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‘Success’ charters its course

BY KATE BRIQUELET

A politically connected charter school network that is being sued after promising to open a school in one district, then opening it elsewhere, says it wants to come back to the area it jilted.

The latest addition to the rapidly expanding Success Charter Network is a proposed K-8 facility that would open in fall of 2013 in District 13, which includes parts of Downtown, Brooklyn Heights, Fort Greene, Clinton Hill and Bedford-Stuyvesant — a swath of the borough it controversially skirted after getting the go-ahead from the state to launch an elementary school in the zone.

Jenny Sedlis, a director at the charter superpower headed by former Manhattan Councilwoman Eva Moskowitz, said the proposed school will be a boon to

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S.O.S. IN HOOK



SINKING SHIP: Carolina Salguero needs a new home for the Mary Whalen, an old boat-turned-cultural center, or the beloved vessel will be sold for scrap. Photo by Bess Adler

Oil tanker art space in search of new home

BY KATE BRIQUELET

An historic fuel tanker is sinking in a sea of red tape — and its captains fear they must sell the floating cultural center for scrap if they can't find it a permanent port by April 30.

PortSide New York, a maritime education group, has been waiting three years to anchor the Mary Whalen at Atlantic Basin in Red Hook, and after long-stalled negotiations with the city and the Port Authority the neighborhood's seafarers say they can wait no longer.

“The Atlantic Basin is not going to come through for us,” said PortSide's founder Carolina Salguero, who spent \$125,000 refurbishing the Mary Whalen's Depression-era hull. “Now we need help focusing on the future.”

In 2009, the city's Economic Development Corporation offered PortSide the chance to move the Mary Whalen from its home at the Red Hook container terminal to Pier 11 — both properties that are managed by the Port Authority of New York

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They're tot-toos!

Temporary ink makes hip kids even hipper

BY KATE BRIQUELET

Brooklyn parents want the best for their kids — even when it comes to tattoos.

DUMBO designer Tina Roth Eisenberg is on a mission to transform tacky temporary tats into designer accessories, bringing a bit of class to the quarter machine staple with her brand Tattly.

“Temporary tattoos are just part of being a kid,” said Eisenberg, Tattly’s Swiss-born founder and the mastermind behind the design blog Swiss Miss. “Why not have really cool ones instead of crappy ones?”

Thanks to the mom-of-two’s trusty network of graphic designers, children and commitment-wary adults alike are flexing biceps adorned with popsicles, mustachioed rocket men, and diamond-encrusted boom boxes — all without going under the needle.

It all started six months ago, when Eisenberg’s 5-year-old daughter, Ella, nettled her mom’s inner typography snob when she came home with a “hideous, sparkly pink and purple” temporary tattoo.

Eisenberg found herself wondering why there weren’t any classier emblems that look real enough for adults, but cute enough for kids.

So she consulted her fellow illustrators, who instantly flooded her inbox with ideas for fresh ink.

The end result is an off-beat assemblage of ink that wouldn’t look out of place on a sunny day on Bedford Avenue; classic cameras and coffee cups by Brooklyn designer Julia Rothman; a



TATTED UP: Ella Eisenberg, 5, shows off her new sleeve of popsicles and rainbows. But don't worry, folks — these delightful designer tattoos are only temporary. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

swing set and a brown rabbit smoking a pipe by Canadian Marc Johns; and computer cursors and feline faces by the borough’s Josh Smith.

Tattly took off in flying colors, even getting a nod last month at Borough President Markowitz’s “State of the Borough” address.

Eisenberg dispelled the notion that her faux anchors and hearts might turn tots into future Dennis Rodmans or Kat Von Ds.

Her art is meant as an accessory — especially for adult commitment-phobes.

“I know I will never get

a tattoo, but I love my temporary one,” she said. “It all comes down to self expression. You can dye your hair, wear big earrings, or you can get a Tattly.”

Eisenberg’s daughter, who’s become Tattly’s one-kid focus group, agrees.

“They’re pretty,” said Ella, flashing a fake red wristwatch. “We should make one with a beautiful princess swan, with a crown on it.”

Tattly’s tats comes in pairs for \$5, or themed menageries starting at \$15. For info, visit Tattly.



DRINKS WITH DOGS: Nicole Glazebrook’s 16-week-old pup, Milo, is learning social cues at a happy hour where wine-sipping humans and frolicking dogs unite. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Cups and pups at wine tasting

BY KATE BRIQUELET

Puppies and wine — indisputably two of humanity’s favorite things — are coming together for the ultimate happy hour.

The Furman Street pet spa the Wag Club is helping dogs learn etiquette and people kick back and sip shiraz in a gathering fittingly called “Wine ‘N Puppies.”

“We really want to help humans become better dog owners and develop a real bond with their beloved pooches,” said John Squires, owner of the animal spa famous for its “pawdicures.” “It’s a social hour for social cues.”

The meet-up is reserved for hounds ages 3 to 16 weeks — a critical time for dogs to adjust to the real world.

Certified trainer Rob Haussmann, who broke in Mayor Bloomberg’s dogs, plays traffic sound clips and pushes vacuum cleaners to acclimate the pets to city noise, and gives owners tips on barking, nipping and housebreaking as

he watches canine faux pas.

It isn’t the most relaxing environment to sample a fine wine — but dog owners like Nicole Glazebrook are willing to sacrifice a little comfort knowing their pups are getting the training they need.

“We want him to be more dog-like,” said Glazebrook, a Brooklyn Heights resident whose 16-week-old pint-sized dachshund, Milo, hid behind his owner when two golden retrievers pounced on him. “He’s definitely shy and annoys older dogs. It’s nice for him to get social practice.”

Prospect Heights resident Gail Rothschild said that her 15-week-old goldie, Petra, has become “a mature young lady” since joining the vino sessions — though she’s not allowed any adult drinks.

“The wine definitely lubricates the process,” she said. “There are other puppy groups out there, but none like this one.”



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LANE'S WORLD: It's party time for cyclists and pedestrians under a new plan for Prospect Park's roadway. Photo by Stefano Giovanni

CAR LANE CUT

Cyclists and walkers get more space in Prospect Park

BY NATALIE O'NEILL

A revolutionary roadway redesign will bring transportation equality to Prospect Park's main street by removing a lane of car traffic and giving the space to pedestrians and cyclists, park officials say.

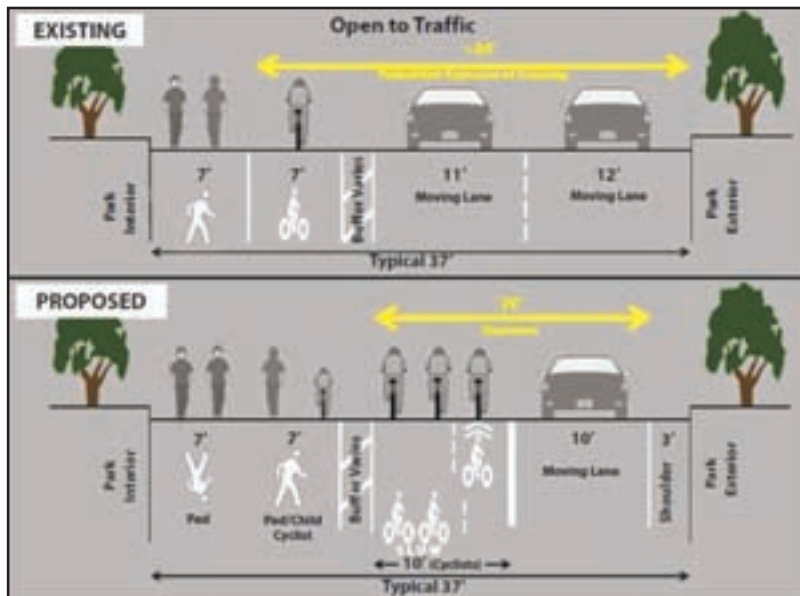
The street revamp will provide roughly the same amount of asphalt to all modes of transit by repurposing the road's center lane — which is used by motorists during rush hour — and dedicating it entirely to cyclists, under a proposal unveiled by a panel of city officials on Tuesday.

Cars would keep the right lane while pedestrians would gain full use of the left lane, which is currently split between cyclists and walkers during the hours that automobiles are allowed in the park.

"We think it's an opportunity to improve safety," said Prospect Park administrator Emily Lloyd, who is president of the Prospect Park Alliance and heads the panel of parks and transportation officials, cycling advocates and cops that hatched the plan. "It's one lane for each group — all the time."

The egalitarian new roadway revamp, which could hit the street as soon as late spring, comes after several serious crashes — some of them nearly fatal — between cyclists and walkers on the tree-flanked street. It also comes after park critics called the road's current markings confusing and pushed for an all-out elimination of automotive traffic in the greensward.

The design, crafted by the Pros-



ROAD MORE TRAVELED: The proposal eliminates one lane of car traffic and gives more room to bikers and travelers on foot. Courtesy of Prospect Park Road Sharing Taskforce

pect Park Road Sharing Taskforce, dedicates 10 feet of roadway to cars, 10 feet to cyclists, and 14 feet of roadway to pedestrians and child cyclists who aren't comfortable riding on the grown-up lane.

Bikers and runners cheered the plan — which closely resembles a 2008 proposal by bicycle advocates — at a public meeting at the park's picnic house, saying it will save lives and bring order to the sometimes chaotic path.

But they also used the forum as an opportunity to ask for a total ban on cars in the park.

"This is a major step in the right direction," said longtime cycling supporter Eric McClure. "However, I don't think it quite goes far enough."

McClure called for a trial period in which the city closes the park to cars during summer months — an idea echoed by other park-goers who praised the plan, but eventually want a roadway with no automobiles.

"Think about how many streets we have in New York and how few places like Prospect Park there are," said Joanna Oltman Smith. "This is a national treasure [and] I'm horri-

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Whole Foods gets Gowanus go-ahead

BY NATALIE O'NEILL

Whole Foods has the green light to sell organic produce and fancy cheese on the shore of the Gowanus Canal — and the posh grocer says it could begin construction on its first Brooklyn outpost as early as April.

The Board of Standards and Appeals unanimously approved the supermarket giant's proposal to build a White House-sized mega-store at Third Avenue and Third Street on Tuesday, granting the greenest of greengrocers special permission to skirt zoning rules.

Whole Foods has permission to build a 58,000 square-foot shop on a space slated for less than one fifth of that, because the panel determined the site is "burdened by unique conditions."

The planned Whole Foods is scheduled to open in early 2013 and is expected to be a hit among the borough's kombucha set, potentially drawing as many as 5,880 cars to its lot on Saturdays, according to the grocer's projections.

But the arrival of the supermarket means trouble for artists and small business owners who say "up-scale retail" will cause rent to increase and art-centric businesses to migrate.

It also upsets some residents who say the store caters more to drivers from outside the area than the neighborhood itself.

"It's frustrating," said Katia Kelly, who lives nearby. "It opens the flood gates for more developers

with plans for huge buildings."

Others claimed the panel didn't do its "due diligence" when studying how the massive shop would impact the neighborhood.

"They didn't take our comments seriously," said Marlene Donnelly of Friends and Residents of Greater Gowanus, a neighborhood group. "It's surprising."

The long-delayed supermarket — which first announced plans to open seven years ago — has had multiple set-backs, including a lengthy delay spent cleaning its toxic lot alongside the fetid Gowanus Canal.

Facing criticism from neighbors about its scale and impact on traffic, the store cut back the size of its initial proposal by 10,000 square feet, chopped more than 150 parking spaces, and announced plans to build a greenhouse on its roof to appease locavores.

On Tuesday, the panel considered whether the shop "alters the essential character of the neighborhood" — but members of the board did not comment on the reason they approved the supermarket before or after the vote.

The decision pleases Whole Foods spokesman Michael Sinatra, who said Whole Foods will apply for building permits during the next few weeks and could start constructing the supermarket this spring.

"We're really excited," he said. "This was an important hurdle."



WHOLE IN ONE: Third Avenue and Third Street could look like this now that Whole Foods gained permission to open. Courtesy of Whole Foods

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Glenn Beck blasts Co-op

BY NATALIE O'NEILL
AND ELI ROSENBERG

The Park Slope Food Co-op's campaign to ban Israeli food products is a hate-spewing affront on the Jewish State that will injure the whole human race, conservative media personality Glenn Beck told a packed crowd in Crown Heights last Wednesday.

The famed talking head called the market's proposed boycott on Israeli-made or grown products "anti-Semitic" at a fundraiser for a Jerusalem museum.

"What is happening with the Food Co-op where they are seriously considering a boycott of Israel?" he said, likening the suggested ban to a subtle version of drawing swastikas.

"When you use words like 'I'm just anti-Israel' or 'I'm just anti-Zionist' — that's anti-Semitic."

Supporters of Israel crowded into a Razag Ballroom, a Jewish commu-



Glenn Beck took aim at the Park Slope Food Coop last week.

nity center and wedding hall, to hear the man famous for his chalkboard-abetted rants, fits of crying, and theories about progressives discuss subjects such as evil-doing, Israel's right to defend itself, and on-air use of the word "Nazi."

More than 200 people — yarmulke-clad politicians, justice-seeking authors, and big-name lawyers — came to raise money for the Gush Katif Museum, which commemorates the

controversial eviction of Israeli settlements in the Gaza strip, but stayed for Beck's speech.

The former Fox News host and current Internet TV pundit earned loud applause and coverage from several news stations, but Food Co-op members were not as enthusiastic.

Some fired back that Beck was simply capitalizing on the attention — and commenting on a subject about which he knows little.

"People at the Co-op are very open-minded," said Co-op member Steve Dobkin, who is Jewish and defended the shop's progressive thinking. "I'd like to boycott him."

Beck's speech comes after a Co-op vote last week that revived calls for the purveyor of all-things-organic to sanction Israel for alleged human rights violations against Palestinians, the way the Union Street grocery banned South African products

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Man, 81, pushed onto tracks

BY AARON SHORT

Police say they nabbed two crooks who stole an iPhone from an 81-year-old man and pushed him onto the subway tracks at the Lorimer Street J train station on Feb. 17.

Cops cuffed Jaqua Sowells, 17, and Taheen Herkul, 15, both from Manhattan Avenue in Williamsburg, last Thursday on charges of attempted murder, robbery and felony assault.

Moore Street resident Andrew Wang told cops that he was on the Brooklyn-bound platform at 11:30 am, when one teenager approached him and snatched his iPhone. Wang claims he chased after the crook, but the teen's accomplice pushed him off the platform and onto the tracks, he said.

The thieves made off with the cell and emergency responders rescued the octogenarian and took him to Woodhull Hospital, where he received treatment for injuries to his leg, chest and arm.

Wang told our sister publication the New York Post that he "learned kung fu" when he was 10 years old, but "couldn't remember how to do it" when the crook shoved him onto the tracks.

He feels like forgiving the teens — but he also said he wants his iPhone back.

"[The robbers] are young and have a lot of chances to do good," Wang said. "They can still turn their lives around."



ELDER SCARE: Andrew Wang, 81, is recovering from his injuries after two thieves stole his iPhone and pushed him onto the Lorimer Street J train tracks last Friday.

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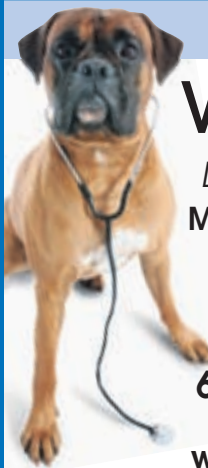
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G extension could be cut

BY NATALIE O'NEILL

The reopening of a long-shuttered entrance at the Fourth Avenue-Ninth Street station promises Park Slopers greater subway access — but it also marks the beginning of the end of an extension of the G train that provides a crucial transit link between North and Brownstone Brooklyns.

Commuters will no longer need to cross six busy lanes of traffic to hop the train after the Metropolitan Transportation Authority wrapped up a station facelift last Thursday, ticking off another part of the agency's massive renovation of the F train line between the Carroll Street and the Fourth Avenue-Ninth Street stations.

Yet with every bit of progress in the agency's \$257.5 million rehabilitation of the so-called Culver Viaduct, the G train extension — which two and a half years ago brought service to the Fourth Avenue-Ninth Street, Seventh Avenue, Prospect Park-15th Street, Fort Hamilton Parkway and Church Avenue stations — inches closer to its last stop.

The agency lengthened the G train's route when it started work at the line's terminus at Smith-Ninth Street, connecting the borough from Greenpoint to



The beloved "Brooklyn Local."

Kensington with one-seat service fitting of the nickname "The Brooklyn Local."

But the MTA is only obligated to keep the train running at those stations until the project is finished next winter.

MTA Spokesman Charles Seaton told The Brooklyn Paper that "a decision hasn't been made" about whether the G train would keep the G train running at those five stations come next fall, declining to comment further until reviewing a feasibility report. The agency initially said it would make the G train extension permanent, but later backtracked amid budgetary woes.

MTA brass and politicians cheered the \$3.6 million entrance revamp, which Councilman Brad Lander (D-Park Slope) called "his-

toric" and Borough President Markowitz — who contributed \$2 million to the project — described as an example of "government doing good things."

But many straphangers said the addition of the staircase is no consolation if the MTA plans to eliminate the G train extension.

"It's a pain," said Matt Flammer, a Fort Greene resident who commutes to Park Slope. "It means you have to wake up half an hour earlier. And that makes you that much more grumpy in the morning."

Thankfully for commuters along the G line, transit insiders say there's still hope for the train.

Gene Russianoff, a spokesman for the transportation advocacy group the Straphangers Campaign, said the city will likely consider how much use the G train gets at those five stations before deciding whether to make the temporary service permanent.

"I can tell you from private meetings with [city officials], they've been impressed by the amount of ridership at those locations," Russianoff said. "I'd like to see it continue."

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78TH PRECINCT

PARK SLOPE

Bad vibrations

A creep swiped some kinky toys from an apartment on 14th Street on Feb. 25.

The 22-year-old victim told cops she moved some belongings out of her home near Third Avenue at 10:45 pm, then went elsewhere to sleep. She came back the next day at 3 pm for some items she hadn't moved, and discovered a white metal trunk — full of \$300 worth of sex toys — and a laptop were gone.

Neighbors later told her that they spotted the front door ajar.

Pickup line

A knife-wielding thug beat up a man on Fourth Ave on Feb. 26.

The 24-year-old victim told cops he was near Ninth Street at 2:40 pm when a man wearing a blue hooded jacket walked up and asked, "Do I know you from somewhere?"

The jerk then punched the poor guy in the face and slashed his left hand with a knife.

Dirty soap

Two thieves snatched some laundry detergent from a bodega on St. Marks Place on Feb. 22, police say.

A worker at Slope Natural Foods near Fifth Avenue told cops he was making sandwiches at 2:05 pm when he spotted two men stealing boxes of Tide. The sandwich maker then confronted the guys — but one of them fired back, "Do you wanna see my gun?" and ran away, according to cops.

Police arrested two suspects at the Bergen Street subway station a couple blocks away.

Rider rage

A knife-toting jerk slashed a man on Flatbush Avenue on Feb. 20.

The 28-year-old victim told cops that he was talking on a cellphone next to the Grand Army Plaza subway station at 8:05 pm when he got into a dispute with an angry man wearing a gray jacket. The madman then allegedly punched the strap-hanger in the head three times, choked him, and sliced his hand with a knife.

— *Natalie O'Neill*

76TH PRECINCT

CARROLL GARDENS-COBBLE HILL-RED HOOK

Slugged

Police arrested a man who they said assaulted another fellow on Henry Street on Feb. 26.

The victim told cops that he was arguing with the suspect between Warren and Baltic streets at 3:50 pm when the brute slugged him in the face. Cops showed up a half-hour later and took the suspect into custody.

**POLICE
BLOTTER****Card swiper swiped**

A thief took a computer and credit card swiper from a business on Degraw Street on Feb. 26.

Employees at the establishment between Smith and Court streets said the crook entered the store sometime after 3 am, taking an HP computer worth \$700 and a credit card swiper valued at \$150.

Car crook

A crook took off with a wallet after raiding a truck parked on Bush Street on Feb. 22.

The victim told cops that he parked his car between Clinton and Court streets at 1 pm, leaving his wallet in the sun visor, but forgetting to close his rear window. He returned five hours later to find his wallet missing, along with the \$50, credit cards, driver's license, and Social Security card it contained.

— *Colin Mixson*

77TH PRECINCT

PROSPECT HEIGHTS

Popped

A ruffian punched an older man on Vanderbilt Avenue on Feb. 26.

The 61-year-old victim told cops he was between St. Marks Avenue and Bergen Street at 8 pm when the thug popped him in the face — giving him a bloody nose and a swollen eye — before fleeing.

Back window burglars

Thieves stuck Vanderbilt Avenue, robbing two apartments in a building between Bergen and Dean streets on Feb. 27.

• A 27-year-old victim of one of the apartments told cops that he left for work at 6:45 am, and returned at 7 pm to find his laptop, computer, and video games gone. He said one rear window had been left unlocked.

• The 40-year-old victim of the second apartment told cops he left for work at 10:30 am, and returned at 4:15 pm to find his front door jammed — and his computer and camera gone. The thief had also apparently entered through the rear window, cops said.

Punch patrol

A roving flock of jerks punched a man on Eastern Parkway on Feb. 25.

The 25-year-old victim told cops he was between Underhill and Washington avenues at 11:45 pm when one of the men punched him in the face and fled.

Hit and flee

A thug also punched a man on Eastern Parkway on Feb. 26.

The 26-year-old victim told cops he was at Underhill Avenue at 1 am when the thug hit him in the face and fled.

Must have been lost

A crook broke the window of a car parked on Pacific Street and stole its navigation system on Feb. 24.

The 37-year-old victim told cops she left her car between Underhill and Vanderbilt avenues at 10 am, returning at 5:45 pm to find her passenger-side window broken and the electronic system gone.

— *Eli Rosenberg*

84TH PRECINCT

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS-DUMBO-BOERUM HILL-DOWNTOWN

Semi-automatic

Thugs toting a semi-automatic gun robbed a man at the Atlantic Avenue subway station on Feb. 23.

The victim said he was on a Manhattan-bound D train that was stopped at the Atlantic Avenue-Pacific Street station at 1:30 am when the crooks showed off the weapon and grabbed his iPhone.

Subway steal

Two thieves stole a cellphone and iPod from a man at the York Street subway station on Feb. 23.

The strap-hanger said he was riding a Manhattan-bound F train at 2:50 am when the crooks boarded at the York Street station near Jay Street and grabbed his electronic devices.

Botched mugging

Ten thugs tried to rob a woman on Sands Street on Feb. 25, but ran off after she let out a blood-curdling scream.

The victim said she was near Gold Street at 7:10 pm when the men stopped her and one of them flashed a handgun. But the woman screamed at the top of her lungs, and the terrified crooks ran away.

Lobby shakedown

A crook robbed a man in the lobby of his Remsen Street apartment building on Feb. 20.

The victim told cops that the thief followed him into the lobby of his building between Henry and Hicks streets at 2:35 pm and told him, "I have a gun." The thief

didn't produce the weapon, but the man handed over his cellphone anyway.

Baby blues

A heartless crook stole an unattended baby bag from the Court Street Barnes and Noble on Feb. 20.

The baby's father said he left the bag on the floor at the store near State Street at 12:30 pm. When he returned to retrieve it 20 minutes later, the all-important bag was missing. It contained an iPhone, a wallet, and the baby's medication.

Cash grab

A thief stole \$200 from a woman on Willoughby Street on Feb. 20.

The victim said she was near Jay Street at 3 pm when the crook snatched the cash and fled.

Hard news

A crook stole construction equipment from a Court Street newsstand on Feb. 23.

The owner of the newsstand at Joramemon Street said he locked the kiosk at 11 pm on Feb. 22. When he returned the next morning at 6 am, a storage locker inside of the newsstand, which contained the equipment, was open and the gear was missing.

Workout ruined

A thief swiped \$1,000 from a locker at the Planet Fitness gym on Duffield Street on Feb. 22.

The victim said she left the cash in her locker at the gym between Fulton and Willoughby streets at 7:50 pm before going to workout. When she returned at 9 pm, the money was gone.

Wallet snatch

A crook stole a wallet from the Planet Fitness gym on Duffield Street on Feb. 24.

The victim said he left the wallet in his locker at the gym between Fulton and Willoughby streets at 3 pm before going to exercise. When he returned three hours later, the wallet was missing.

Purse stings

Two thugs robbed a woman at knife-point on Bridge Street on Feb. 25.

The victim told cops she was near Willoughby Street at 12:30 am when the men flashed the knife and demanded she hand over her purse. The woman complied, and the thugs ran off.

— *Daniel Bush*

94TH PRECINCT

GREENPOINT-NORTHSIDE

Slap happy

Police arrested a thief who they say stole a man's phone on Graham Avenue.

The victim told police he was near Con-selyea Street at 10:30 pm when the 16-year-old slapped his hand and took his iPhone.

Police arrested a suspect a few blocks away.

Eagle eyed

A teenage thief tried to steal a woman's phone on Eagle Street on Feb. 21.

The victim told police she was near Franklin Street at 8:20 pm when the teen approached her and said, "Run your phone."

He pushed her and tried to grab her phone, but she screamed and he ran.

Laptop snatch

Two teenage thieves stole a woman's handbag and computer on Roebling Street on Feb. 22.

The victim told police she was near N. Seventh Street at 8:30 am when the teens approached her, snatched her bags off her shoulder, kicked her in the leg, and fled.

Phone snatch

A trio of thieves was arrested for snatching a woman's phone inside the Graham Avenue L train station on Feb. 22, said cops.

The victim told police she was waiting for the train at 8:30 pm when the goons took her phone from her hands and ran toward Metropolitan Avenue.

Police arrested suspects shortly after.

Pressure's on

A thief stole a wallet, navigation system, and blood pressure kit from a car parked on Berry Street on Feb. 26.

The driver parked her car near N. Third Street at 2 am, but when she returned at 4 am, she saw her car was unlocked and her stuff was gone.

Motorcycle mayhem

A thief stole a motorcycle parked on N. 14th Street on Feb. 15.

The driver told cops he parked his chopper near Wythe Avenue at 9 pm, but when he returned 10 days later, it was gone.

— Aaron Short

90TH PRECINCT

SOUTHSIDE-BUSHWICK

Surf's up

That's a lot of clams!

A fishy thief stole \$77,000 worth of shrimp and salmon from a Metropolitan Avenue seafood store.

The proprietor of DZH Import and Export told cops that he locked up his store at 5 pm on Feb. 20, but when he returned at 11:30 am the next day, he saw that 720 boxes of seafood — approximately 15,500 pounds of shrimp and 3,300 pounds of salmon — were missing.

Group effort

Four teenage thugs beat up a woman and stole her purse on Orient Avenue on Feb. 20.

The victim told police she left the L-train station and was near Graham Avenue at 10:20 pm when the bullies surrounded her. One pulled her ponytail,

bringing her to the ground, while the others started to punch and kick her, knocking off her glasses. An accomplice grabbed her purse, and the group ran away.

Double team

A sleazy perp stole \$70 from a woman in the Flushing Avenue J train station on Feb. 24.

The victim told police she was entering the turnstile near Broadway, when a man tried to double up with her and said, "Do you know that you are gorgeous?"

The woman pushed the creep away, but he had already reached into her purse and grabbed the cash.

Fun synagogue

Two unholy thieves stole \$800, four bottles of brandy, and a carton of cigarettes from a Gerry Street synagogue on Feb. 25.

A witness said that perps broke into the synagogu at 1:10 am, took the cash, smokes, and booze, and left at 1:36 am.

Gun punch

A thief tried to rob a woman on the Williamsburg Bridge footpath on Feb. 22, but punched her in the face instead.

The victim told police she was near S. Fifth Street at 6:05 pm when the perp approached her, showed her a gun, and said, "Give me your phone and your bag."

The victim refused, so the perp punched her and then ran toward Bedford Avenue.

Phone theft

A thief stole an iPhone from a woman on the Queens-bound J train at Hewes Street on Feb. 21.

The victim told police she was sitting on the train and texting with her phone at 5:20 pm when the perp grabbed the phone and fled out of the train.

She chased him out of the station toward Broadway but lost sight of him.

Purse snatch

A thief stole a woman's purse on Manhattan Avenue on Feb. 22.

The victim told police that the man approached her near Scholes Street at 11:20 pm and wrestled her for her purse, cutting her right knee in the scuffle.

Disappearing Honda

A thief stole a Honda parked on S. First Street overnight on Feb. 24.

The driver said he parked his car near Hooper Street at 6 pm, but when he returned at 9:45 am the next day, it was gone.

Semi stolen

A thief stole a semi truck parked on Metropolitan Avenue.

The driver said he parked his vehicle near Grand Street on Feb. 20 at 2:30 pm, but when he returned at 4:30 am the next day, he saw the truck was missing, but the trailer it had been attached to was left at the location.

— Aaron Short

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THE BIG THREE

Bridge Park selects finalists for Pier 1 hotel: Source

BY KATE BRIQUELET

The pool of big-time developers vying to build a luxury hotel at Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier 1 is down to the final three, says a source familiar with the deal.

The Dermot Company, Toll Brothers and Starwood Capital Group are still in the running for a mixed-use complex that will include a 10-story hotel, condos, and a restaurant near the park's primary entrance at the foot of Old Fulton Street, a development insider said.

Extell Development, RAL Companies, SDS Procida, and Two Trees Management were apparently left in the dust.

"It was a matter of deduction — everyone knows each other," said the source, who asked not to be identified by name over concerns it would impact negotiations.

Park spokeswoman Ellen Ryan wouldn't confirm the short list, but said that officials would select a developer by spring.

Whoever wins will construct a 170- to 225-room hotel, a 150- to 180-unit residential building, a restaurant, and at least 300 parking spaces, according to the city's plan. Officials say construction could begin in 2013.

Community stakeholders were relieved to hear the news — first reported by Crain's New York — that their favorite designs remained.

"They were the superior three schemes, and a lot of people felt that way," said Jane McGroarty, president of the Brooklyn Heights Association and member of the park's community advisory council. "We wanted something open, so there wasn't a bulky, unwelcoming wall between the park and the development."

The Pier 1 hotel site is part of the park's unique and controversial funding arrangement — which stems from a 2002 agreement that requires the \$350-million green space and development to raise its own maintenance budget so it would not become a drain on city and state coffers.

As part of that funding plan, the city will collect rent and property taxes earmarked for the 85-acre green space from Pier 1 and future high-rises at John Street in DUMBO and the southern leg of the park at Pier 6.

The contenders on the waterfront



BALANCING ACT: The Manhattan-based developer Dermot wants to build a cantilevered Hyatt hotel made of aluminum panels and give space to St. Ann's Warehouse, a DUMBO theater that's searching for a permanent home. Dermot already owns Downtown's One Hanson Place, the former Williamsburgh Savings Bank that was turned into a luxury condo, and has designed a high-rise for Flatbush Avenue near Fulton Street.



A MIGHTY WIND: Starwood Capital Group, a global investment firm that owns the Carlyle hotel overlooking Central Park, proposed two structures with copper fins lining the facades that would move with the wind to create a kinetic sculpture. A hotel would occupy the lower floors of a larger building with apartments above it.



BIG DREAM: Toll Brothers, a national real-estate group behind the Northside Piers luxury condos in Williamsburgh, is proposing a glass, limestone and mahogany tiered complex that would include a Dream Hotel by Hampshire Hotels, condos and ground-floor retail.



Paul Hayes says he has reached a compromise with his landlord that will allow Christie's Jamaican Patties to remain open on Flatbush Avenue.

Photo by Arthur De Gaeta

Patty back

Jamaican pastry seller isn't going anywhere

BY NATALIE O'NEILL

A beloved Jamaican patty purveyor will stay in his Prospect Heights pastry shop despite a landlord-tenant flare-up that almost resulted in another real estate turnover near the soon-to-open Barclays Center.

Paul Haye, owner of Christie's Jamaican Patties on Flatbush Avenue and Sterling Place, claims he struck a deal with his landlord, who last fall sued him over rent, putting the 45-year-old eatery's future in jeopardy.

Property owner Lina Feng claimed the Caribbean food joint owed her \$20,000 in fees for late rent and other bills, but she dropped the lawsuit in exchange for a \$20,000 check and a rent hike of \$1,300 per month, according to Haye.

"Thank God we were able to come up with the money," he said. "In the end, it's quite foolhardy to be fighting with your landlord; she's always going to win."

Haye admitted he paid rent late on occasion, but said his landlord invented the \$20,000 figure in order

to pressure him out and make way for high-end retailers that would cater to a stadium crowd.

But he claims writing a check was a better solution than a drawn-out court battle.

Feng — who came under fire last year for welcoming a controversial planned sports bar to the neighborhood — declined to talk about the compromise, saying, "No comment. Goodbye," before hanging up the phone.

Before the resolution of the food fight, which was first reported by Here's Park Slope, neighborhood patty-lovers rallied behind Christie's, saying Haye's \$2 flaky meat-filled treat — which one online reviewer called "the best damn patties on the planet" — is one of the area's best and cheapest lunches.

Haye hopes his pastry shop will find new fans among the hoopsters who flock to Nets games this fall, but he fears he might struggle to cover the extra \$1,300 in rent he has agreed to pay.

"We're here for the time being," Haye said. "We're just holding on."

Purim's hottest costumes?

Cops and brides are top on kids' list

BY AARON SHORT

Forget ghosts and witches — the hottest costumes for this year's Hasidic Halloween are cops and brides.

Williamsburg's Orthodox Jews will celebrate Purim next Thursday by attending synagogue, raising money for religious schools, baking kosher cookies, and — most importantly for the kids — wearing colorful costumes.

For the past week, a stream of Satmar families clothed in black wool suits and skirts have mobbed the neighborhood's toy stores, eager to pick out the perfect gowns and uniforms for their children.

And Lee Avenue's Toys 4 U, which has branches in Williamsburg and Borough Park, is at the center of the scrum.

"It's a happy holiday — children get presents and collect money for charity," said Toys 4 U proprietor Joseph Itzkowitz, who isn't picky when it comes to costumes. "Whatever costume parents buy, that's my favorite," he said.

The religious holiday commemorates Queen Esther's victory over King Ahasuerus's vengeful court advisor, Haman, and the deliverance of the Jews from fourth century Persia.

Its masquerades resemble Halloween, and Jews throughout the world have used the occasion of their deliverance to dress up in fun — and sometimes racy — outfits and party into the small hours.

But unlike secular and modern Orthodox Jews, Hasidic youth dress in more conservative costumes, like cops and brides.

Law enforcement and weddings aren't the only popular themes — some revelers find inspiration in history.

"The story of Purim is about princesses and kings," said United Jewish Organizations director David Niederman. "This is a way for kids to understand the story of Purim and participate."

That explains another of



COSTUME PARTY: Hasidic children are picking their outfits for Purim, including one boy choosing between an army get-up and a clown costume (above) and Faigy Franczod, 4, scoping out a bride's dress (below).

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

the year's top sellers: princess dresses.

"Everybody wants to be a princess and dreams about being a queen," said Miriam Itzkowitz, of Toys 4 U. "One day, she can be a princess."

Boys reached for military camouflage, black rabbi frocks, and, most often, police uniforms.

"They see police on the street, there are a lot of them, and they know who they are," said Joseph Itzkowitz.

Families with toddlers were aiming for all things sweet, grabbing adorable strawberry, apple, and honeybee costumes.

For older kids, the holiday has less to do with costumes than community service.

Many unmarried teenage boys will spend Purim driving around Williamsburg with rented RVs, trying to raise cash for their yeshivas. And unmarried young girls often walk door-to-door with their parents to raise money and hand out pastries called hamantaschen, stuffed cabbage, and other treats.



That said, most do their charitable works while wearing colorful wigs and clown-like get-ups.

"I'm going to wear something very different, very colorful," said Tzvi Lazar, who was helping families pick out costumes for their children at Toys 4 U. "I'll have white and pink pants, an orange shirt, and rainbow socks."

For Hasidic parents, the holiday is a joyous one — and a subtle reminder that their children are growing older.

"My son, who is 2-and-a-half, is going to be a rebbe, and my 4-year-old daughter is going to be a bride, with a fancy bridal gown," said Williamsburg resident David Gross. "Last year she was a strawberry shortcake."



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BIRTH CAB FOR CUTIE!

Greenpoint mom has healthy baby girl in back of taxi

BY AARON SHORT

This birth puts the livery in delivery.

Activist Beka Economopoulos gave birth in the backseat of a cab to a healthy girl on Tuesday, two blocks from the Greenpoint home she shares with her husband, Jason Jones.

Economopoulos, founder of the arts collective Not an Alternative and an Occupy Williamsburg participant, was expecting to give birth in two weeks, but she began to have contractions at 5:30 pm at her Newel Street home during a video team meeting with other Occupy protesters.

The demonstrators played the role of doula as best as they could as Economopoulos went into labor.

About 45 minutes later, Jones called a cab — but the taxi never made it to the hospital.

Economopoulos's husband squeezed her hips to help with the pain, but that didn't work.

"I said, no, don't squeeze, pull my pants down, there's a head there," she said.

The cab driver got out of his



Photo courtesy of Aristide Economopoulos

Beka Economopoulos and Jason Jones hold their baby, Mila Amie Economopoulos Jones.

car at Greenpoint Avenue and waved orange flags directing traffic until two ambulances and six police cars arrived at the scene.

"I didn't even push it just came out," Economopoulos said in a video posted on YouTube titled "Occupy Baby."

"I thought I had a poop and then there was a head," she said. "Jason caught the baby!"

Fire Department paramedics

cleaned the baby, put Economopoulos on a stretcher, placed her in an ambulance, cut the baby's umbilical cord, and drove to Bellevue Hospital as Jones filmed the whole thing.

"We had it in the cab," said Jones on the video. "She's totally fine. We're here in the hospital. I caught it in the cab."

Friends said that the story of their birth is "completely fitting."

"Anyone who knows Beka, and has seen her in action as an organizer, is not surprised by her amazing calm, aplomb, and lucidity while she does the miraculous," said Williamsburg resident Cynthia Walker, a fellow parent.

And city Taxi and Limousine Commissioner David Yassky offered his blessing.

"There's something so special about being born in Brooklyn that this beautiful young lady just couldn't wait to be here!" said Yassky.

The protesting power couple named the baby Mila Amie Economopoulos Jones and are now back in Greenpoint celebrating their new family.

Bikes

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fied about the way cars speed on the drive."

Motorists, however, claim the proposal and the mentality of cycling advocates makes them feel persecuted.

"It's another plan that demonizes drivers," said Marc Russo, a driver from Park Slope. "Not everybody lives [the cyclist] lifestyle."

He said motorists have already given up plenty of street space to make way for bike lanes, as was the case on the controversial bike path on Prospect Park West.

Thanks to the plan, the city

says drivers who enter the park on weekdays from 7 am to 9 am and 5 pm to 7 pm should expect their jaunts to take about seven seconds longer.

That delay sparked fear among some neighbors, who worry that the 700 autos that use the park each hour in the morning would flood streets in surrounding neighborhoods.

"I'm concerned we're gonna have traffic backing up," said Windsor Terrace resident Joan Botti.

Lloyd said the plan also calls for increased enforcement, outreach and better signage on the street, and said the panel would meet to discuss feedback from the hearing — and potentially make tweaks.

Beck

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during apartheid, and, more recently, plastic bags.

The rule was first proposed three years ago in the shop's newsletter, sparking international media attention and prompting gripes from hummus and paprika-loving foodies, some of whom called the plan anti-Semitic way before Beck — who is

neither Jewish nor a Co-op member — hit Brooklyn.

Assemblyman Dov Hikind (D-Borough Park), who attended the event on East New York Avenue, echoed Beck's idea.

"You have some idiots in Brooklyn," he said.

But after the speech, some said the subject was more nuanced than the way Beck had framed it.

"He might just be playing to the crowd," said audience member Yosef Schwartz.

Charter

Continued from cover

neighborhood parents.

"Families across New York City share a common goal — providing their children with the very best education possible," said Sedlis, whose charter network already runs two schools in Bedford-Stuyvesant and is trying to open two charters in Prospect Heights and Crown Heights, one in Williamsburg and one in Cobble Hill. "That's what we want to provide."

Success officials declined to say which undercapacity public schools they are eyeing as possible shared homes for their new charter, but said the school will start with 180 kindergartners and first-graders before adding more grade levels.

Sedlis say that more than 1,500 residents of District 13 have signed a petition supporting a new Success Academy — but some

parents are furious with the charter chain, claiming its schools take valuable space from struggling public schools.

"This is a corporate takeover of public schools," said Cobble Hill parent Gloria Mattera. "Eva Moskowitz can do whatever she wants, and the mayor and chancellor allow it to happen."

Mattera is part of a cadre of parents who filed a lawsuit against Success earlier this month — arguing that the network circumvented state education rules by planting an elementary school in Cobble Hill, a posher section of District 15, when it was only approved to open in the Downtown district or District 14, which includes parts of Williamsburg, Greenpoint and Bedford-Stuyvesant.

Rob Perris, district manager of Community Board 2, said that many residents are suspicious of the charter's business plans because of its previous switcheroo.

"The board is not pre-

pared to go down that road again," Perris said.

Success Charter Network is also facing a backlash in Williamsburg, where moms and dads are trashing Moskowitz's academy as a "corporate charter chain" that didn't advertise to minority groups.

Supporters of the Success Charter Network point out that its schools are some of the highest-ranking in the state — with 95 percent of pupils passing the state test in reading and 81 percent passing in math, compared to city averages of 62 percent and 51 percent, respectively.

Mayor Bloomberg even called on the program to speed up its expansion plans as part of his goal to open 50 new charters over the next two years.

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Boat

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and New Jersey.

Supporters of the 74-year-old ship — which has been a swaying stage for opera, historic tours and even a supper club since 2008 — cheered the proposal to dock at the unused pier just south of the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, especially after federal security measures tightened, preventing PortSide from hosting more than five visitors at a time and making it impossible for Salguero to stage large events or big fundraisers for her educational programs.

But the plan to steer the Mary Whalen into Pier 11 hit murky waters — and it's not clear who was at the helm when the proposal ran aground.

Salguero refused to comment on why she can't anchor her boat at Pier 11, saying only that she is desperately seeking help to find a new port.

Jennifer Friedburg, a spokeswoman for the Economic Development Corporation, said that the city was working with PortSide "to find an equitable solution" for the riverside art facility.

The Port Authority didn't respond to requests for comment, but an insider told said that neither the city nor the waterfront



WRENCH IN PLANS: Carol Salguero wanted to bring the oil tanker the Mary Whalen to Pier 11, but she says that proposal fell through.

Photo by Ed Fanuzzi

agency are at fault — claiming that Salguero didn't secure the required fundraising for the site.

Salguero denied that there was any problem with her paperwork or fundraising, and said revenue really wouldn't be a problem if she could dock at Pier 11, where the ship could host weddings and even serve as a docking station for tugboats.

Betsy Haggerty, a maritime journalist, said it would be heartbreaking to lose what is likely America's only retired oil tanker-turned-art space.

"The sad part about all

of this is that there's so much waterfront in New York and few places where you can dock a historic ship," said Haggerty, a former president of the North River Historic Ship Society.

"The Mary Whalen is one of our last historic ships, and she can tell a great story,"

Haggerty said.

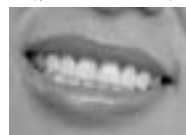
About 30 residents showed up in support of the Mary Whalen at a community meeting Monday night at Long Island College Hospital, where Salguero asked for donations to keep PortSide going.

J.J. Burkard, a Red Hook resident and historian, called on the city to save the sinking ship.

"I would hope and pray that every one of us is tuned into the same dream to tear this dark cloud down that hovers over the Mary Whalen," said Burkard.

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'Barreling' in — on Brooklyn's pedal wars!

The city asked for our advice, and it got it — with both barrels loaded! Thoroughly opinionated bloggophiles cranked up the volume when the Department of Transportation requested Brooklyn's input on how to put the brakes on speeding cyclists in Prospect Park, now that it's removed the orange barrels from the bike lane ("Traffic barrels removed from Prospect Park bike lane," by Natalie O'Neill, online, Feb. 27).

Check out some of the buzz it generated, below.

How about more signage as to what is actually a bike lane and what's not. It's kind of a free for all on weekends and not 100 percent clear.

Doug from Park Slope

Simple: Enforce the rules with a ticket book. Problem will resolve itself. Gassing them like the geese is too extreme.

Or from Yellow Hook

First and foremost, cars must be eliminated from the park, at least on a trial basis this summer. That will clear up a lot of the confusion since right now the pavement markings only apply for the few

hours each day when cars are allowed in. Get cars out of the park and very distinct symbols can be painted on the pavement: bikes on the right, mixed ped/bike/rollerblade traffic in the middle and peds on the left. I hope the task force considers this in their recommendations...

Doug G. from Bklyn

At least reduce automobile traffic to one lane. There is never, never, never enough volume to justify squishing the much larger quantity of park users into just a third of the roadway. The inner (full) lane is for pedestrians. Middle lane for bicycles and rollerbladers. Outer lane for cars and fast bicycles. The fast bicycles are going plenty fast. Just because the cars want to go 40 mph, doesn't mean they're supposed to. Enforce the lights during the two rush hour periods. Tickets galore if you want. But there had better be speed monitoring and ticketing of cars as well as issuing summonses to cyclists rolling through red lights. Mark the road properly. Including pedestrian crossings where the pedestrians actually cross...If you don't think darting out into the road without looking isn't a major contributing factor, you haven't left your cat-filled house in a long time. Shut the lights off the rest of the time and observe reasonable human behavior. There is absolutely no reason to have red lights during park time. I'm really tired of hearing "I can't get across the street with my stroller... the bicycles and rollerbladers are terrorizing me..." or whatever other hyperbole folks like to use. You're in the park. Folks are exercising on the road. God forbid you have to wait 18 secs and let a bicycle or two pass.

SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

ty from pps

The first step to making the park safer for everyone is to get the cars out of it. Only a few hundred cars use the park drive, and those that do speed.

Eric McClure from Park Slope

I'd be happy if cops enforced pedestrian behaviors in the park with a ticket book too. Very happy. By far the greatest number of dangerous lawbreakers in the park are walkers and joggers.

dporptentine from Flatbush

Writing tickets isn't going to keep pedestrians from wandering into the road without looking, and police aren't the solution for everything. People have been seriously injured on the ball fields by baseballs, so I think we should ban baseball. People have been bitten by dogs, so we should ban dogs. People have fallen through the ice, so we should pave over the pond. People have been assaulted in the park, so we should probably ban people. Branches from trees have killed people in Central Park, so we should probably cut down all the trees too. Actually, let's just bulldoze the entire park and put a ring of police officers around it — for safety's sake.

Station44025 from Park Slope

As someone who frequently does laps in the park, I was glad to see the orange barrels gone, but have to admit that they served one good purpose — they defined the roadway by user at a critical location, and helped to separate pedestrians and cyclists. DOT could make it work by accomplishing that separation without

bulky barrels that take up too much of the road, giving no room to maneuver, and blocking the view.

wkgreen from Park Slope

...It's madness to label the road with stripes that only apply two hours a day, and leave confusion the rest of the time. If all the crosswalks were push-button, we could have more crosswalks, and then the lights would be meaningful. Bicycles will slow down and even stop if they think the light means someone is crossing.

Zach from Kensington

Well marked speed humps (not bumps or rumble strips). They make everyone slow down and do not damage cars or bikes unless traveling at an unsafe speed...also the traffic lights were installed for the cars that use the park. Do they apply to bikes when the cars are banned? Should they? And should jay walkers get tickets too?

rillis

The only way the bike lane is a hazard to anyone on foot is if they're walking and texting or blabbing on their phones, expecting the rest of the world to shape itself around them. Bikes don't travel fast enough to occlude safe stopping distances or avoidance...

Scott from Park Slope

There aren't nearly enough of the green rectangular signs stating the rules. The road markings by themselves are confusing. Perhaps some (solar) powered signage that states which rules are in effect at the moment would help.

Steve from Boerum Hill

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SHOULD CHARTERS RULE OUR SCHOOLS?



Success Charter Network, one of Mayor Bloomberg's favorite charter school operators, hopes to expand rapidly in Brooklyn in the coming months. The charter's founder, former Councilwoman Eva Moskowitz, argues that her schools can improve the quality of primary education in neighborhoods with struggling public schools. But many parents say Success schools — and other charters — will undermine public schools in their neighborhoods and lessen parental influence over education citywide. We asked two major players in the controversy to chime in.

My charters will be models of excellence

As a mother raising three young children in the city, I know how hard it is to find great public schools. That's why I've dedicated my life to creating schools that I'd want for my own children — ones that are well-rounded, rigorous and diverse so that students can have the cross-cultural experiences they'll find in the real world.

Success Academy Cobble Hill and Success Academy Williamsburg, which will open this fall, are those kinds of schools. Located within two of Brooklyn's most racially and socioeconomically diverse school districts, I'm hoping these schools become models of integration and excellence.

That is the driving factor behind opening in these neighborhoods, despite a well-organized campaign to spread misinformation about our motives. Luckily, parents are smarter than that and have done their homework, attended information sessions and school tours so they can make informed decisions. Both Cobble Hill and Williamsburg already have more applications than we have seats available. What's more encouraging is that those applications come from across their districts.

In Williamsburg, applicants are from the South Side, the North Side and everywhere in between. They are African-American, Latino and white. More than 30 percent of potential students are English Language



BY EVA MOSKOWITZ

Learners, which we're thrilled about given the district's large Latino community.

Faced with a choice of sending their kids to struggling or overcrowded district schools; paying an astonishing \$40,000 for private school; or moving out of town, Brooklyn parents are sending a loud and clear message that those options won't cut it. What they want is simple: a good public school for their kids.

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In the next five weeks, we expect many more in-district parents to learn about our schools and apply for more slots than are available, necessitating a lottery. We wish we could provide seats to everyone who wants one, but instead, strongly support efforts to improve existing schools and create new ones so that every child has access to a great education.

Eva Moskowitz is a former Councilwoman and CEO of the Success Charter Network.

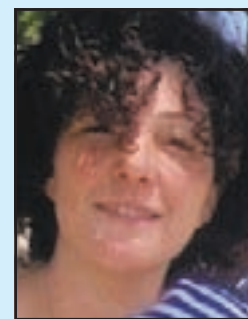
Charter schools aren't a choice I want

As I toss my twelfth glossy Success Academy Charter School brochure in the recycling, I wonder what would happen if the millions Success Academy spent rabidly pursuing my family were spent on our local schools.

Success Academy wants to bring me "choice," a trojan horse that masks their true intentions; to systematically dismantle public schools and profit from the "New Market Tax Credits" hedge funders get from investing in charter schools. Just as WalMart (a big funder of charters) destroys local shops, corporate charters destroy local schools. That's not a choice I want.

I did my due diligence before deciding where to enroll my children. I looked at teacher and student attrition, peeled back marketing rhetoric, and unpacked language describing pedagogy and curriculum. I've been on so many school tours that my head spins, and I haven't seen a single corporate-run charter school that merits the money and attention being lavished on it. I chose my local school.

Supporters of Success Academy will accuse me of being a union lackey. I'm not. They will say that I'm a supporter of the status quo. Far from it. I have lived in this district for many years and watched our local schools improve through diversity. I believe equity comes through public education, not segregated and privatized charter schools.



BY BROOKE PARKER

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Our parents bring their entrepreneurial spirit into our schools, starting music programs, building green roofs, and creating robotic teams.

Our schools represent the winning combination of strong leadership, diversity in the classrooms, meaningful curriculum, parent engagement, and committed teachers. And we don't need a lottery to attend them.

Brooke Parker is a member of Williamsburg and Greenpoint Parents for Our Public Schools.

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NY Methodist helps Brooklyn's hearts

Statistics show that one in every 115 individuals is born with a congenital heart defect. Of these heart conditions, atrial septal defect is the most common, affecting nearly 10 percent of people with a congenital heart defect. There are no medical therapies available, but repair is possible with advanced cardiac technologies. New York Methodist Hospital offers patients a new minimally invasive procedure used to repair atrial septal defect.

Atrial septal defect occurs when the tissue that divides the two chambers of the heart does not close completely, forming a small hole in the heart. As a result, blood may flow between the two chambers and overwork the heart. It is caused by genetic factors or by a malformation in fetal development during the mother's pregnancy.

"Some patients may not know that they have atrial septal defect, as most people with the condition do not experience any irregularities or symptoms until their 20s or 30s," said Sorin J. Brener, MD, FACC, director of the cardiac catheterization lab at New York Methodist. "The most common symptoms of atrial septal defect are shortness of breath, fatigue, heart palpitations, and swelling of the legs and feet. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should immediately make an appointment with a cardiologist."

Treatment options for atrial septal defect vary according to the size of the actual defect. If the defect is larger than 40 millimeters in diameter, patients must undergo traditional open-heart surgery and have a patch sewn over the area. In most cases, the surgeon uses a piece of tissue from the patient's own pericardium (the membrane surrounding the heart) to close the hole.

However, for eligible candidates with a defect of 40 millimeters or less, New York Methodist offers the new minimally invasive percutaneous repair procedure, which involves the insertion of a small tube, called a catheter, into a vein in the leg. The device then travels up the vein into the heart. Once the catheter reaches the defect, an umbrella-like device opens and expands, plugging the area and closing the hole.

Percutaneous atrial septal defect repair allows for shorter hospital stays and a faster recovery time than traditional open-heart surgery.

"If atrial septal defect is treated shortly after symptoms begin to present themselves, patient outcomes are very good," said Dr. Brener. "Treatment with percutaneous atrial septal defect repair takes approximately two hours and only requires one night in the hospital. The patient must take a blood thinner for three months following treatment, but can otherwise resume a normal life."

Without treatment, atrial septal defect can lead to enlargement of the entire right side of the heart, causing it to weaken. In some cases, the blood pressure in the lungs increases as well, leading to pulmonary hypertension. Other complications from atrial septal defect include stroke or irregular heartbeat.

The new treatment offered by the Division of Cardiology at New York Methodist Hospital adds to the medical center's growing repertoire of minimally invasive cardiac procedures.

For more information about atrial septal defect repair or to assess your heart health, contact New York Methodist's Institute for Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery at (866) 84-HEART.

Watching kids' weight

Childhood obesity can lead to obesity later in life



Putting children on the right eating and exercise paths can keep them fit and trim their entire lives.

Many parents are arguing with their children, and it's not over doing homework or cleaning their rooms. The disagreements are about food and how many of today's youth need guidance about what they eat because of pronounced weight gain.

Research indicates that in the United States one out of three children is now classified as overweight or obese. With less time spent exercising and more time spent in front of the television or with gaming consoles, children are packing on the pounds. Furthermore, with the harried pace many families keep — including two-income households where there may not be ample time to prepare healthy, lower-fat meals — fast food and convenience items have become the norm.

According to reports from ABCNews, a young child who is obese has a 50 percent chance of becoming an obese adult if he is not given help. This also puts

the child at risk for heart disease, stroke and diabetes as an adult if the situation is not changed before adulthood.

Experts advise against putting a child on an adult diet. Children have different nutritional needs and there needs to be enough food to fuel a growing body.

Another thing that parents often contend with is picky eaters who are not apt to simply cut one thing out of a diet and replace it with a healthier alternative.

A smarter idea is to consult with a pediatrician or a nutritionist who specializes in pediatrics. She can present a meal plan that fits with the dietary needs of the child, but is also healthy enough to promote weight loss. Adult diets may harm a child's health because they limit certain things that a child needs to process vitamins and minerals, such as certain levels of fat.

One of the best things to do is to get children moving. Regular exercise is an ideal way to burn off the calories

and fat that is not needed. Implement daily activities, such as taking walks, playtime in the yard and sports games so that kids are moving instead of sitting in front of the television.

Here are some other ideas that may work:

- Limit electronics use so that kids will have to get their fun from physical activities.

- Don't make a big deal about body weight. A 12-year study at Stanford University found that parents who are very controlling about food put too much pressure on their children to be thin. This can lead to eating disorders. Parents who push diets may have children who are overweight years later.

- Eat regular meals as a family. Eating meals together instead of grazing and snacking can promote better eating habits.

- Remove unhealthy foods from the home. Kids will eat what is convenient. If there are no unhealthy snacks around, they'll have

to choose from others, like fresh fruits and low-fat items.

- Serve meals from the stove. Portion out food items onto each person's plate instead of putting a large quantity of food in the middle of the table. This can help regulate portion sizes and prevent overeating.

- Don't make everything off-limits. Have a few "splurge" items around so that kids won't feel deprived. Low-fat frozen yogurt can satisfy like ice cream. Lower-fat cookies can replace the unhealthy kind. Chances are kids won't even realize they're eating healthier.

- Skip sodas and sugary drinks. Encourage children to drink water, fruit juices and low-fat milk instead of filling up on sugary drinks.

Parents can make their children feel loved and supported no matter what their weight. Taking an interest in a child's health involves being aware of eating and food issues that can lead to obesity.

Beth Israel Medical Center now Beth Israel Brooklyn

Beth Israel Medical Center announced on Monday that it will formally change the name of its Brooklyn hospital division to Beth Israel Brooklyn.

The hospital, located on Kings Highway in Midwood, had been known as Beth Israel-Kings Highway Division since Beth Israel

purchased the hospital from its previous owners in 1995.

"The name Beth Israel Brooklyn more accurately reflects the strong presence and reputation Beth Israel and our outstanding affiliated physicians enjoy in the borough," said Steven Hochberg, chairman

of Continuum Health Partners, the parent company for Beth Israel.

Clinical services have greatly expanded at Beth Israel Brooklyn since Beth Israel acquired the facility 18 years ago.

"Beth Israel Brooklyn is a community hospital that now offers a broader range

of services than are traditionally available at most community hospitals," said Harris M. Nagler, MD, president of Beth Israel.

The name change to Beth Israel Brooklyn also will be reflected in new signage throughout the facility, and through the incorporation of a new logo

on all future ads and on its official letterhead and hospital forms.

"This is a very exciting time for all of the physicians, nurses, staff, and volunteers at Beth Israel Brooklyn," said Rhona Hetsrony, the hospital's vice president for Administration. "This is, in many ways,

recognition of the work of countless individuals who have helped to advance our clinical services and make Beth Israel Brooklyn an important healthcare provider for the people of the borough."

Beth Israel Brooklyn, 3201 Kings Highway, at E. 41st Street in Midwood.

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Insulin pumps help manage diabetes

Diabetics who participate in insulin therapy often face hundreds of needle pricks a month in order to keep their sugar levels in check. However, insulin pumps reduce the amount of manual work and the pain involved.

Diabetes is a condition where the body doesn't produce enough insulin or it cannot use it properly. The American Diabetes Association says that 25.8 million children and adults in the United States — 8.3 percent of the population — have diabetes.

Insulin is important because it enables glucose from the foods eaten to enter cells as a form of energy. When there is no insulin or insufficient levels, glucose remains in the bloodstream instead of entering the cells. Too much glucose in the blood can lead to a host of problems. Diabetics who take artificial insulin do so to keep their glucose levels in check.

A doctor will work with you to develop a plan of insulin injections. Some people with diabetes have to take insulin once or twice a day, while others need it three or four times. That can be up to 120 needle injections per month, not factoring in needle pricks to test for blood sugar levels.

As an alternative, diabetics can turn to an insulin delivery system. Although these systems do offer an automatic stream



of insulin, the device isn't completely hands-off, but it does reduce the margin of error with insulin delivery.

An insulin pump is a small device (about the size of a cellphone) that contains insulin. The pump is programmed to deliver a basal rate of insulin to keep blood glucose in the desired range for the patient. The insulin is delivered through a small tube with a cannula at the end that is inserted beneath the skin. The insertion only needs to be done about 10 to 12 times a month, otherwise the tube remains inserted in the skin.

These pumps can help diabetics live more normal lives relatively free from the strict insulin shot regimens of the past.

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DISCOVER BROOKLYN CAMPS

Experts encourage parents to research and visit the camps they choose for their children

CAMP GUIDE

Because the camp experience will have significant impact on a child's life, it's important for parents to learn to choose a camp wisely.

Many parents can benefit from guidance in this area. For example, some parents may send a child to a camp they attended without considering how the camp may have changed, or the differences between the parent's and the child's needs and desires. In other cases, children go to a camp that a friend has enjoyed, assuming they will enjoy it, too. All too often, this assumption proves wrong.

While there's no easy way to find the best camp for your child, this will provide you with some basic guidelines for making this very important decision.

What do you and your child want?

Regardless of the age of your child, it is important that the ultimate selection of a camp accommodate all or some of the needs, interests, goals, and expectations of both parent and child. The parent must make an effort to understand what the child wants and why. A good way to begin is to sit down as a family and respond to the following questions:

- What do you and your child want to gain from the camp experience? Learn new skills, develop more self-confidence, improve proficiency in certain areas, become more independent?
- What are other expectations of the camp experience?
- What are the special interests that your child wants to explore?
- Are there any physical, intellectual, or social limitations that should be considered?
- What kind of emphasis will your child profit from the most? For example: is a lot of structure desirable, is social

interaction with members of the opposite sex important, or does your child need a place where she is encouraged to develop at her own pace? You may have other concerns that you'll want to keep in mind as you go through your selection process.

With the above information in mind, it is appropriate to look at some of the specific characteristics that should be considered in determining what you and your child want. These characteristics include:

Type of camp

Generally, camps are coed, all boys, all girls, or brother and sister. In a coed camp, there may be extensive interaction between boys and girls through activities or through the use of common facilities such as the waterfront and dining hall. Brother and sister camps may provide for some social interaction but normally they have separate activities and facilities for boys and girls. They may be located adjacent to each other or may be miles apart.

Sleepaway camps provide a summer residential program where campers enjoy daily and evening activities. Depending on the type of program chosen, a camp experience can range anywhere from one week to an entire summer.

In considering sleepaway camp, parents should keep a few questions in mind:

- Is your child ready for a sleepaway experience?
- What is expected from the camp experience?
- What type of camp fits best with parent work schedules and family vacation times?
- What are the total costs of sleepaway camp?
- Take a moment to consider the type of camp that makes the most sense for your child and try to develop your reasons for those preferences.
- Is it coed, all boys, all girls, or brother and sister?

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First time away from home? Best ways for child to cope

CAMP GUIDE

Although camp is a time to develop new skills, have fun, gain independence, and experience new wonders, the camping experience is also one of the first times that many children will be away from home for an extended period.

In order to lead a more happy and productive camp life, children need to develop a positive self-image, the feeling that "I am somebody," before they go to the first day of camp, and that's your job as the parent.

The following ideas can help foster self-esteem in children:

Level with children. Don't talk down to a young person; instead, put yourself at eye level with a child. It can often minimize a problem, as well as make the child feel equal.

Let children make decisions. For example, early participation in



health care decisions such as, "Do you want liquid medicine or tablets?" lessens a child's feeling of powerlessness, and can foster an intelligent con-

sumer attitude in children.

Values rules. The purpose of rules is to help people get along with each other and, in turn, feel

good about themselves. The best rules are written during calm times with the participation of the child.

Show the child you



understand. Share your childhood memories with your child. Children need to know that their parents had trouble learning things, too. By showing understanding, you will help your child become more confident.

Develop your own self-esteem. Parents need to feel valued and self-confident before they can help their children develop self-esteem. Parents should try to show their children that they don't have to have it all together all the time to feel good about themselves.

Children need to feel that they are special in and outside of camp. Parents have the advantage at home, because they can tailor the environment to what the child needs and wants. The following activities will help create some memorable one-on-one times between a parent and child:

- Keep a notepad ready to jot down ideas of special things to do with each of your children.

- Take your young child to the grocery store. Talk about prices, and let him pick out one thing to buy.

- Help your child make a scrapbook of a trip or something that he enjoys.

- Save the child's drawings and colorful paintings and use them in decorative ways.

- Sit with your child and discuss how you and he can make this day or this weekend better. Focus on your child's strengths, not weaknesses.

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Top questions to ask when targeting a camp

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Summertime will soon be here, and it's never too early to start thinking about activities for your children. We all want our children to have happy, enjoyable summer experiences that are appropriate for their needs and interests. A good camp experience can offer your child the opportunity to try new activities, learn new skills, make friends, and gain a sense of independence.

Where do you begin? It is essential to understand your child and to know his interests when choosing a camp. Some questions you might ask yourself include:

- Does your child have a special interest, such as drama, music, a particular sport, nature study, or arts and crafts?

- Has your child expressed interest in learning a particular new skill?

- Does your child have any special needs or a particular learning style?

- Are swimming and water sports important to your child?

- Would your child be more comfortable going off with a friend? Would this make a difference?

- Does your child do well in a structured environment, or is a relatively relaxed setting more appropriate?

- Would your child be more comfortable in a day camp near home, or is he ready for a sleepaway experience? Your child's age, past experience, and personality will be factors in determining his readiness for a particular type of program.

Choosing a camp should be a thoughtful process which involves interviewing the director, reviewing information, getting references from other parents, and visiting the camp in progress. The whole process should be a cooperative parent-child effort. This should take into consideration not only the interests of the child, but such other practical factors as the location of the camp, whether or not transporta-



tion or carpooling is available, the number of weeks of the program, the costs involved, and the refund policy.

There are three basic types of camps — day camps, overnight camps, or specialty camps. Most camps are recreational, while some offer tutoring

and remedial work as well as enrichment programs.

After making your decision about which type of program you are considering, and getting names of possible camps, you should begin your inquiry by calling the camp for a brochure and some basic information about the program.

Find out if the camp will be having an open house or will be represented at one of the local camp fairs held throughout the winter in your area. Some camps have video tapes or slide-shows that will give you a visual impression of typical camping experiences and the facilities.

Ask lots of specific questions, and if possible, meet with the director. You will want to know what the camp philosophy and stated goals are, how the staff is trained and supervised, their ages and experience, and the staff-camper ratio. One indication of the success of the camp would be the rate of return of both campers and staff, including the director. What is the camp's discipline policy? Ask if the special programs are actually taught by specialists trained specifically in that field. How are the groups organized? What is the daily schedule? What happens on rainy days?

Are there any special events planned? What do the facilities include — pools, sports fields, and art studios? Are there special sleeping arrangements, meals, laundry facilities, bathroom facilities, special trips, transportation arrangements, and special needs facilities?

The camp's emergency procedures and safety policies are also important. Is there a trained nurse or doctor on site? Is the staff trained in first aid and CPR? What is the camp's insurance coverage? Is there appropriate water sports supervision?

The more questions you ask now, the fewer surprises you will encounter later.

If you are planning very far ahead, it is helpful to visit the camp the summer before you are interested in sending your child. The impressions you get while observing a situation firsthand are unique. Be aware of such things as staff involvement and the energy level of the campers, as well as the general ambience of the place.

Ask the director for references of parents who have sent their children in the past, and get references directly from parents as well. Find out what their kids liked the most, what they did not like (there's always something), and if the staff met the parents' expectations.

There are other options just for teens, such as counselor-in-training programs, where 14 to 17 year olds can gain leadership skills while assisting with younger campers. Teens can also take advantage of wilderness programs, cross-country travel, bike trips, and adventure programs, as well as international travel or summer school programs.

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As an alternative to a typical day or residential camp, other summer activities for children can be found at local community centers, neighborhood playgrounds, Scout programs, and public libraries. These options can include arts and crafts classes, swimming lessons, and other recreational programs.

So begin to plan now for an exciting, fun-filled, and memorable summer for your children. Good camps do fill up early. Don't forget the importance of maintaining a positive attitude about the camping experience. Involving your children in the camp selection process from the very beginning can help to make them more aware of what to expect from the experience. Talk about the new things they'll be learning and the friends they'll be making.



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Day camp may be best option for your child

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If overnight camp is not the right choice for your youngster, or if your child is younger than 7, look into the many summer day camp programs available. It can even prepare your child for overnight camp.

Some points to consider when choosing a day camp:

•**Training:** Is the staff trained in safety, supervision, counseling, problem solving, and other issues important to working with young children?

•**Cost:** Is the price all-inclusive, or do extra charges apply for transportation, horse-back riding, food service, group pictures, T-shirts, and other items?

•**Transportation:** If transportation is



offered, do you live near a pick-up spot?

•**Extended care:** If before and after care is offered to accommodate working parents, who is with the children and what activities take place?

•**Lunch:** Is lunch served, or do campers bring their own?

•**Swimming:** If swimming is offered, are lessons included, or is swimming only recreational?

•**Supervision:** Does one counselor

stay with a group all day? Or are campers free to roam from one activity to another? If so, who supervises children in the interim?

•**Visits:** Are parents allowed to drop by for visits?

Some tips on starting your search for a summer camp

CAMP GUIDE

When choosing a summer camp, here are some good guidelines with which to start your search:

•Take time to visit the site and meet the director.

•Talk to parents whose children attended the camp in the past.

•Camps not run by child care centers are not required to be licensed, but they should have reasonable adult-child ratios — especially for younger children.

•Find out how much training or experience the camp directors and counselors have had. The American Camping Association recommends that 80 percent or more of the staff be 18 years or older.

•Find out how long the camp has been around.

•Ask for a typical week's schedule of activities. Check for a balance of structure and creativity, quiet time and stimulation, safe boundaries and freedom.

•Make sure activities are developmentally appropriate for your child's age. Planning for younger children to play basketball for three hours is not appropriate and may

be an indication of other inappropriate expectations.

•Check to see how the camp handles emergencies, sicknesses, and field trips.

•If children will be swimming, there should be enough certified lifeguards and adult supervision.

•Ask directors and counselors how they handle discipline and behavior problems. How do they handle shy children? What do they do with a child who is afraid to go in the water?

•It may help your child feel more relaxed if you visit the site a few days in advance. Find her room, the water fountains, and the restrooms.

•Once your child has been in camp for a few days, pay close attention to her moods at the end of the day. A child who is frantic and uneasy may not be in the camp situation best for her.

•Although children benefit from being active, be sure not to over program for the summer. Children need a break, too. Remember that children also benefit from family activities and time to themselves.

•Ask your child, "Are you having fun?"



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Special-needs camps cater to individuals

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How can you find the camp that's best for your child, especially if he has a special need? Thanks to the Americans with Disabilities Act, there is access to a wider variety of services and programs for people with disabilities.

What will benefit your child most this summer? Be honest with yourself and clearly outline the specifics of dates needed, length of session required, location, supportive services required, and costs.

Many organizations offer day and residential summer camping programs for children and teens with disabilities. The Lion's Clubs, Easter Seals, and disability-specific organizations such as the Muscular Dystrophy Association and American Diabetes Association, are among them.

Others are just day programs, overnight camps, or both. Such organizations tend to cater to the specific needs of their clientele, supported by a long history of service to youth with disabilities and their families.

Some special-needs camps will offer educational support or continue with occupational therapy, physical therapy, or speech therapy. Campers are often enrolled or grouped by age or functioning level to provide an appropriate peer group.

Special needs camps can specifically handle the medical, behavioral, dietary, physical, emotional, cognitive, or social needs of their campers.

Generally, the staff-to-camper ratio will vary from one to one or one to four.

Families choose special-needs camps for a wide variety of reasons. These may include existing relationships with an agency and knowledge of the philosophy and mission of that agency, security in knowing the camp is designed especially for their child, wanting their child to identify with a peer group of kids with disabilities, and security in knowing their child won't be "different" than the other kids.

All this might seem a bit overwhelming at first, but careful investigation can help you find a good match for both the camp and your child.

Traditional camps generally serve a variety of children, from all economic and cultural backgrounds. Experiencing diversity among campers and staff is often part of the experience.

If physical accessibility is imperative, ask about the location and layout of the camp. Many camps are in wooded areas with limited, if any, pavement or well-graded paths. If your child is ambulatory but tires easily with a lot of walking, ask about the proximity of cabins, dining hall, activity areas, and waterfront.

Does the camp provide special meals or alternative foods for allergies, diabetes, or specialized diets? If the camp doesn't provide specialized meals, often, the family can provide the foods necessary or even review the camp menu in advance.

Does the camp have adequate medical facilities and

staff? If your child requires specific intervention or care, is the camp able to provide it in its regular health care operations? Who provides the services required? Is there a nurse on-duty at all times? What support does the camp need to safely care for you child?

Be specific and ask for the camp's ratio of counselors to campers, which reflects the positions which directly work with and supervise the campers. If your child requires additional supervision for physical care, behavior management, or instruction, ask if the camp can provide the necessary supervision for safe participation in the program.

If the camp is unable to provide the individualized care your child requires, the camp may offer to accommodate an aide you send with your child to camp, to help with the child's physical care needs, behavior management, or supervision. Room and board for the aide may be provided at no cost.

Reasons for sending your child to a traditional camp are as varied as the programs offered. Appropriate behaviors modeled by your child's peers may be a prime motivator. Experiencing everyday events just like other kids may be your objective. Wanting a greater choice in time, place, cost, distance, and location could be the deciding factor.

Perhaps your child is active in an organization's activities, such as 4-H, Girls Scouts, or YMCA, during the school year and wants to attend that camp in the summer with friends. Maybe your child is in special programs during the school year and you want him to be with other kids during the summer.

Whatever the reasons, the choice is yours to make, whether a traditional, inclusion camp or special-needs camp. The most important question is "what is best for my child this summer?"



Learning disabilities and camp

CAMP GUIDE

When choosing a summer camp program for a child with learning disabilities, the most important question to is, "Will they understand and take good care of my child?"

This can be answered by lengthy conversations with camp personnel or the director. If a camp is too busy to return your phone calls, will it be too busy for your child?

Regardless of all that a camp has to offer, if the director or the staff are too busy for you now, it should be a red flag! Find a camp that will give you and your child the time and attention that you both deserve.

Consider these factors when determining what camp program will best fit the needs of your child:

•**Type of program:** Decide early in the process what type of program you want for your child. Camps are offered as day programs (campers go home at night) and residential programs (campers board at the camp facility for the length of their stay).

Length of programs vary from as short as a few days to several weeks. Be certain that your child is ready to cope with the length of the program you select.

Camp programs are available in both same-sex formats and co-ed. Consider your child's social skills level and ability to cope

with the demands of mixed-sex social situations when deciding which of these environments would be best.

Program philosophy should be clearly stated in the camp literature. Your family should be comfortable with this philosophy and confident that it will deliver an enjoyable experience for your child.

Of particular importance is the camp's policy regarding family communication with the child. Will the child be expected, in fact encouraged, to write to her family during the camp stay? Will phone calls to and from home be allowed? Children with learning disabilities often have differing needs for family contact and you should be certain that the camp policy will not conflict with those needs.

•**Type of camp:** There are many choices! Your child can be mainstreamed into a regular camp setting, or be at a camp that focuses on her particular needs. There are also camps that mix up the needs, such as learning disabled, emotionally disabled and physically disabled. And then there are camps that truly specialize. You'll need to decide which type of environment will best address your child's needs.

•**Size:** What are you ideally looking for? Camps range in size from 500 or more chil-

dren per session to as small as 30 to 35 per session. It is purely a personal decision for each family. Make a point of asking the camp director for information about the number of campers in the program.

•**Educational or recreational:** Many camps for learning-disabled children are purely recreational, while other programs combine both recreational and educational activities. Some programs, while calling themselves "camp," have a strong instructional focus. Inquire about the percentage of camp time devoted to varying activities and decide what mix will best serve your child's specific needs.

•**Location and facilities:** Choose the type of setting that you think your child will enjoy. The eastern half of the country has many beautiful lake-front and forest locations. Many camps are schools that convert to camp or summer school during the summer months. There are fewer camps in the west, but the west offers a completely different experience because of the Rocky Mountains and the distinctive western culture. Some camps are very luxurious and others are true camping experiences. Ask about eating, sleeping, and bathing facilities and be sure that your child will feel comfortable in the particular setting offered by the camp.



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Check camp policies before packing bags

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When packing for a camp, you should receive information on policies and procedures before your child is ready to go. The following checklist should help you decide what you do or don't need to pack:

• **Bedding:** Sleeping bags, sheets,

blankets and pillows are usually the camper's responsibility. Most beds are twin size or smaller and may be bunk style. Some camps supply linens.

• **Towels:** Usually supplied by the camper.

• **Clothing:** Most camps supply a list of recommended clothing that varies with the climate. Be sure to pack long pants (for hikes and horseback riding) as well as shorts. Comfortable, durable shoes are a must, while special footwear is advisable for certain activities (tennis, hiking, and horseback riding). Use a permanent marker or name tags to identify your child's belongings. Some camps require campers to wear uniforms. Some camps will furnish the uniforms, while others will provide you with ordering information.

• **Toiletries:** A small bag can be handy for toiletries if a camper has to walk to a separate building for showering and bathing. It is wise to pack sunscreen, lip balm, insect repellent, soap, toothpaste and toothbrush, shampoo, a hairbrush and comb, and deodorant (if your child uses it).

• **Laundry:** Generally, sessions

under two weeks don't include laundry service. You might send a pillow case or laundry bag to store dirty clothing.

• **Equipment:** Camps usually provide items such as oars, life jackets, and craft materials, but check with the camp to be sure. The camper may want to bring a tennis racquet, musical instrument, or backpack. Don't pack radios, televisions, portable CD players, stereos, food, or hunting knives.

• **Spending money:** Camps have different policies on children bringing spending money. Some have stores that sell T-shirts, film, candy, and other items. Check with the camp staff.

• **Medicine:** Any medication should be properly labeled in its original container with dosage instructions and given to the camp's medical personnel for safe keeping.

• **Insurance:** Camper health and accident insurance may be provided by the camp. You might be asked to bring information on family health and accident coverage. Be sure to ask the camp director if there are additional charges for insurance.



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- Is it general, specialty, academic, travel, or special needs?

After you have gone through your preferences and reasons, make a note of any additional questions or concerns that you still have.

Cost

Nonprofit camps are less expensive than private sleepaway. As a parent, you have to make a careful assessment of your family's financial limitations regarding camp costs. There are several very important calculations. How much would you have to pay to feed, entertain, provide childcare, and so forth, if your child stays home for all or part of a summer?

Second, be sure to estimate the extras that are involved in going to camp. Extras may include a camp uniform, charges for trips, transportation, the cost of visiting the camp, and the extra spending money needed by your child.

Third, remember that a good camp experience can be a long-term investment that will affect many other areas of your child's life. In other words, don't be too concerned about saving a couple of hundred dollars over the course of the summer. If your child does not have a good experience, you both will have lost far more than you have saved.

Generally, children will attend sleepaway camps for either four or eight weeks. Four weeks at a good private sleepaway camp will cost anywhere from \$3,500 to \$6,500, and eight weeks will range from \$4,000 to \$7,000. Non-profit and organizational camps will range from \$1,200 to \$3,000 for four weeks and \$2,500 to \$5,000 for eight weeks. Two-week programs are occasionally available. Costs will range from \$650 to \$2,000. Specialty camps can range from \$500 to \$1,000 per week, depending on the program. You should take some time to consider what you can reasonably afford.

Size

Camps may vary in size from under 100 campers to more than 400. Smaller camps may foster a very special environment where campers and staff really get to know each other, and where individual needs can be quickly met.

Large camps are often organized into small units, thus making it possible to receive the same kind of attention offered by a smaller camp. This is a complex issue that will require special attention and investigation. In a good camp there may be little correlation between size and the quality of the total camp experience.

If you feel your child requires special attention in an area such as confidence building, it is probably more important to find out how a camp meets that need, rather than getting hung up on size. In this regard, you might want to keep these kinds of questions in mind:

- What do you do to prevent campers from getting lost in the shuffle?
- Can a below-average athlete feel com-

fortable in trying new things and in working on skills at her own pace?

• What is done to promote a sense of self-worth?

The answers to such questions and others will help you identify appropriate camps and as you move toward a final selection.

Location

Many parents needlessly limit their search for a camp by looking in one state or by choosing an arbitrary distance from home. More important than distance are the related questions involving camp environment, security, medical facilities, and accessibility.

In choosing a location you might also want to consider the cost for you to visit the camp, and the proximity to camps your other children are attending during the summer. Keep in mind that there are excellent camps in many states, and that if your child is having a good experience, distance will not make a great deal of difference. Which is more important — choosing the right camp based on your child's interests and needs, or the comfort of knowing your child's camp is close to home?

Programs and activities

As you might imagine, camps have all kinds of program offerings. Some camps may emphasize one activity, while others will offer a wide array of programs. Camps in which a camper would devote a majority of her time to one activity are often referred to as specialty camps. In these camps, staff and facilities are geared to provide an intensive experience in a single area such as tennis, horseback riding, gymnastics, sailing, or wilderness. Naturally, these camps have other facilities and activities that provide campers with additional experiences.

A more traditional camp program tends to be broader in terms of what it offers. Most general camps will provide programs in some team sports such as baseball and soccer, individual sports like tennis, and waterfront activities such as swimming and sailing, as well as some outdoor life options in hiking and canoeing. Many of these camps also provide campers with the opportunity to get extra instruction in any of the areas that are offered.

In making a decision about camp, it is vital that you and your child look into the total camp program and that you examine the quality of the staff and facilities available to support that program.

Questions to ask

- Will the program encourage the child to try new things, or things she is not skilled in?
- What is the philosophy regarding competition and the level of competitiveness?
- Which activities are required?
- Is instruction given in each activity?
- How structured is the program? Are there electives (choices the child can make)?
- Is your child willing to make a commitment to spending a major portion of the day in one activity or sport?

Prescription medication safety tips for camp

The National Camp Association says that more than six million children will head to summer camp this year. In addition to raingear and swimsuits, more parents than ever before may be packing prescription medications for their kids.

According to pharmacy benefit manager Medco Health Solutions, more than half of children are taking prescription drugs; the most common are medications for asthma, allergies, behavioral disorders, and infections.

"Any credible camp will have its own prescription drug policy," said Becky Nagle, a pharmacist and senior director of clinical practice and education at Medco Health Solutions.

Nagle offers the following general tips to parents whose children may be required to take medications while attending camp:

- **Know before you go.** Learn about the camp medical staff, its on-site medical facilities, and where the closest hospital is. Make the camp administration aware of any conditions your child has and any medications your child is on.

- **Know who's in charge.** Make sure you know who is in charge of your child's medications, and who is legally allowed to or prohibited from administering them, whether it's a nurse, doctor, counselor, or camp coordinator.

- **Medic alert bracelets.** If warranted, purchase a medic alert bracelet or identification for your child.

- **Push the paper.** Submit all necessary paperwork regarding your child's healthcare, including physical forms, consent forms, standing administration orders, and a list of all of your child's medications, as well as contact numbers for you, your child's pediatrician, and your pharmacist.

- **Retain original containers.** All medications that are sent to camp for your child should be in the original containers with original labels.

- **Make a medication list.** Make a list of all prescription and over-the-counter medications your child takes. Keep a copy for yourself, give one to your child, and make sure the medical staff and counselors at the camp have copies as well.



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So fly: Sarah Young and Billy Mulholland of Mulholland's in Williamsburg presented a spicy dry-rubbed wing at the Best of Brooklyn chicken wing competition.

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WINGED MIGRATION!

Thousands flock to Greenpoint for the ultimate chicken wing contest

By Sarah Zorn

AIN'T no thing but a chicken wing! Such was the case at Sunday's third annual Best Wings in Brooklyn Competition, held at Red Star bar in Greenpoint, where this writer had the considerable pleasure — along with reps from Yelp, the Daily News, Brooklyn Exposed and Food Curated — of judging the chicken-fried goods of some of the most banging wing slingers in the borough.

We were joined by more than 2,000 poultry aficionados — who dutifully waded through an impressive roster of wings that ranged from sweet and saucy (Red Star's Raspberry BBQ), to smoky (Lonestar's Chipotle), to simple and spicy (Life Café's Buffalo), to SoCo sloshed (the Bayou at Bay Ridge's Bean Post Pub).

And although the palates of the crowd proved to be as wide-ranging as the various flavor profiles, all were uniquely united in the end by an unapologetically primal love of wings.

"I think this brings us to our very early human nature — literally ripping flesh from bone," explained Adam Troeder, who travelled from the Upper West Side and waited on a two-hour line for the event. "In a way, I think it's a sophisticated development in our evolutionary process; showing we don't need the aid of tools and utensils to help us with our basic needs."

Newcomer Canarsie contender Brooklyn Wings definitely nailed all of our primary pleasure points — emerging as a sleeper hit to take third place with an organic, Asian-fusion wing.

Second place was a bone of contention for the judges, pitting Mulholland's of Williamsburg's audaciously naked dry-rubbed wing against Bonnie's of Park Slope's traditional, hot-sauce sluiced take.

This judge was duly won over by an acidic squirt of fresh lime that topped Mulholland's entry, but — not willing to stage a reenactment

of 12 Angry Men — eventually let it go. No such battles were waged over the evening's ultimate winner, however, with 2010's inaugural champion — Crown Heights' Super Wings NY — once again flying away with the prize.

"I think people love us because we go real strong with the flavor, marinating the chicken for 24 hours before we even fry it," said owner Colette Burnett of her zesty, meaty, impossibly crisp-tender Caribbean-accented wing with lava sauce.

"I am beyond excited; this is the biggest win for us," she added. "Our business was only five months old when we competed for the first time, so to win again in 2012 is amazing. Brooklyn is the best place in the world, so to be best in Brooklyn — my goodness!"

Want to know what an award winning wing tastes like? Get ready for next year's The Best Wing's in Brooklyn competition by studying up on Burnett's game-changing recipe.

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TRINI TAMARIND WINGS

Courtesy of Colette Burnett,
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Makes 35-40 wings

Caribbean-style marinade:

- 1/3 cup fresh thyme leaves
- 1/3 cup garlic cloves
- 1/2 cup chopped scallions
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- 2 tblsp. Cajun seasoning
- 1/4 cup vinegar
- 4 pounds chicken wings

Trini tamarind sauce:

- 2 cups tamarind pulp (soak 1 lb. peeled tamarind fruit in 1 1/2 cups warm water, then sieve to extract seeds and seed coverings).
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- 3 tblsp. salt
- 2 tblsp. pureed garlic
- 1 1/2 tablespoons garam masala
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- Habanero pepper, or red pepper flakes

Lava sauce:

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 clove garlic
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tblsp. sugar
- 2 tblsp. paprika
- 2 tblsp. Secret Special 4 pepper blend, or your favorite combination
- Canola or vegetable oil, for frying



Directions:

For the marinade: Puree all the ingredients, except the chicken wings, together in a food processor, and then add to the chicken wings. Marinate the wings for 24 hours.

For the tamarind sauce: Mix all the ingredients into a medium-thick sauce. Refrigerate for one day to allow all the flavors to meld.

For the lava sauce: In a small pot, heat the olive oil and saute the garlic until golden; remove and cool. Add all the other ingredients, combine completely, and refrigerate.

Preheat the oil to 350 degrees F.

Add the chicken wings to the oil and deep fry until they are crispy and golden, about 15 minutes. Remove from the oil and drain.

Transfer the wings to a hot wok and douse with Trini Tamarind Sauce. Saute the wings for one minute in the sauce, remove, and drizzle with Lava Sauce for an extra punch of spicy goodness.

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Cobble Hill resident and master memoirist Nick Flynn will celebrate the nation-wide release of a major motion picture adapted from his smash literary debut on March 3.

"Being Flynn," which stars Paul Dano as Nick Flynn, Robert DeNiro as his father, and Julianne Moore as his mother, and is directed by Paul Weitz, is based on Flynn's 2004 memoir, "Another Bull--- Night in Suck City," that chronicles Flynn's tumultuous relationship with his alcoholic, semi-psychotic estranged father, and the curious trajectory of events that brings them together in a most unexpected way.

And as tough as it was to write such a personal story, Flynn says the process of making it into a Hollywood movie was just as arduous.

"It's like observing a National Geographic special of some foreign culture," said Flynn, of watching world-famous actors play out some of the most painful experiences of his life. "In those seven years, I went through every possible permutation of emotional resonance: there was excitement, terror, a total mindf---, a nightmare; it was really moving."

In fact, the experience was so life-altering that Flynn penned a new book, called "The Reenactments," about the making of the film, and watching his life play out on the silver screen, to be published this fall. The book documents the process of making the film, and the ways in which it heightened Flynn's awareness of what those experience mean.

"Being on set while Robert DeNiro plays your father, I can't think of anyone who's done that," he said. "I was writing all the time, seeing reenactments of moments of my life. Even the darkest moments turned out to be the greatest gifts."

Go see "Being Flynn," in theaters everywhere, on March 2.

Starting 3/2

— Juliet Linderman

The poetry pros

This isn't your run-of-the-mill, neighborhood poe-jam.

On Mar. 9, BAM is hosting "Poetry 2012: Grand Slam," a night of performances from the country's most talented slam-poets, beat-boxers, and hip-hop artists in a multi-cultural, interdisciplinary extravaganza celebrating the art of the spoken word.

"It will be weird," said poet Joshua Bennett, a Princeton grad student who is performing with the poetic ensemble Striver's Row. "There will be polyphonic type stuff going on. Expect music — it won't be all a cappella."

Hosting the poetic performances will be the all-star duo of Hip-hop duo Baba Israel, an emcee, poet, and beat boxer, who's been featured on MTV, VH1, and BET; and DJ

Reborn, who's performed in live collaborations with The Roots, Common, and India Arie.

"Grand Slam" is a part of Brooklyn Reads, an education program at BAM that teaches students to express themselves through poetry. The event was originally developed to showcase the work of the program's budding poets, but according to BAM's Education Manager, John Foster, the general public caught wind of the poetry reading, and there was enough demand to justify calling in the poetry pros.

The performers hope their audience will walk away with a new appreciation for the craft.

"Some people think that slam poetry is all about guys banging on bongos," said Bennett. "My favorite stuff is a mix of improve theater, stand-up comedy, and storytelling. These spoken word performers are some of the most talented cats out there."

BAM Harvey Theater [651 Fulton St. between Rockwell and Ashland places in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100] Mar. 9, 7:30 pm. \$10, for info, visit www.bam.org

— Colin Mixson

One way to get lost in art

A Gowanus artist turned her studio into a makeshift travel agency — but instead of selling vacation packages, she gave away mysterious adventures.

Now, Sal Randolph is re-creating the experience of her "Bureau of Unknown Destinations" project online, offering digital, downloadable, do-it-yourself psycho-geography kits.

"I've been giving away tickets in a sealed envelope to people and they don't know where they're going," said Sal Randolph, who founded the "Bureau" in late 2011, as part of Proteus Gowanus's year-long exploration of art-work having to do with migration.

By offering visitors to her studio sealed envelopes containing a train ticket to a destination within two hours of New York City, a train timetable, a notebook to record experiences, and a short assignment (find one word that embodies the environment you visit and write it down, for example), Randolph set out to give New Yorkers a spontaneous experience unlike any other.

"The main thing that giving a gift does is activate an unexpected situation, or a new situation in a person's life," said Randolph, an artist-in-residence at the Union Street arts space. "Gifts make things happen, and I never know what's going to happen. For me, the art happens for the person who is on the trip while they're having his or her experience. In a sense, the person who makes the art is the traveller."

After giving away 100 tickets, Randolph has turned her attention to the wilds of the internet, where she aims to enable travellers both in New York and across the world to "unknow" their own environment and surroundings by participating in an adventure aided by her digital psycho-geography kits.



For her year-long residency, contemporary artist Sal Randolph transformed her studio in Proteus Gowanus into the Bureau of Unknown Destinations, giving away free tickets to an array of adventures across the tri-state area. Now, she's entering the second phase of her project: DIY destination kits.

Photo courtesy of Sal Randolph

The kits don't include a train ticket, but they do contain seven different ways to randomize the experience of travel including a guide to shuffling timetables at train stations; a downloadable sheet of paper that can be folded into a notebook; a set of cards with factoids and information about destinations reachable by train from New York City; and suggestions for adventures for those who can't afford a train ticket out of the city.

"There's a long tradition of experimental art that seeks to get beyond people's habitual ways of being, in hopes of having a fresh experience, and this is very much a part of those traditions," Randolph said. "The unknowing of your destination allows you to put aside your habits of mind and body for a certain period of time; there's a pent up desire for the unknown, and to encounter that little bit of confusion, disorientation, anxiety and excitement and pleasure."

The Bureau of Unknown Destinations at Proteus Gowanus [543 Union St. at Nevins Street in Gowanus, (718) 243-1572]. Saturdays noon-5 pm. For info on psycho-geography kits, visit www.unknowndestinations.org.

— Juliet Linderman

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Brooklyn's orchestra teams up with a literary legend

Who said classical music can't have lyrics?

On March 4, the Brooklyn Philharmonic will team up with legendary wordsmith Phillip Lopate for a concert that will blend the orchestra's Brooklyn-inspired original score and Lopate's lyrical words — as well of those written by some of Brooklyn's most notable literary figures — to weave a musical tapestry that serves as something of a love letter to the borough.

"We're trying to re-imagine the orchestra as a connection point," said Alan Pierson, the recently anointed artistic director of the group, that's already performed with such antithetical figures such as the hip-hop artist Yasiin Bey, (AKA Mos Def) — the philharmonic's new artist-in-residence — in his short tenure. "In

addition to having its own tradition, the orchestra can be very versatile."

Brooklyn-born Lopate, who's penned works of poetry and fiction as well as essays and criticism, will read selections from some of the borough's emblematic texts — Walt Whitman's "Crossing Brooklyn Ferry;" Paul Auster's "The Brooklyn Follies," and his own recent essay, "Brooklyn the Unknowable" — to create a musical landscape that harks back to the Brooklyn of past, and embraces the Brooklyn of present, where artists like the Brooklyn Philharmonic are embracing the borough as the city's creative nucleus.

"It's important to accept that Brooklyn is a changing place, but there is still a lot that is characteristically 'Brooklyn' here," Lopate said in an exclusive interview. "Although



Famed scribe Phillip Lopate has written it all — poetry, novels, essays, criticism — but his collaboration with the Brooklyn Philharmonic will be a first for him.

Photo by Bryan Bruchman

now that Brooklyn is becoming more popular, it's going to have a hard time holding on to its beautiful losers mentality."

A changing borough has chang-

For four nights in March, the Brooklyn Lyceum will be transformed into an infamous coal mining town with a haunted past, thanks to Ugly Rhino Productions, a booze-infused theater company with a penchant for putting on weird shows with tailor-made cocktails to match.

"Centralia: A Nice Place to Live," which opens on March 2 and runs every Friday night for the following four weeks, traverses the lives of nine fictional characters from a real-life ghost town in Pennsylvania that caught fire more than 50 years ago and continues to burn. Throughout the evening, theater-goers will visit six different "houses," set up inside a warehouse space at the Brooklyn Lyceum, each of which occupied by a different character who will deliver an interactive monologue. Additionally, there will be six artisanal cocktails, meant to correspond to each scene and character, that audience members can redeem with tearable tickets printed in their programs.

"The space is this gorgeous raw space that sued to be an old bath house, and we felt like we wanted to do something industrial, about a coal mining town, about Americana, and we started researching," said Ugly Rhino Productions Artistic Director Nicole Rosner, who devised, researched, wrote and directed the production, along with her three partners. "The minute we started reading about it was so extremely fascinating. Mostly the fire and the displacement of everyone, and it wasn't until we visited Centralia that we understood a whole other side of the story."

The production is loosely based on a town situated on top of an anthracite coal vein called Big Buck Vein, that in 1962 caught fire. Because of a network of makeshift mines and holes in the earth, the fire was sucked underneath the ground, and to this day, continues to burn. The play will explore themes of eminent domain, social strife, environmental disaster, small-town ethos and the fire that tore a community apart — all while theater-goers get lightly toasted.

"We are all interested in the same things — a social environment surrounding performance, events that are all-encompassing in terms of theater, music, and a party "vibe," as well as high-quality theater that appeals to a broader audience," Rosner said. "People can go through the space at their own pace and in any order, and they'll be making connections. It's a choose your own adventure performance."

"Centralia: A Nice Place to Live," at the Brooklyn Lyceum [227 4th Ave. at President Street in Park Slope, (718) 857-4816]. March 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd, 8 pm. Tickets, \$25, includes six specialty cocktails. For info, visit www.unglyrhinonyc.com.

— Juliet Linderman

ing musical tastes, it seems: the Philharmonic will play music from homegrown composers like Aaron Copeland and George Gershwin, but classical is not the first genre of music that comes to mind with Brooklyn these days.

"I would think it would be something more like Salsa and Klezmer with some Blues thrown in," said Lopate.

The Brooklyn Philharmonic with Phillip Lopate: "Living in Brooklyn" at Brooklyn Heights Public Library [280 Cadman Plaza W. between Johnson and Tillary streets, (718) 623-7100] Mar. 1, 6:30 pm and a the Brooklyn Public Library Central Branch [10 Grand Army Plz. between Plaza Street East and Underhill Avenue (718) 230-2100] Mar. 4, 4 pm. For more info, visit www.bphil.org.

— Eli Rosenberg

BROOKLYN EATS

TAKE A BITE OUTTA THE BKLYN BRIDGE!

New Downtown sandwich shop serves up open-faced tributes to the borough's beloved national treasure

By Kate Briquetelet

Now's your chance to take a bite out of a national icon!

Maimonide of Brooklyn is dishing out open-faced odes to the Brooklyn Bridge in sandwich form — topping flatbread shaped like the monument's arches with kale, eggplant, horseradish and Moroccan spices.

Just don't call them pizzas. They're MOB's.

"It's been a trial to explain to people what it is," said chef Neal Harden, referring to the whole-wheat mosaics named after the restaurant's initials. "We're constantly tinkering with the menu to make it more interesting."

The Atlantic Avenue vegetarian spot offers an intrepid slew of architectural gluten, including the Iron Man, a blend of shiitake, sautéed kale and horseradish aioli; and the Brave Heart, a bold cocktail of sun-dried tomato, caper and parsley pesto and portobello mushroom.

There's also the Belly Charmer, an arch of eggplant,

zucchini, carrot, pistachio, mint and cilantro.

French hotelier Cyril Aouizerate is the mastermind behind these finger-food delicacies. He created his casual-chic boite in honor of medieval philosopher, Maimonides, who argued that God preferred people to adopt plant-based diets.

Aouizerate, who spends half his time in Paris, decked his cozy enclave with large wooden communal tables, a bright yellow wall with a flag of red, white and blue tiles, and a spot up front for a soulful deejay.

Waiters serve the MOB's, cut into three pieces, on Paris-made silver platters with indents perfectly shaped for the breaded curvature.

"People think it's a novelty," said Joseph Santiago, who works at Maimonide. "They're overwhelmed by the space itself and then you see the food. It's humble — something that's so authentically Brooklyn."

Maimonide of Brooklyn [525 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (718) 797-2555]. For info, visit www.mob-usa.com.



Joseph Santiago shows off the Iron Man and Belly Charmer — two of Maimonide of Brooklyn's open-faced odes to the Brooklyn Bridge. Photo by Bryan Bruchman

RESTAURANT GOSSIP

BY SARAH ZORN

Heard the latest gossip? The second time may not have been a charm in Bay Ridge and Park Slope, but Williamsburg fares extra-well this week with chicken, crack pie, and a building full of edible businesses.

On ice?: There's something funky going on with Hinsch's — the 63-year-old Bay Ridge luncheonette, ice cream parlor and candy shop that unceremoniously closed then unexpectedly reopened again in the span of one month. Grub Street reports that it's on the market again — with realtors asking \$195,000 key money for the \$9,000 lease — although the sources we contacted at the very much open restaurant insist it's not true. Dairy drama!

Got milk: Great news for anyone unwilling to change out of their jammies to satiate a craving for compost cookies and crack pie! The Williamsburg branch of Momofuku Milk Bar now delivers everything from pork buns (all of the fixings come in separate containers), to shakes (cereal milk, banana split and pretzel), to meal deals and party packs (the \$20 Bridgette Jones lets you drown your sorrows in six cookies and six beers, the \$32 Date Night invites you to split two pork or veggie buns, two slices of crack pie, and six beers with your sweetie). Beats the pants off of a midnight bodega raid of Diet Pepsi and Slim Jims.



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'Till' then: Rest assured, rabid supporters of Tillie's (the beloved, recently shuttered Fort Greene coffeeshop) — the bar and café about to take its place "won't be corporate and it won't be wanker." Thus quoted a certain former Brooklyn Paper editor in his interview with Dominic Tracy — the Aussie owner of the as-yet-unnamed eatery — who promises to "look after the neighborhood" by "not serving takeaway food or coffee before 5pm."

Mix nixed: Talk about a quick turnover! We'd like to say we're surprised to hear that Mix — the half-hearted small plates redux of Park Slope's Mexicali eatery Barrio — has closed after barely one month, but... (clears throat). Here's Park Slope reveals that Casa Ventura — a presumably Spanish spot (hopefully not the small bites kind), is setting up shop on the spacious Seventh Avenue corner.

Funky chicken: Feather Factory is flying into a vacated Park Avenue Luncheonette at 334 Driggs Ave. Get ready, mother pluckers — Williamsburg's first rotisserie chicken joint should be ready to spread its wings come spring.

Lake effect: It's not all good times and crack pie in Williamsburg this week — Eater reports that the well-liked restaurant Masten Lake has closed after only seven months in business. Some readers attribute the shutter to "overpriced, pretentious food," some on the media — giving the lion's share of coverage to nearby neighbor Meatball Shop. Are we to blame for Masten Lake's demise? Discuss.



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Bay Ridge company is community theater at its best

By Camille Sperrazza

Give your regards to Broadway — and say hello to Narrows Community Theater.

Whether you've been dreaming of your own stage debut, or you just appreciate live performances, the Narrows Community Theater is Brooklyn's little shop of artists.



Narrows Community Theater actors Micah Parker and Ashley Harris rehearse for the company's production of "The Unexpected Guest."

The group has been bringing affordable plays to Bay Ridge for 40 years, and doing it all without a stage to call its own. Yet, somehow, the community has always managed to find a space for the company to perform at twice a year, and, more recently, to produce about four or five productions per year, says Ann Gubiotti, board member of the organization.

It has currently partnered with the Fort Hamilton Army Base, where it has been staging its musicals and plays, thanks to Col. Michael Gould, says Gubiotti.

"When he came aboard two years ago, he opened the theater to us," she says.

St. Patrick's Church on Fourth Avenue has also been "wonderful," she says, and it is here that the group will perform its latest production, Agatha Christie's "The Unexpected Guest."

Many of the people who come to the shows have been doing so for years.

"We have a built-in loyal audience who either live or work in the Bay Ridge area," says Gubiotti. "A large portion of the audience is comprised of seniors, and we are happy to provide quality entertainment at a reasonable price."

Of course, the organization welcomes those who have not seen a performance to join the fun, too. And you won't want to miss the chance to see the performers, who are "semi-professionals," says Gubiotti.

"Many have worked off-Broadway, have appeared in commercials, or have had small parts on television shows," she says. But there are others, like Gubiotti, who never acted before joining Narrows Community Theater. "I sang in a local choir; that's all. Ten years ago, I auditioned for a small part in one of the plays, and received on-the-job training."

The lullaby of the stage has lured a few. Three years ago, the organization set up a table at a Brooklyn Cyclone's game and raffled off a walk-on part in the production of "Damn Yankees," says Gubiotti.



The company has been bringing affordable theater to Bay Ridge for nearly 40 years.

"The person who won has been with us since then."

And you don't have to be an actor or actress to be part of the group.

"There are lots of jobs in background work," says Gubiotti, pointing out the importance of props and costumes.

Several members have been around since the organization's inception. Another, Dawn Barry Hansen, is the daughter of one of the original founders. It was Dawn's mother, Maureen Barry, together with David Forsyth, Jim Moakler, and Tony Micari, who started the community theater in 1971. Forsyth served as the first president.

Recently, the organization expanded to allow children to express their creativity. During the summer, children and teenagers are involved in performances, says Gubiotti, introducing them to

a whole new world of acting technique, dance, team work, and the "business of show business."

Those who yearn to be on stage, or behind the scenes, should come to one of the monthly meetings.

"Help us decide what show to put on next," she says.

"The Unexpected Guest" at St. Patrick's Church [9511 Fourth Ave. between 97th and 96th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 482-3173] March 2 and 3 at 8 pm, March 4 at 3 pm. \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, students, and those under 21.

Narrows Community Theater meetings at Shore Hill Community Room [9000 Shore Rd. at 91st Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 482-3173] First Thursday of every month. Call ahead to confirm attendance. For more, visit www.nctheaterny.com.

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● 'I didn't want to just hear about it, I wanted to become a part of that history.'

— Boys and Girls senior Robert Rhodes

● 'It's really cool knowing that I stepped up.'

— Kearney senior Allison Gasparino

Railsplitters fall to St. Anthony, 51-45

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

The Lincoln Railsplitters were back in top form last week, but they still weren't able to best St. Anthony, who beat the Coney Island squad 51-45.

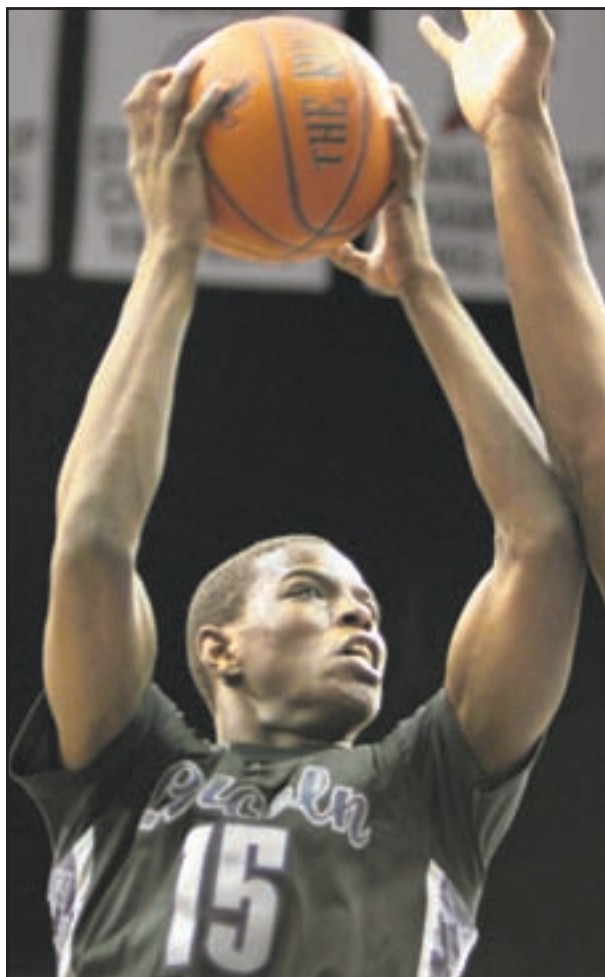
Displaying poise, fight, and defensive prowess, the Railsplitters nearly upset the undefeated St. Anthony at the Jersey City Recreational Center.

The St. Anthony Friars, ranked No. 3 in the country by USA Today, held off Lincoln's furious late rally — extending its unbeaten streak to an incredible 56 games.

The Coney Island dynamo, meanwhile, has now lost five of six, though the Railsplitters (17-8) left the center a confident bunch — confident that the team will be healthy and effective for the upcoming Public School Athletic League Class AA playoffs and assuring fans that they will be able to beat anyone if they can reproduce Tuesday's all-encompassing performance.

"It was probably our best game," Lincoln coach Dwayne "Tiny" Morton said. "We completed every play, especially in the second half. It's confidence for the kids. They feel they can play with any team in the country. It's a loss, but it's not a loss to end our season."

Ethan Telfair had 11 points and eight assists for Lincoln, Tafari Whittingham followed with 10 points, and Travis Charles had seven. Jerome Frink paced St. Anthony with 14 points and Josh Brown and Kyle Anderson, the Uni-



GIVING HIS ALL: Lincoln's Isaiah Whitehead had five points and six rebounds in his first game after a left ankle injury.

Photo by An Rong Xu

versity of California Los Angeles recruit, tallied 10 apiece.

In his return from a three-game absence because of a sprained left ankle, Whitehead scored five points and grabbed six rebounds. He lacked his usual explosion off the dribble and lift on his jump shot. But he said his ankle felt fine for the most part, aside

from the expected "aches" he anticipated.

"It got much better since the Boys and Girls game," he said, referring to the game he sustained the injury. "I was curious how it would feel running up and down the court, guarding people."

St. Anthony was in control much of the way. It led 29-19 at halftime and by as

much as 37-23 early in the fourth quarter. Lincoln never lost its focus, especially on the defensive end, and began chipping away at the lead. Telfair, the junior point guard, created havoc with his dribble penetration and spearheaded a 10-1 run with five points and two assists. His drive and dish to Whittingham brought the Railsplitters within 47-45 with 38 seconds remaining.

"He played a wonderful game today," Morton said. "He controlled the game."

The Friars responded with four free throws down the stretch, Telfair was tied up on a drive into the lane and Rakim Lesane missed a 3-pointer, sealing the loss.

It was Telfair's finest performance since mid-December when he emerged in a pair of league victories over South Shore and Thomas Jefferson with Whitehead inactive. The two were together last Tuesday and Whitehead settled into the background as Telfair nearly led the comeback.

"Ethan took over the show," Whitehead said. "I didn't want to interfere with him."

The Railsplitters left the Garden State with a hop in their step, disappointed with the loss but proud of how they performed on a big stage.

"We stayed focused, we stayed together," Telfair said. "When we were down 14, we came back. We didn't get down. It shows we're a tough team when we're together mentally. If we play like this, we can be the best team in the city."



CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT: Boys and Girls HS's track team celebrates its first city title since 1998. Photo by William Thomas

Boys & Girls HS wins track crown

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Boys and Girls High School Kangaroos leapt ahead of the competition on Saturday, taking the Boys Indoor Track Championship — even as a national record holder in the 600 and 500 meter race was breathing down a Kangaroo's neck.

Boys and Girls senior Robert Rhodes said he could feel racing phenom Strymar Livingston trying to push past him on multiple occasions during the 1000 meter race.

"I wasn't going to let him by," Rhodes said.

Livingston made his first move down the back straightway, but Rhodes maintained the lead. He went again in the straightaway and appeared to take a slight lead with 50 meters to go, but Rhodes was able to fight him off. Livingston had already won the 600 meter race in a time of 1:17.99, despite not warming up properly.

"He doesn't have the record for no reason," Rhodes said. "I just tried my best to hold him off. In the last lap, I was scared. I knew he was going to

come, but I wasn't letting it happen."

Added Livingston: "I know I was going to get pushed. The six took a lot out of me."

Rhodes won the race in two minutes and 30.76 seconds Livingston was second in two minutes and 30.83 seconds — a few 10ths of a second that helped the Kangaroos earn their first city title since 1998. Boys and Girls tallied 69 points and DeWitt Clinton was second with 30 points. Truman placed third with 28 points.

Kangaroos coach Amateka Morgan called his team a great group of young men.

"It's so emotional for me personally," Rhodes said. "I've been here for four years and I know the history of this school. To hear about all the things that people did that were so great, I didn't just want to hear about it. I wanted to become a part of that history."

Rhodes was also a member of the relay that won with teammates Dar-

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Nazareth wins for coach

Kingsmen beat Christ the King 68-58 in make-up game

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI
Nazareth dished out some payback that was months in the making.

The Lady Kingsmen defeated the Christ the King Royals 68-58 on Feb. 21 as they made good on a promise that they would make up a game cancelled following beloved coach Apache Paschall's death.

Junior guard Sadie Edwards, wearing socks that said "I Love Haters," certainly did her part by turning in one of her best performances of the season. She poured in 21 of her 28 points in the first half and might have had more had she not gotten into foul trouble in the third quarter. When Christ the King got within eight with less than three minutes to play in the game she converted a layup in transition and hit her third 3-pointer of the night to seal the win.

"When she is aggressive offensively and defensively it only makes us that much better," Nazareth co-coach Lauren Best said of Edwards.

In the days following Paschall's death on Jan. 3, the administrations of both Christ the King and Bishop Ford declined to play games against the Lady Kingsmen. Both presidents said it was too soon and Christ the King was under the assumption Paschall would be buried the day of its game with Nazareth.

Bishop Ford was scheduled to play Nazareth on Jan. 5 and Christ the King's game was to be Jan. 7, which was slated to be part of Nazareth's Homecoming.

Players, coaches and administrators at Nazareth all wanted the games to go on, feeling like that is what Paschall wanted. Grief counselors at the school said it would even be good therapy for the girls to get back on the court. The two teams have met Nazareth since and the nationally ranked Lady Kingsmen won both in blowout fashion, saying they were mo-



DOING IT FOR APACHE: Nazareth's Sadie Edwards scored 28 points in a win over Christ the King. Photo by Denis Gostev

tivated by a show of disrespect.
Make up games were ordered, and Nazareth fell to Bishop Ford on Feb. 18 — setting the fire in their bellies needed to take Christ the King on.
Nazareth began last Tuesday's game on to a 14-2 run, capped by consecutive Edwards treys. Christ the King didn't have

a field goal until a Calhoun jumper with 1:30 left in the first quarter. The Royals inched within six in the second quarter, trailed by 11 at the half and got within 59-51 with 3:08 left in the game thanks to six straight points from Calhoun.
Christ the King coach Bob Mackey felt his team showed growing maturity by continuing to battle and

credited Nazareth with making big shots down the stretch.
"We would come down and shoot ourselves in the foot," he said. "We would turn the ball over at the most inopportune time. It's going to be a fun tape to watch. I think we could have been completely blown out of the park, but we kept coming back."

Kearney player breathing easy

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI
Bishop Kearney hoops star Allison Gasparino wasn't going to let a little thing like asthma get her down.

It had been a problem in the past for the senior guard, limiting her to three and four-minute spurts. But new medication resolved that issue, created a new one for opponents, and led her to be named New York City's top girls basketball breakout player in a recent NY-Post.com poll.

Bishop Kearney coach Rocco Sellitto knew Gasparino was going to be a contributor on the court this season. He just didn't know how much and for how long.

"When [the asthma] disappeared it was, alright let's see what happens," Sellitto said. "On top of the fact that she was able to give us some minutes, she has given us quality minutes."

Gasparino's play has been a pleasant and much needed surprise for the Bishop Kearney Tigers this season. A bench player a year ago, she is the team's leading scorer on most nights. Even in games where her scoring numbers aren't high, her defense and rebounding have been invaluable. She poured in 22 points and grabbed eight rebounds in a loss to St. Joseph Hill and 13 points and six boards to help Kearney beat Petrides.

"I get nervous a lot, but it's really nice knowing that I am able to step up and do it for the team," Gasparino said.

It's for that reason she was voted New York City's top girls basketball breakout player in last week's poll. Gasparino tallied 11,993 votes — good enough for 36.33 percent of the votes cast. She said her mom kept telling her to make sure people were voting and that her family in Amityville was actively giving her support. Gasparino, who finished second in the best non-AA player



TOP SHOT: Allison Gasparino of Bishop Kearney was voted New York City's top breakout girls basketball player. Photo by Robert Cole

poll earlier this year, pushed by Rachel Lander late. The Horace Mann forward earned 10,708 votes or 32.44 percent. St. Francis Prep guard Veronica Ganzi was third with 6,875 votes and 20.83 percent.

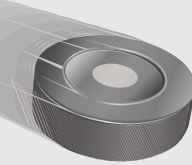
"I was really excited," Gasparino said of winning. "I was at my friend's house and my mom called me and told me I won. I was pretty much with my whole team at the time. They were all really excited for me."

Kearney ended the regular season 13-10 and 10-2 in its first season in Catholic High School Athletic Association Brooklyn/Queens Division II. The Tigers won the regular-season title and will be the top seed when the playoffs start next week. Gasparino talked about her and her team possibly making a push for a diocesan and eventually a Catholic High School Athletic Association Class B state title and a trip to Albany.

"We really hope that we are able to make it that far," she said.

The usually reserved Gasparino was an unlikely leader. Sellitto believes she already had the respect of her teammates because of how hard she worked. Her breakout season has only allowed them to rally around her even more.

"I'm kind of used to it now," Gasparino said. "It's really cool knowing that I stepped up this year."



Aviators are soaring into the playoffs

The embattled Brooklyn scrappers win three straight, move into fourth place

BY COLIN MIXSON

The Brooklyn Aviators fought their way to a fourth place perch in the Federal Hockey League on Sunday by literally beating the Danville Dashers during a bloody 4-2 slug-fest in Illinois.

Overall, it was a winning week for the A's — starting with the annihilation of the Akwesasne warriors last Thursday.

The Brooklyn Aviators destroyed the hated Warriors, slapping home an impressive 7-1 victory against the Canadian ice cutters at the Hangar.

Brooklyn's rousing triumph brought an end to the team's woe-ful four-game losing skid: the A's fell to the Danbury Whalers on Feb. 10 before suffering three defeats last week — twice at the hands of Akwesasne and once to the New Jersey Outlaws.

The week's two remaining matches saw Brooklyn hobble the prancing Dashers from Danville — the lowest ranked team in the Federal Hockey League.

Brooklyn ran roughshod over the Dashers on Saturday, earning an easy 8-3 victory in Illinois.

Sunday's match was more of a street fight than a hockey game, although — between dodging punches — the A's managed to knock in a few goals to earn a 4-2 win in Illinois.

Two fights broke out seven minutes into the first frame on Sunday, only to be followed by an

out-and-out brawl five minutes before the final buzzer between four Aviators and four Dashers.

Aviators coach Bob Miller said the fisticuffs was about payback — with a bit of theatrics sprinkled in.

"The fight was a carry over from Saturday's match that got heated up on Sunday," Miller explained. "It was frustration on [the Dashers] part, but it was also their last home game. They wanted to put on a bit of a show and one of our guys fell into the trap."

The back-to-back victories elevates the A's to the Federal Hockey League's fourth-ranked spot, which, ironically, was held by the Warriors, who stole the revered Commissioner Cup from the Aviators during last year's playoffs

Hopefully, the A's will fly into this weekend — the final round of regular season matches — with high spirits. If the Aviators can sweep the field and win all four games, they have the chance to move up to the third spot in Federal Hockey League standings, which would net them the home field advantage going into the playoffs, according to Miller. "We've beaten every team in the league," said Miller. "We can play everybody and we play them tight. You never know, the playoff series is only a couple of games."

The Brooklyn Aviators will



FIGHTING THEIR WAY TO THE PLAYOFFS:The Brooklyn Aviators schooled the Danville Dashers — twice — last week, the second victory coming amid a series of fights instigated by the prancing Dashers, who were fed up after losing their last two home games to the A's.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

return to the Aviator Sports and Events Center [3159 Flatbush Ave. in Floyd Bennett Field in Marine

Park, (718) 758-7580] on March 2 to battle the Danbury Whalers. Tickets are \$12 (\$10 for seniors

and children under 14) For more info, visit www.BrooklynAviators.com.

Track

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ryl Williams Jr., Javaun Grant and Richard Rose in eight minutes and 12.43 seconds. The freshman Rose, on his birthday, was also a member of the first-place squad that included Joel Johnson, Curtley Renwick and Neborth Wickham that won in three minutes and 23.83 seconds. Teammates Kerwyn Sutton, Grant, Williams Jr., and Rhodes were

second in three minutes and 25.35 seconds.

Rose was second in the 600 in one minute and 20.97 seconds, a time believed to be close to the freshman national record.

"Just the fact that they are happy, I'm good," Rose said of his seniors. "I've got three more years of this. Next year we are doing it again."

But Dellon Peters will not celebrate like this again. After finishing the 55-meter dash he ran

across the other competitors with his arms in an X and then raised them in what he thought was a victory. Yet it was Tyquan Dukes of Erasmus Hall that actually got to enjoy a win in a time of 6.49 seconds on a lean. Peters was second in 6.50 seconds. It was Dukes' first race in nearly two months after not practicing because of shin splints and a hamstring injury.

"I knew I was going to win, I just had to get out

good and pump," Dukes said. "I knew I passed him, so it's cool."

Midwood's Andy Nicholas was overjoyed with his 300-meter win in a personal best time of 34.23 seconds, holding off Truman's Jason Tomlinson (34.23 seconds). Transit Tech's Andre Hewitt was the 55 hurdles champ in 7.61 seconds and Stuyvesant's Konrad Surkont took home the 1600-meter crown in four minutes and 19.19 seconds on his

birthday. Teammate Jack Stevenson surged late and was the 3200 champ with a time of nine minutes and 32.78 seconds and earned his first-ever berth at the state championships.

"I feel like I have been falling in Konrad's footsteps for a while and I would like to keep doing it," Stevenson said.

Ackeeem Lawrence, South Shore's anchor leg, allowed his squad of Kevin Morency, Chris Lewis, and Alexandre Candio hold off

Truman to win the 4-by-200 relay in one minute and 31.36 seconds.

Susan Wagner's Benjamin Ezike was the star of the field events, winning the long jump with a leap of 23 feet, 3 inches and the triple jump. Michael Hall Jr. of Truman as the high jump champ in 6-02 and was second in the long jump. Jevon Prince of Jefferson took home the shot put crown (52-05.50) and Jeremy Jones of McKee Tech won the pole vault.

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•Is now the right time? Those going back to school because they think it might provide better job prospects or yield higher salaries could be mistaken. Many employers are cutting continuing-education grants and scaling back on hires with advanced degrees. That's because companies are feeling the heat of the recession as well. Advanced degrees generally mean having to pay an employee a higher salary, something many companies are not in a position to do right now. Therefore, an advanced degree might prove a hindrance in today's job market and not become the financial windfall some students expect. If this is the case, delaying an advanced degree for a few years may be a more financially sound idea.

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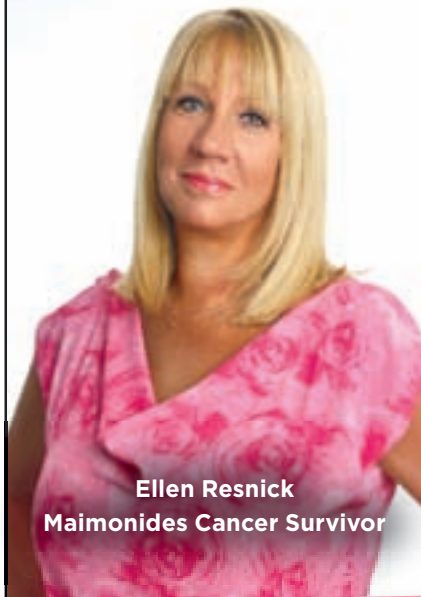
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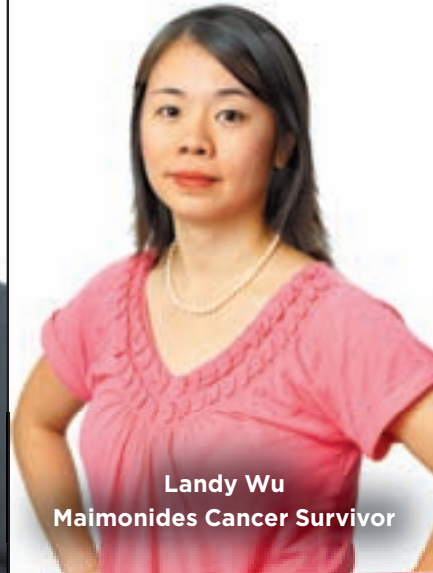
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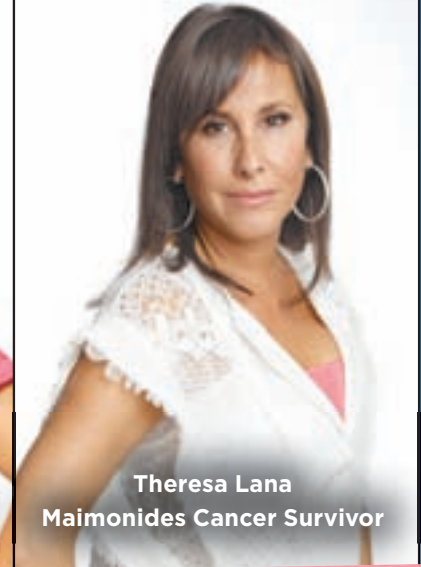
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