL FOR DETAILS
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BASEMENT STORAGE SPACE AVAILABLE
1307 Gravesend Neck Road. Separate entrance, 1,000 sq ft. Very dry. \$750/mo. By Owner
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Asking **\$38.00** square foot, all utilities included. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

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MADISON OCEAN AVENUE
Prime Locn- Near Ave U
Professional Offices for Rent. Suitable for all prof'ls. All amenities incl street parking & public transp. Starts at \$500/mo.
Owner 718-834-0017

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Perfect Location!!
Tons of Exposure!!
1300 to 3800 square feet, perfect for ANY professional business, kitchen, bath, conference rooms etc!
FULLY FURNISHED Available ASAP!!!
Welcome Home Realty
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1694 McDonald Ave at Ave O
Store for rent plus additional space available. \$1700
Call Owners
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► STORES FOR RENT

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EAST FLATBUSH
Busy area, 560 sq ft, suitable for store, grocery etc. \$2000 AGENT
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OR
Fax 718-260-2549

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► BROOKLYN GARAGE RENTAL

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► BROOKLYN PARKING

DRIVEWAY AVAILABLE-
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COMMERCIAL STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT
West 8th St. & Ave U
Approx. 250 sq ft
Rent: \$395/mo
Owner: 718-637-3860

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Ave U and Bedford Av. Ultra mod 4.5 rms. 1 fl. Up, pvt ent. \$1300. no fees. Joseph RE 718-934-2400

► BROOKLYN GARAGE RENTAL

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► BROOKLYN APTS UNFURN

APARTMENTS Very large, modern studio, 1, 2, 3 brs \$800 & up. Good credit & income a must.
Askarinam Realty Inc.
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Agent Flo Berkowitz at Kingsview Realty
718-692-4020
917-400-6039

Ave V & E. 12 St. 3 rms. Move in cond. \$1050. Joseph 718-934-2400

MILL BASIN OPEN HOUSE
SUN., DEC. 4 1-3PM
2692 East 66th Street

Det brick 1 fam, 4 brs, 2.5 baths, hwdw & c/t flrs, c/a & heat, built in gar. Walking dist. to all Houses of Worship.
Asking \$749,000 BB1645

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Old Mill Basin OPEN HOUSE
SAT-SUN 1-3 PM
2051 E.55 ST. (Aves T&U)
1 family semi-det 3 bdrm duplex w/ LR, DR, EIK, 1.75 baths, semi-fin bsmt. Hwdw flrs thruout. New roof, windows, siding, & boiler. Parking, rear yard. \$349,000 flex
Century 21 Homefront
718-252-6060

Sheepshead Bay Open Hse
THURS & FRI 3-8 PM
SAT & SUN 12-4 PM
3165 EMMONS AVE (Coyle St)
The Bay Breeze
Waterview Luxury Elevated Condos w/ doorman. Studio, 1, 2, 3 BR & 3BR, 3 bath Penthouse units. Balcony/Terr, indoor parking avail, roof top cabana & hot tub. Central A/C, Jacuzzi, granite kit. Tax abated, FHA approved. Prkng incl w/ Pnthse units Starting at \$323K-849K. Also avail, 2800 sq ft comm'l space, will divide.
C21 Homefront 252-6060

OLD MILL BASIN
Sun. 12/4
12:00-2:00
1490 East 48TH St
1 fam brick duplex, 3 bedrms 1.5 bths, EIK, fin bsmt, yard, driveway & garage. Excellent condition \$399K
Elite Home Sales
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Sheepshead Bay OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY 12/03
1-3 PM
3025 Ocean Ave #3C
Large 2 BR Co-op, EIK, Washer/ Dryer. Maintenance \$645 G&E Included.
MARYL R.E.
718-376-9666

SHEEPSHEAD BAY
Sun. 12/4, 1-3^{PM}
3903 Nostrand Ave Apt 5J
LUXURY CO-OP BLDG. Beautiful studio with full bdrm. Renovated, spacious, freshly painted, bright, facing the quiet side. Lots of closets, swimming pool, great bldg, modern lobby. Very low maint. No pets
Asking only \$133,000
Exclusively by:
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8416 3rd Avenue
RESIDENTIAL DEPARTMENT

B'Ridge- 70s/Shore Rd, studio, all new, hwdw flrs, all util incl. \$1100
B'Ridge- 90s/3rd Ave, 2rms, above office, hwdw flrs, open layout \$1350
B'Ridge- 90s/Marine Ave, 2rms, elev bldg, mod, laundry rm \$1100
B'Ridge- 90s/3rd Ave, 2rms, elev bldg, mod, hwdw flrs, 1st flr \$1150
B'Ridge- 70s/5th Ave, 4rms, 1BR w/office, mod, hwdw flrs, pntd, use of yd \$1400
B'Ridge- 90s/3rd Ave, 4rms, 2BR, all mod, walk up bldg \$1400
B'Ridge- 90s/Ridge Blvd, 3rms, 1st flr, mod, laundry rm, pntd \$1200
B'Ridge- 66/Ridge Blvd, 3rms, mod, refig, 3rd flr wlk up, hwdw flrs, won't last \$1100
B'Ridge- 3rms, lux. apt, all renov, mod K & B, elev bldg, laundry rm, pets ok \$1495
B'Ridge- 70s/4th Ave, 5rms, 2BR in 3 fam limestone, 2nd flr, abs. LL. \$1500
B'Ridge- 80s/3rd Ave, 6rms, above store, renov 1 yr ago, huge 3 BR, pay own utils \$1800
B'Ridge- 80s/Colonial Rd, 6rms, terr, refig, hwdw flrs, 2 fam home \$1800
B'Ridge- 90s, House For Rent, 3BR, 2 bth, ref, dshwshr, SS apt, hwdw flrs, gar \$3500
B'hurst- 3rms, all mod, 1st flr in 3 fam home, close to train \$1100
B'hurst- 70s/17th Ave, 4rms, mod apt in 4 fam home, 2nd front \$1200
B'hurst- 2rms, mod kit, 3/4 bath, nr transportation & stores \$800
Dyker Hts- 70s/12th Ave, 4rms, 2nd flr, renov kit & bath, nr all \$1200
Dyker Hts- 65th/15th Ave, 4rms, mod, EIK, bright apt in 3 fam home \$1200
Dyker Hts- 60s/10th Ave, 3rms, above store, semi mod, painted, pay own utils \$1000
Dyker Hts- 80s/15th Ave, 3rms, mod, pntd, near train, sm pet ok \$1100
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SUN. 1-3
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SAT. 2-4
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SHEEPSHEAD BAY
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4816 Bedford Ave. #1A
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2163 East 16 St.
(bet. Ave. U & V) SD, 1 fam, 3 Bedroom, share drive, garage, won't last! Ask \$565K
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SHEEPSHEAD BAY
SAT. 1:30-3:30
2190 Brigham St. # 6F
(Bet. Ave. U & V) Coop, 3 BR, 1 bth, kit w/wind, maint incl. G&E! Ask \$135K
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SHEEPSHEAD BAY
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(bet. Neck Rd & Ave. W) Lg 3 fam, pv drv, on 40 x 100 lot
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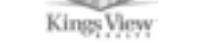
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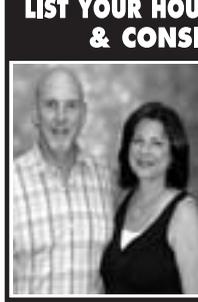
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Hard-hitting columnist Denis Hamill calls it a “witch hunt.”

Police expert Cynthia Brown calls it “perverse anti-union fervor.”

Tix Fix fuss nothin’ but witch hunt

Mayor, Kelly, Bx. DA abusing power

Yo, Mike, Yo Ray, FIX THIS!
We have a city here with a bull’s-eye on its back, guns rampant on the streets again, homicides on the rise and serial sex attackers stalking Brownstone Brooklyn. And now our cops who start at 38G a year as our first line of defense against the really bad guys who want to blow us up again are further demoralized by making it a crime to squash a parking ticket for Aunt Mary?

Are Bloomberg and Kelly going nuts? Is Bronx DA Robert Johnson desperate for headlines?

C’mon, guys, FIX THIS!
Put me at the front of the line to cheer when we bust dirty cops who truly abuse power in this city. I covered the 77th Precinct scandals, the Dirty 30 and the Mafia Cops trial. Those dirty cops deserved to make the license plates that good cops scribble on parking tickets.

Last week in Brooklyn, Detective Jason Arbeeney was convicted of “flaking,” or planting drugs on an innocent man. He should get the max for his crimes and then do the time the poor innocent guy was gonna do so Arbeeney never forgets what it’s like for a human being to live in a cage.

If they convict the 68th Precinct cops busted for smuggling guns into this city hat might’ve been used on fellow cops, they should also max out.

The Mafia Cops should never see another sunrise.

And forget 10 days of lost vacation for Deputy Inspector Anthony Bologna, who pepper-sprayed those defenseless Occupy Wall Street women but who probably couldn’t beat my daughter in a Brooklyn “fair-one.” He should be reassigned to clean Porta-Potties in Zuccotti Park.

But when 16 cops are arrested like common skulls for squashing traffic tickets, receiving more negative official comment than some of the real aforementioned abuses, the system is broken.

FIX THIS, fellas.

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BY DENIS HAMILL

When I was growing up in pre-yuppie Brooklyn, a neighborhood guy became a cop to help people, for job security, a 20-year pension and a shot at a 30-year mortgage. No one became a cop to get rich. You didn’t get to play center field for the Yankees but you got to wear the uniform of the best police force in the world.

Sure, a few will always rent their badges for profit. They are called crooks, or “skells,” who should do hard time.

But one of the benefits of The Job, like riding the subway free, was always the unwritten courtesy of squashing a ticket.

“If you do it for family or friends it’s a favor,” a retired NYPD lieutenant tells me. “If you make money doing it, you deserve to be arrested, but it’s a disgrace that they’re arresting these cops. It’s why so many good cops are retiring as soon as they have their 20 in. Morale sucks. I miss The Job; I don’t miss the petty BS.”

Every job has its perks. Back in the day, before my time, we had a guy named Vinny Lee at the Daily News who was the unofficial Assistant Editor in Charge of Tickets. If a reporter got a ticket, Vinny called Police HQ and it vanished like Jimmy Hoffa.

My brother Pete tells me the same thing was true over at the Post. So let’s stop with the hypocrisy in the press.

Same with the mayor and the police commissioner. They can deny it till their meter expires but everyone knows there’s a ticket quota in every precinct. I knew a “summons cop” named Keogh at the 111th Precinct in Bayside, Queens, whose commanding officer let him pick his own hours because he was a one-man ticket blitz who helped make the precinct quota every month. Keogh told me his best stop on the job was “a Korean church van where I wrote 12 seat belt tickets.”

It’s okay for NYPD to force cops to collect this secret tax for the Sheriff of

The practice that has lately been described as “ticket-fixing” has, in the words of Mayor Bloomberg, been going on “since the days of the Egyptians,” not only at the NYPD but also in police departments all over the nation and indeed the world. And, it’s important to note, it has never been prosecuted before in New York City. Nobody at the PBA is saying the practice should continue. What we are saying, and what the accompanying articles make clear, is that it is unjust, unfair and hypocritical to criminalize the practice for just a few officers when that practice been condoned for so many years for the benefit of so many, including police brass, politicians and members of the press. The PBA is determined to fight this witch hunt. As PBA president Pat Lynch has vowed: “We will put the full resources of the union to work to vindicate” those police officers who have been made scapegoats.

Nottingham but if a cop squashes a ticket for his cousin he’s a skell?

Nah.

This case is an abuse of power from City Hall, 1 Police Plaza and the Bronx DA’s office.

Since the Tix Fix 16 were arraigned, cops have pulled an understandable ticket-writing slowdown, costing our broke city revenue. Add in the cost of the

three-year Bronx probe, Internal Affairs wiretaps, a prolonged grand jury session and now adjudicating 16 cops in a city with a \$4.6 billion deficit and you could hire, um, some more good cops.

Preposterous. Counterintuitive.

Morale killer.

FIX THIS.

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Give the NYPD a damn break

BE OUR GUEST

BY CYNTHIA BROWN

As someone who has spent her entire career working with and advocating for police officers, I feel a moral obligation to speak out on an issue that has lately dominated the headlines.

It’s something I have seen happen time and time again — police officers being blamed for aspects of “The Job” that a civilian couldn’t possibly understand.

In the Police Department’s ticket-fixing scandal, rank-and-file cops are being blamed for the harmless practice of letting traffic tickets slide as a favor to family and friends.

If there is a victimless crime, this is it. And yet some are treating this like the latest symptom of a police force gone wild. A New York Times editorial blasted ticket-fixing as “insidious” and called on Police Commissioner Ray Kelly for greater enforcement.

I detect, among other forces at work, the anti-union fervor that has pervasively captured the imagination

of some politicians and pundits: the police union as corrupt big labor, intent only on protecting its members at the public’s expense. “An attack on unionism,” Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association President Patrick Lynch called it at a rally as the indictments against 16 “tix-fix” cops were unsealed on Oct. 28 in the Bronx.

But while defending his members, Lynch also made clear that he was not there to defend dirty cops. Referring to Officer Jose Ramos, accused of drug-dealing and other serious crimes, Lynch said that he would have turned his back on Ramos during the proceedings — except that doig so would have been disrespectful to the court.

He also pointed out that, as a paramilitary organization, the NYPD follows a top-down structure. If an order had come down, ticket-fixing would have ceased at once. “Just following orders,” read a sign hoisted by many members who came out to the rally.

Regardless, Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson decided to make sacrificial lambs of a few officers — even though they had not, for the most part,

gained personally from the practice.

The hypocrisy is obvious: Police officers who risk their lives on a daily basis may have to pay with their jobs and pensions for participating in a long-accepted practice. As Lynch said, “A courtesy has now turned into a crime.”

I once worked in the community relations division at a busy police station in a high-crime area in the Boston Police Department, facilitating meetings between residents and patrol officers. Over the three years I was there, I saw those officers’ constant interactions with drug dealers, rapists and gangs. I was continually amazed at the restraint, humor and humanity those officers showed.

I can guarantee you that all of the officers indicted for ticket-fixing have repeatedly rushed to the aid of people who needed help — with no thought of their

own safety, going home after a day’s work to weep over the human misery they’d witnessed. And all, in one way or another, have suffered physically and mentally because they chose a career in law enforcement.

My close contact over many years with people who have chosen to take on the most difficult job in our society has only strengthened my admiration and respect for the work police officers do — and the extraordinary efforts these brave men and women make to protect us from evil and violence.

So I think we all need to take a deep breath, step back and really think about whether we want to make scapegoats of people who have spent their lives serving the residents of this city, especially since their only crime — in the vast majority of the Bronx cases — was partaking in a practice that Mayor Bloomberg himself said has existed “since the days of the Egyptians.”

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