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Water bill tsunami sinks boro

BY ELI ROSENBERG

The city's new water meter readers are drowning the borough in undeserved bills, say angry Brooklynites who are now paying as much as eight times more for water than they did before.

The Bloomberg administration is slowly installing the automated devices, which read and transmit information to the city about water usage, across the five boroughs in a \$252-million program launched in 2009 that was slated to save residents and businesses \$90 million thanks to improved accuracy.

But residents say the new meter readers are causing their savings to go down the drain.

"I've been frustrated by it and I'm waiting for something to get
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Giggling at Giglio

Mark Mascioli lifts his nine-month-old son Gino at the Feast of the Giglio in Williamsburg on July 8 – an historic procession honoring St. Paulinus that has passed through the neighborhood for 125 years.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

ANCHOR AWAY IN DUMBO

City to make street car-free

BY ALFRED NG

DUMBO merchants and city officials want to close the tiny street of Anchorage Place to cars and expand a pedestrian plaza — creating a walker's paradise at the foot of the Manhattan Bridge.

The short street would be closed to automotive traffic under a plan

drafted by the DUMBO Business Improvement District and the Department of Transportation that would convert the roadway into an extension of the Pearl Street Triangle that connects to the pedestrian-only Manhattan Bridge archway.

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Thomas is a tank

'Black Widow' sets Coney hot dog record

BY ALFRED NG

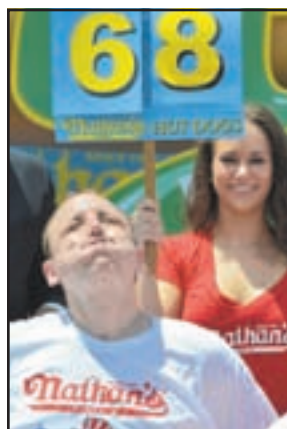
"The Black Widow" could not be squashed.

Legendary competitive eater Sonya Thomas smashed the female world record at the Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog Eating Competition with 45 HDBs (hot dogs and buns), giving the famed athlete her second-straight Coney Island women's victory.

"I'm going to be 45, and I wanted to eat my age," Thomas said.

The Virginia resident and Burger King manager bested the 40 HDBs she put away in the first-ever women's only Nathan's contest last year, and the previous women's world record of 41 HDBs she set competing against men in 2009.

Juliet Lee devoured 33 HDBs, enough processed meat to earn her a second-place finish, while Michelle Lesco snagged third with 25.5 HDBs.



LOCKJAWS: Joey "Jaws" Chestnut couldn't beat his record of 68 hot dogs and buns.

On the men's side, Joey "Jaws" Chestnut won his sixth-straight Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog Eating Championship—and he left the contest hungry.

The 28-year-old mandible from California matched his Coney Island record of 68 HDBs in the July 4 exhi-

bition of professional glut-tony, but moments after the feeding frenzy ended, he said he wished he had put away 70 HDBs.

"It's a real bummer that I couldn't break my record, but it shows I can match my best," the eater said.

Chestnut, the overwhelming favorite, broke away about three minutes into the 10-minute contest, building his lead and keeping up a steady pace until the last eight seconds, when he crammed four entire hot dogs into his mouth.

Popular contender Tim "Eater X" Janus earned his second-ever second place finish at Nathan's, putting away 52.25 HDBs. Pat "Deep Dish" Bertoletti guzzled down 51 HDBs for third, and first-timer Matt Stonie, who, like Chestnut hails from San Jose, Calif., came in fourth with an impressive 46 HDBs.

Thousands of eating



EAT FEATS: Sonya "The Black Widow" Thomas broke the female hot dog record and won her second women's belt at the July 4 eating contest. Photos by Paul Martinka

fans gathered on Surf Avenue to watch the display of manducation, but competitive eating experts are already looking forward to next year — because that's when Chestnut will truly have a chance to make hot dog history.

The eater's sixth straight Nathan's victory ties the streak set by his longtime rival Takeru Kobayashi — who in separate exhibition hours later put away 58.5 HDBs.

A seventh consecutive victory at Nathan's would be a first for the famed contest.

Kobayashi was considered by many to be unbeatable until Chestnut took the Mustard Belt in a surprise victory in 2007. They ate at the same table until 2010, when Kobayashi bailed out of the Nathan's contest citing a contract dispute and was arrested when he rushed the stage after the competition ended.



RECOUNT: Takeru Kobayashi thought he ate 68.5 HDBs (hot dogs and buns) in a July 4 contest — but officials quietly changed the total to 58.5 HDBs afterward.

CNG / Moses Jefferson

Kobayashi gets smaller portion

BY ALFRED NG

Talk about a disappointing meal.

Hot dog eating legend Takeru Kobayashi chewed his way into controversy again on July 4 when record-keepers at a first-ever Bushwick frankfurter fest announced he devoured 68.5 HDBs (hot dogs and buns) — barely besting Joey "Jaws" Chestnut's 68 HDBs at the much larger Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog Eating Competition in Coney Island — then

quietly reduced the Japanese athlete's number to 58.5 HDBs.

Authorities from the archive of human achievement RecordSetter.com admitted they made a major miscount at Kobayashi's event, held at the pizzeria Roberta's and sponsored by the hip hot dog shop Crif Dogs.

"Upon extensive video review ... hot dog count has been revised to 58.5," the organization posted on Twitter, explaining that the discrepancy came

after officials miscalculated the number of plates Kobayashi had conquered.

The news must have come as a disappointment to Kobayashi, who destroyed his rivals in the Crif Dogs Classic, but initially looked disappointed when officials ruled that he had consumed 68 HDBs during the 10-minute contest — tying his bitter rival Chestnut's Coney Island number.

That is until Kobayashi-backer Maggie James consulted with Re-

cordSetter founder Dan Rollman on stage and officials updated his score to 68.5 HDBs — giving the six-time Nathan's champ a slight edge over his rival from San Jose, Calif.

After getting that extra half-dog, Kobayashi leapt on the table, flexed his muscles, and pulled up his shirt to show his bulging belly.

But his excitement was short-lived — RecordSetter corrected the count about three hours later.

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Where's the water in Prospect Park?

Somewhere beneath this invasive species, which experts say could harm wildlife

BY NATALIE O'NEILL

An invasive pond fern has taken over the Prospect Park lake, and nature lovers fear the verdant gunk will choke out aquatic life and make turtles blind.

A rapidly growing species called azolla caroliniana has formed a sprawling green and red sheen on the surface of the lake by the boathouse in the past few weeks — potentially hogging oxygen and blocking sunlight, according to Cornell University's Chuck O'Neill.

"It has a tendency to crowd out other plants and cause mortality in fish," said O'Neill, who specializes in the study of invasive species. "It's a nuisance."

The researcher says contaminated fishing or boating equipment could have also triggered the bloom, which first made waves last year but returned this summer in greater volume.

That worries park watchdogs, who have long claimed the gunk scares away waterfowl, blinds turtles, and sickens mammals.

"It's a serious problem; it can kill aquatic wildlife in the watercourse," said park advocate Ed Bahlman.

A warm spring season likely triggered excessive amounts of the fern,



CRIMSON (AND GREEN) TIDE: Prospect Park's lake is coated in a thick layer of aquatic foliage called azolla caroliniana (left), which nature lovers say harms the delicate ecosystem, makes it difficult for turtles (top) to see, and frightens waterfowl (above).

Photos by Bryan Bruchman

which has spread rapidly in the past three months and is "relatively new" to Prospect Park altogether, according to taxonomists with the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and the New York Botanical Garden who tested the water after the stuff coated the lake last fall and determined it was "azolla bloom."

Dubbed water velvet and mosquito plant, the new strand aquatic life is the "Jekyll & Hyde" of water weeds — serving as a crop-boosting miracle plant as well as an oxygen-sucking ecosystem invader, according to some experts.

The fern, which is considered "the best adapted of all species for subsistence on mud," can help balance nitrogen levels in waterways. And when it's combined with other strands of algae, it can make plants and crops more fertile, researchers say.

A Prospect Park Alliance spokesman, Paul Nelson, sent this paper a link to the agency's website stating that the green and red gunk is not toxic and that scientists will continue to monitor it.

"We expect and hope that, being a native species, [it] will not have harmful consequences for our ecosystem," the website notes. "That being said, we are watching closely."

Bar hosts 'last call' for soon-to-be-renovated rival

BY DANIEL SOLOMON

A Prohibition-era dive bar that got booted to make room for the Atlantic Yards mega-project will toast a rival pub that's at risk of losing its old-timey charm as it undergoes a makeover to prep for Barclays Center crowds.

Donald O'Finn, the owner of the newly relocated Freddy's Bar, is organizing a "last call" for O'Connor's, a Fifth Avenue Irish pub in the midst of a major renovation its owner has said will "modernize it a bit."

He says the July 11 shindig, which starts at 8 pm and goes until closing time, will be a chance for regulars and former employees of O'Connor's to celebrate the bar's past iteration now that it's shuttered for rehab work in the months before the Brooklyn Nets play their first home game just blocks away.

"You do a last call," said O'Finn, who once worked as a bartender at O'Connor's before finding a gig at Freddy's. "I was sad that I didn't get to say goodbye."

For decades, Freddy's and O'Connor's were famously feuding watering holes, O'Finn said. They competed to see which could stay open the latest, and their patrons would square off in an annual softball game in Prospect Park. Sometimes tchotchkes from one bar would mysteriously find their way to the other.

Now, both establishments share a history of being shaken up by the Atlantic Yards development.

After years of protesting the project by boycotting Brooklyn Lager, which will be served at the stadium, building mock guillotines for rallies, and wearing large masks lampooning



CHEERS: O'Connor's regular Dan Myers (above) isn't happy his favorite bar is getting a makeover just before the Barclays Center opens nearby — and neither is Freddy's bar owner Donald O'Finn (right), who will toast the rival pub on July 11.

File photos



development supporters, the folks behind Freddy's reached an agreement with arena developer Forest City Ratner to move from their Sixth Avenue building to a new location in the South Slope — one equipped with

the same chains beneath the bar designed so pub patrons could lock themselves to their beloved watering hole to prevent its demolition.

When O'Connor's reopens in September — just in time for the Nets' first season in

Brooklyn — it will have an expanded backroom, a space for parties, and a second-floor restaurant, prompting worries from regulars that the old-man-bar will abandon its traditional clientele in favor of sports fans.

"The only word I can come up with today is 'sad,'" said Dan Meyers, editor of Here's Park Slope and an O'Connor's regular. "It was my favorite bar in the city."

O'Connor's owner Michael Maher told this newspaper last March that the renovations will make the pub three times larger and one story taller — and bring draft beer to the bar for the first time ever — but they won't compromise its feel.

"We're trying to keep the old look, but modernize it a bit," he said, promising to keep the bar's old furniture and hours of operation.

Maher could not be reached for comment. For O'Finn, the changes reflect the broader changes in the neighborhood.

"It no longer has that old-school Brooklyn feel," O'Finn said. "Something has been lost."

Professor of pedaling

Adult cycling instructor teaches grown-ups to bike

BY NATALIE O'NEILL

They say you never forget how to ride a bike, unless you never learned in the first place.

That's where Eddie Carmona — the borough's only adult-focused "independent cycling instructor" — comes in.

With Prospect Park as his training ground, the bike mechanic-cum-cycling guru has taught dozens of grown-ups (so far, all of them women) to let go of their fears and grab onto the handlebars over the past five years.

Part coach, part accidental therapist, part professor of the street, Carmona uses a combination of old-fashioned pep talks, intuition and mind tricks to help his students overcome their fear of failure and embarrassment — concerns that only grow bigger with age.

"Kids are easy but it's really mental for adults — they have a lot of fear," said Carmona. "So I work on the mind first."

Carmona said he often focuses on overcoming bike-related child-

hood scars, both literal and figurative.

In one case, a woman was desperate to learn to bike so she could keep up with her outdoorsy husband. She was in great shape physically, but her memories of learning to ride were semi-traumatic because of an incident with her dad as a kid.

"He didn't have the patience," Carmona said. "He told her she'd never learn, to give up and buy a car."

So Carmona took the opposite approach: he worked with her, persistently, once a week for six months — first focusing balancing, then riding short distances, and eventually cruising around the length of the entire 3.35-mile Prospect Park roadway, he said.

According to researchers, only three percent of Americans say the main reason they don't regularly ride bicycles in the summer is because they don't know how — and in cycling-obsessed Brooklyn, finding an adult who can't ride is like finding a two-headed

bike helmet.

One of Carmona's clients had managed to make it through living in the borough without biking, but she didn't want to be the only two-wheel challenged girl in her college town.

Problem was, she had long ago smashed into a fence while learning to ride, wounding her face and her confidence.

To bust through those memories, Carmona pumped her full of positive reinforcement.

"You control the bike! You are the bike's brain!" he'd shout — and her fear faded.

Most of his students, who pay \$25 per hour, prefer to learn on low-riding bikes, such as fold-ups or BMXs, before moving to taller ones.

Carmona never uses training wheels, nor does he try the "I won't let go" trick — used by sneaky parents around the world — saying instead that he prefers to let students find their own sense of gravity.

But he does use mind games



RIDING RIGHT: Eddie Carmona has carved a niche for himself teaching adults in Brooklyn how to ride bicycles.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

to help students forget they're scared.

"I'll say, 'Tell me about your husband.' They start talking and all of a sudden they've ridden around the park and they don't even realize it," said Carmona, who works part-time Dixon's Bicy-

cle Shop, has the word "Brooklyn" tattooed on his upper arm, and is prone to passionate rants about obeying road rules.

Carmona has no website or storefront and relies instead on word of mouth and a stack of busi-
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Gowanus designer makes cheap spacesuit

BY ELI ROSENBERG

A theatrical costume designer and a former Russian space program employee are aiming for the stars by building low-cost spacesuits that they hope will best NASA's current design.

Ted Southern and Nikolay Moiseev have constructed two prototype spacesuits in their Gowanus studio and they're currently working on a third that's ready to go into orbit — but before they can blast off, they need your help.

In search of funding, the duo has cast aside the secrecy of the space-race-era by using a more contemporary approach to fund-raising: Kickstarter.com.

"Not that many people are making spacesuits — and those who are, are very secretive about it," said Southern, a Park Slope resident with a background as a costume engineer for Broadway shows like "The Little Mermaid" and "Equus." "They're worried about people stealing ideas. Kickstarter is open-sourced, but that's a risk we're taking — we wanted to be a part of the community and not hide."

Southern, who won

\$100,000 from NASA in 2009 for designing an astronaut glove, and Moiseev, who worked for the Russian Federal Space Agency for about two decades and recently relocated from Moscow, are perfecting a form of outer-space garb called an intra-vehicular activity suit.

Dubbed IVA suits (one must love acronyms to love space), the orange getups are what astronauts wear while inside the shuttle.

The safety suits, which were adopted after the Challenger disaster, can be pressurized in the event of an emergency — but the current design is in need of a makeover, according to Southern.

"The old NASA suits are heavy and expensive and don't work that well," he said. "We see an opportunity in this field."

NASA's IVA suits cost around \$250,000. The duo, who are working under the name Final Frontier Designs, hope theirs will go for about a fifth of that figure.

And the savings won't stop there, Southern says.

"Our suit weighs under 15 pounds, while the current NASA suit is about 30 pounds — which in a flight

of a bunch of people could add up to over \$500,000 savings in terms of fuel," he said.

The Final Frontier Designs suit will be suitable for travel into the upper limits of the low Earth orbit, somewhere around 1,200 miles into the heavens.

Southern and Moiseev are banking on an anticipated boom in the next few years in the commercial spaceflight industry, where such suits will be mandated.

Eager outer space explorers can donate to their fund-raising campaign through July 15 — and those willing to shell out more than \$10,000 can take home their own custom-built spacesuit.

Southern admits that it might make more sense to design spacesuits in Cape Canaveral or the Silicon Valley — but he says there's no place he'd rather be than Brooklyn.

"When I tell people I make spacesuits they think I'm lying," said Southern. "New York in general doesn't have



TO THE MOON: Innovator Ted Southern builds low-budget spacesuits in his Seventh Street studio. CNG / Eli Rosenberg

a very big aerospace industry, so we end up going to Houston and Palo Alto and Florida. But it is the center of the world, so it's hard to beat being here."

Even in Gowanus, where creative craftsmen are making everything from cutting-edge art to homemade beer, the locals are surprised that space engineers are toiling in the lofts around them.

"That's probably at the more extreme end of people doing stuff down here, but that's awesome," said Scott Albrecht, an artist who was burning wood planks near the building that houses Final Frontier Designs. "Then again, for Gowanus, that kind of makes sense."

Slope store pulls lead-based goods

BY NATALIE O'NEILL

A Park Slope shop owner is removing salvaged-wood furniture from the shelves after parents claimed it contained lead-based paint that's dangerous to kids.



OFF THE SHELVES: Trailer Park no longer stocks furniture that parents claim contains lead paint — like this chest. Courtesy of Jill Penman

Chris Houghton — owner of the rustic home furnishing store Trailer Park on Sterling Place near Sixth Avenue — says he will no longer sell furniture made from recycled barn wood that was slathered with lead-based paint decades ago, before public health regulations limited the use of the heavy metal.

"This is a big deal to me," he said. "I don't want to hurt kids — I have kids."

Houghton is now working with a consumer safety group, which may recall the product.

The move comes after benches, tables and cabinets — which are new but made from century-old painted wood — tested well above the legal limit for lead levels in consumer goods, according to parents who hired lead inspectors and conducted at-home tests.

In one case, mom Heather Hamilton says she

discovered that her one-year-old had "excessive" levels of lead exposure. An inspector pinpointed a weatherworn bench and table that Hamilton had purchased from the store as the source of the toxic scare, she said.

In another instance, mother Jill Penman conducted an at-home swab test of a chipped white cabinet from Trailer Park and claims it contained more than 600 parts per million of lead — over six times more than the legal limit of 90 parts per million.

Houghton says he's deeply concerned about the health risk and has spent hours on the phone with consumer health of-

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Working to enhance the lives of the disabled

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

The philosophy of the staff at the Evelyn Douglin Center is to treat the people they serve the same way they would want their own families to be treated.

The nonprofit center provides services to people who have developmental disabilities. Some are taught basic skills, such as how to brush their teeth and how to tie their shoes, while others may learn job readiness skills.

"We are creative and innovative as to how people are served," says Reginald Wilson, public relations director.

A day program promotes community experiences, and strives for people to become independent. Issues such as self-care, nutrition, household skills, communication, sensory motor challenges, and social development are addressed.

The center's CEO is Charles Archer, an attorney who worked as an advocate for the disabled before coming to the center in 2007. His goal is to integrate the people at the center into the community.

"They want to be involved; they want to display their talents. They want to have experiences in their lives," he says. As a result, outings to historic sites and sporting events are planned and provided. Computer skills are taught, and patrons are involved in activities such as gardening.

Archer wants to make these activities accessible to all people who need the type of support the center offers.

"We don't turn anyone away," he says. "We don't just cherry-pick. No matter how challenging a situation, we take people who need help."

Some clients are as young as 6; others are senior citizens, he says. There are people with intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, mobility issues, and some who are mentally challenged. Everyone's needs are accommodated.

"We look to grow into a full-service facility that provides every desired service for individuals with disabilities and their families," says Archer.

In the fall, they plan to start



(Above) The Evelyn Douglin Center and its chief executive officer, Charles Archer, take the center's motto very seriously, striving to make sure they are doing the best for their clients. (Left) Artwork by clients of the Evelyn Douglin Center for Serving People in Need covers the walls of the center.

Photos by Elizabeth Graham



a new Sunday Respite Program. Families can bring loved ones to the facility to enjoy various activities, providing these caregivers with much-needed time to prepare

for the work week. Or, this time may allow them the freedom to attend a wedding or other special occasion.

Among the many other services provided at the Evelyn Douglin Center includes crisis in-

tervention care.

"Families are provided with direct care services from trained staff in order to assist with implementation of a behavior support plan, in an effort to decrease negative behaviors and increase positive ones," says Archer.

Evelyn Douglin Center's motto is, "Everyone paddles at the same time, in the same direction, towards the same goal."

"At the heart of who we are and what we do is a commitment that we will measure everything we do against a simple standard: Is this good for the persons with disabilities we serve?" asks Archer. "If not, we will not do it. The safety and well-being of those we serve can never be compromised."

The center welcomes input from families and advocates.

"We work together to enhance the lives of those we serve," Archer says.

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78TH PRECINCT

PARK SLOPE

Cold shoulder

A jerk snatched a purse containing a wallet and cellphone from a woman on 14th Street in the early morning of July 7.

The 39-year-old victim told cops she was near Fifth Avenue at 4:30 am when a crook grabbed the bag hanging from her shoulder and ran away, making off with the brown wallet and cellphone inside.

Held tight

A group of thugs roughed up a man, then jacked his cellphone on Prospect Park West on July 3.

The 24-year-old victim told cops he was standing in front of his home near Ninth Street at 12:15 am when five assailants approached him. One of the fiends grabbed him and held him from behind while another swiped his iPhone.

Tireless thief

The wheels of two cars — one parked on Prospect Park West and the other on Garfield Place — went missing overnight on July 5.

A 40-year-old victim told cops he parked his gray 2008 Audi on Prospect Park West near 14th Street at 9 pm, then came back the next day at 8 am. That's when he discovered all four tires and rims — worth \$2,500 — gone.

A black 2009 Nissan parked on Garfield Place near Fifth Avenue suffered the same fate, police said.

Jewels jacked

A crook stole some jewelry and electronics from an apartment on Fourth Street on July 6.

The 31-year-old victim told cops she locked her door as she left her home near Fifth Avenue at 8:30 am. She came back at 7:30 pm and discovered a dent on her door and her lock busted — then noticed a necklace, camera, and a laptop missing.

Retail tale

A thief swiped a wallet from a clerk at a shop on Fifth Avenue on July 6.

The 25-year-old victim told cops she set her purse behind the counter at Something Else, a clothing store near Union Street, at 1:30 pm then helped some customers.

She returned an hour and a half later and discovered her Marc Jacobs wallet, along with her Kingsborough Community College ID and \$80, gone.

Mama mia!

A jerk stole an unattended wallet from a pizza shop on 14th Street on July 2.

The 20-year-old victim told cops he left his wallet and cellphone at a restaurant near Fifth Avenue at 9:10 pm, walked away for 10 minutes, then came back and discovered them gone. — *Natalie O'Neill*

**POLICE
BLOTTER****Have you seen the muffin man?**

BY ELI ROSENBERG

Thieves have struck Ditmas Park once again — this time hitting a bustling cafe.

The NYPD is currently searching for a man caught on a surveillance camera breaking into Cortelyou Road's Connecticut Muffin last Monday night — the latest in a string of crimes that has put neighborhood residents on edge.

Police say the thief forced his way into the cafe near E. 11th Street at 2 am and made off with an undisclosed amount of cash.

The muffin job is the most recent in a spate of crimes to occur in the area in recent weeks — four of which took place just a half-block away on Westminster Road.

Embattled residents say they have never witnessed so many crimes in the area.



BREAD RUN: Security cameras caught this man, who police say stole cash late at night, leaving the Connecticut Muffin on Cortelyou Road. Courtesy NYPD

"I've been here 30 years and I've never seen so many robberies," said resident Ashime Bux, who lives on the block.

Anyone with information regarding this break-in is urged to contact NYPD CrimeStoppers at (800) 577-8477. All calls will be kept confidential.

94TH PRECINCT

GREENPOINT-NORTHSIDE

Cell snatcher

A thief blind-sided and robbed a woman of her iPhone on Maspeth Avenue on July 4.

The victim told officers that she was between Humboldt Street and Woodpoint Road at 1:05 am when the robber ran up behind, snatched the smartphone from her hands, and knocked her down. The woman suffered a bruise to her leg and the thief dashed off.

Gun run

A gunman threatened, robbed, and injured a woman on Richardson Street on July 5.

The victim told police she was sitting on the curb between Debevoise and Kingsland avenues at 4 pm when the thug approached.

"I have a gun, give me your money," he said as he pulled a pistol from his waistband. The victim fought back, but the perp pushed her to the ground and left with her bag containing \$1,000. The woman suffered cuts on her left elbow and arm.

Van break-in

Someone invaded a man's van parked on Kent Avenue on July 7 — taking off with items totaling \$4,000.

The victim told police he parked his vehicle between N. 10th and N. 11th streets at 12:30 am. When he returned, the side door lock was damaged and his guitar, MacBook, and brief case were gone.

Attack in McCarren

Three alleged gang members viciously assaulted a man in McCarren Park on July 6.

The victim said he was near Union and Driggs avenues at 9:20 pm when he was confronted by three alleged Latin Kings members. The perps hit the victim in the eye with a brick and tripped him when he tried to escape, police said.

The men punched and kicked the victim while he was down, and then stabbed him multiple times, police said.

Pool-side scuffle

Cops arrested three teens for allegedly disturbing the peace and fighting police officers at the McCarren Park Pool on July 2.

Officials said the trio was causing trouble at the pool between Lorimer and Leon-

ard streets at 5:15 pm. When officers tried arrested them, they allegedly attacked the officers, punching them in the face and causing swelling.

Car caper

A thief stole a Lincoln Town Car left idling on Wythe Avenue on July 8.

The victim said he left his car parked and running between N. 11th and N. 12th streets at 6:10 am as he got out to talk to a friend. He turned around to see his car — containing his iPhone and navigation system — speeding off.

90TH PRECINCT

SOUTHSIDE-BUSHWICK

Pistol pilfering

A menacing gunman mugged a man on Scholes Street on July 1 — forcing the victim to hand over his phone and cash.

The victim told police he was between Graham Avenue and Humboldt Street at 2:30 pm when he felt a tap on his shoulders. As he turned around, he came face-to-face with the thief, who calmly told him to relax and hand over his phone. After the victim initially refused, the mugger displayed a large revolver for extra convincing.

"Don't make me pull my s--- out," the gunman said.

The victim handed over his phone and wallet, which contained \$350.

Pain station

Two thugs attacked a woman at the Morgan Avenue train station on July 3 and dashed off with her purse.

The victim told police she sat down at the station on Harrison Place between Bogart Street and Morgan Avenue to wait for a train at 3:04 am.

That's when the devious duo approached her.

One mugger punched her, and the other attempted to snatch her purse, she told police.

"Quit trying to fight back," the perp allegedly said.

The victim then ran toward an MTA booth, but the two jerks caught up and grabbed her pocketbook and iPhone.

— *Alfred Ng***76TH PRECINCT**

CARROLL GARDENS-COBBLE HILL-RED HOOK

Three shot

A gunman shot and wounded three victims in a shocking July 7 attack on Richards Street.

Cops responded to reports of a shooting at 3:40 am and found three injured men near the lobby of a building between Sullivan and Wolcott streets.

All three victims — ages 19, 20, and 22 — had been hit in the torso. None of the wounds are expected to be fatal.

Cops canvassed the neighborhood, but found no suspects. The investigation is ongoing, a police source said.

Drop it right there

Police arrested a 23-year-old accused of dropping a loaded handgun when he crossed paths with cops on July 6.

Officers were responding to reports of shots fired at the corner of Henry and Mill streets at 11:15 pm when they say they spotted a man matching the description of a suspect.

Cops say they saw the man chuck a firearm onto the sidewalk, hop into a 2006 Hyundai, and flee toward Hamilton Avenue.

They gave chase, pulled him over and took him into custody after recovering a loaded, black Hi-Point semiautomatic pistol nearby, according to investigators.

Bagel bites

Thieves broke into a Hamilton Avenue bagel shop and made off with a TV and cash, according to police.

The burglars got into the South Brooklyn Bagel Cafe between Summit and Van Brunt streets at some point after 3 pm on June 30.

When employees opened up the shop at 6:30 am on July 1, they realized a TV was missing, \$120 had vanished from the register, and the rear door was ajar.

Apple snare

A thief climbed through a car's open sunroof to steal an Apple computer on Bond Street on July 1.

The 34-year-old victim left the computer, which is valued at \$3,200, in the car, which was parked between Second and Third streets.

Surveillance footage shows a male crook fleeing southbound at around 10:55 pm, according to investigators.

— Ben Muessig

88TH PRECINCT

FORT GREENE-CLINTON HILL

Lafa-theft Ave.

A burglar ransacked a house on Lafayette Avenue on July 3 — while the couple was still asleep.

The 45-year-old victim told cops he fell asleep at his place between Adelphi Street and Carlton Avenue at 1:20 am, and woke up at 7 am to find his wallet and backpack gone.

Bike thief

A man left his bike unlocked on St. Felix Street on July 5 — and someone peddled away with it.

The 65-year-old victim said he left his bike outside the building between Lafayette Avenue and Hanson Place at 12:05 pm while he ran inside to get his paycheck, but when he came back the bike was gone.

Chuck E. Sleaze

A crook stole a purse from the Chuck E. Cheese's on Flatbush Avenue on July 2.

The 27-year-old victim told cops she was at the kids' fun zone in the Atlantic

Terminal Mall on Flatbush Avenue at 10:30 pm when she left her purse and went to the bathroom.

When she returned, the pocketbook was gone.

Climbing down

Two men were arrested for climbing on a Clermont Avenue building early in the morning on July 7, cops said.

An eyewitness told police that he saw the two men opening a window in the building between DeKalb and Lafayette avenues at 4:45 am.

Break-in

A crook ransacked an apartment on Washington Avenue between July 4 and 5.

The 33-year-old victim told cops she left her place between Gates Avenue and Fulton Street at 9 am on July 4, returning at 6:45 pm on July 5 to find the place a mess and her laptop, DVD player, and earrings gone.

Free shopping

A crook used a fraudulent credit card to steal clothes from the Atlantic Terminal Mall on July 3, according to police.

Cops said the 33-year-old suspect racked up \$2,913 in purchases at the Target in the mall on Flatbush Avenue at 1:37 pm before he was apprehended at another store later that day.

Cash grab

A thief struck a house on Lafayette Avenue on July 3 — taking off with the tenant's wallet and cash.

The 31-year-old victim told cops he went to bed at his place between Cumberland Street and Carlton Avenue at 12:30 am and awoke at 9 am to find his wallet missing.

Ganged up

A pack of men surrounded a teenager playing basketball on DeKalb Avenue on July 7 and robbed him.

The 16-year-old victim said he was playing hoops with his cousin at the park at Adelphi Street when 12 men surrounded him and took his phone and sunglasses.

myPhone

A crook stole a woman's cellphone on DeKalb Avenue on July 7.

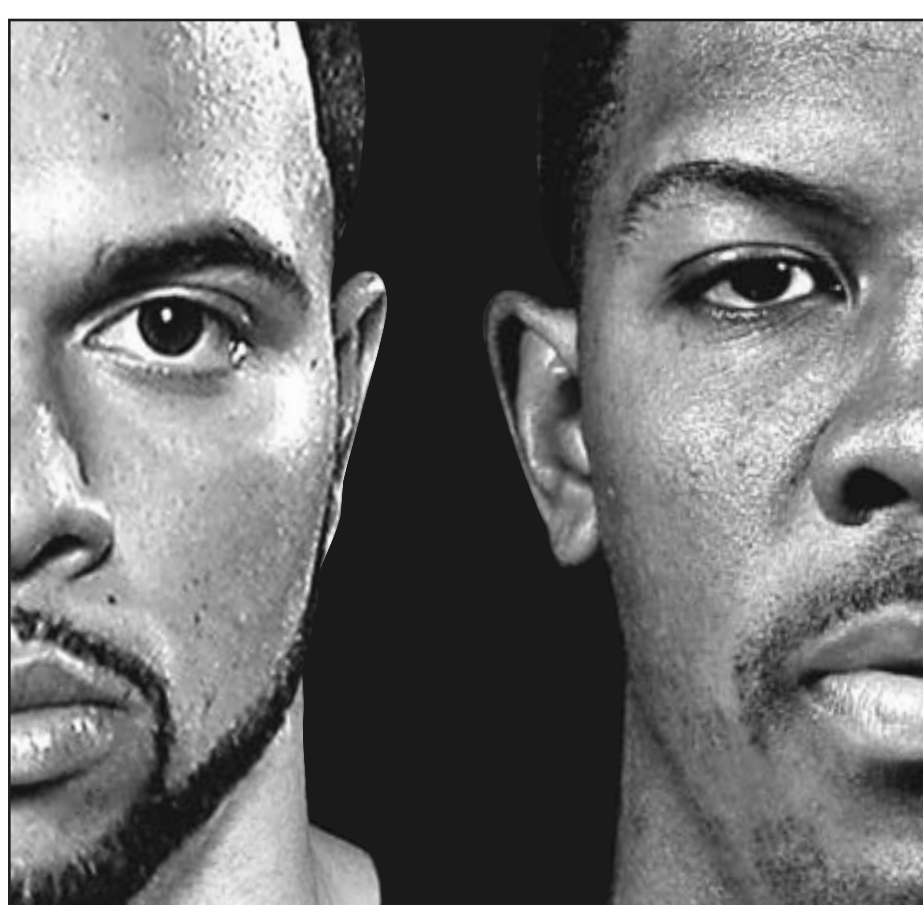
The 35-year-old victim told cops she near Grand Avenue at 11 am when the crook snatched the phone out of her hand and ran.

Targeted

A crook snatched a woman's purse from the Atlantic Terminal Mall on July 3.

The 24-year-old victim told cops she was in the Target on Flatbush Avenue at 5:40 pm when she took her eyes off her shopping cart — which was holding her purse. When she returned, her pocketbook was gone.

— Eli Rosenberg



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Valentine also believes Elmhurst Dairy offers its customers a level of reliable, day-in, day-out service that big, national dairy companies are hard pressed



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Elmhurst Dairy also helps out small businesses — and New York residents — in big ways.

"Thousands of New York's working families shop at their corner stores for milk and other necessities," says Valentine. "If Elmhurst Dairy disappeared, small grocers and their customers would

likely pay more for milk from large, out-of-state distributors that prefer to deliver large orders to big-box retailers, warehouse clubs, and supermarket chains."

According to the company's marketing director, Hannah Bernhardt, shoppers who buy local from Elmhurst Dairy are not only getting the freshest milk available, they are also supporting the local economy and helping the environment.

"Elmhurst Dairy employs more than 240 people at our Jamaica plant and there are several hundred additional people who work for local distributors who deliver milk and depend on us for their live-

lihoods," says Bernhardt. "When shoppers select milk from Elmhurst Dairy, they are supporting good jobs for their neighbors and reinvesting their dollars in our community." She adds that by sourcing milk from New York dairy farms, Elmhurst Dairy is supporting agriculture within the state and is also reducing the number of miles the milk has to travel to the city.

"Fewer miles travelled means fewer truck emissions and cleaner air," Bernhardt says.

As the sole survivor of an estimated 60 dairies that operated in New York City, Elmhurst Dairy remains committed to serving the city it has called home for generations.

"There have been business challenges along the way, but the Schwartz family has continued to step up to the plate and support dairy and the jobs it represents," says Valentine. "In turn, we appreciate the support of our fellow New Yorkers, who have helped us remain a part of the community for more than 90 years."

Elmhurst Dairy [155-25 Styler Rd. off Liberty Avenue in Jamaica, Queens, (718) 526-3442, www.elmhurstdairy.com]. Follow the dairy on Twitter, @elmhurstdairy.

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Cowabunga: From left, Jerm Pollet, Michael Austin, and Johnny McNulty, together the Raspberry Brothers, will roast the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles debut film before a live audience at the Nighthawk Cinema in Williamsburg on July 20.
 Photo by Elizabeth Graham

ROASTED NINJA TURTLES!

Wisecracking comedians fricassee mutant martial artists

By Colin Mixson

You've heard of turtle soup, but what about roasted heroes on the half-shell.

A comedic trio are uniting for a night of Mystery Science Theater 3000-style movie roasts, but instead of cracking jokes over some obscure '50s sci-fi romp, they'll be poking fun at movies they grew up with, like the first film featuring everybody's favorite mutated, color-coded, reptile assassins — the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles!

"I recently read a book about the sex lives of different animals, and did you know that a number of reptiles have two sets of penises?" comedian Jerm Pollet prodded in an interview.

"That means the Ninja Turtles have eight d----."

Humorists Jerm Pollet, Michael Austin, and Johnny McNulty are part of the performing troupe, the Raspberry Brothers, who have staked their comedic claim roasting mostly 80s era movies — "Total Recall," "Top Gun," and "Terminator" — to the delight of live audiences old enough to appreciate them.

"Mystery Science Theater did mostly old B-movies you've never heard of, but we get to do any movie we want," said Pollet. "For me, I grew up in the 80s so I like to do a lot of those movies."

Of course, some, more modern movies are too absurd to resist.

"We did the Twilight movies," said McNulty,

who has written for Saturday Night Live and the Onion, and appears frequently at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theater. "In the second one, Edward leaves, and then Bella literally sits in a chair and stairs at a window for two season, like Fall and Winter pass, and she's just staring at a window and intermittently screaming. It's excruciating to watch, but once you point out what's going on, it's just hilarious."

Audience members can expect a similar no-holds-barred roasting of the Ninja Turtles '90s live action film.

But the show doesn't stop with the movie. The Raspberry Brothers have included plenty of frills before and after the show, including Ninja Turtles trivia, ooze themed drinks, and even a live martial arts demonstration.

"I am a yellow belt, a 40-year-old yellow belt, which is a humbling and rare thing to be," said Pollet. "So I got in touch with some of my dojo's instructors and they'll be coming down to break some boards."

The event's main draw may be the humor the Raspberry Brothers evoke from the Ninja Turtles film, but they're sure to point out the heartfelt message underlying the amphibian action flick.

"It doesn't matter if your a turtle, if you have two d---, one d---, or no d--- at all, as long as you have a lot heart and some good friends, you can beat the Shredder," said an emphatic Pollet.

And while the first Ninja Turtles movie certainly has its hokier scenes, few films top the franchise's sequel for cheesy moments, where Vanilla Ice makes a cameo as the hokiest character of them all — himself.

Nitehawk Cinema [136 Metropolitan Ave. between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 384-3980, nitehawkcinema.com]. July 20, 12 am. \$15.



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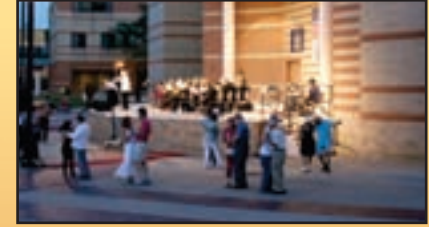
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Come together

This pop-punk quartet is more than the sum of its parts.

Emerging from the Chicago underground following three years of intense performances, the Wanton Looks — armed with its debut album of the same name — are bringing a high-octane act to Brooklyn.

“It’s power pop, punk — distorted and loud,” said singer and bassist Traci Trouble. “Our guitarists have a lot of peddles.”

But it wasn’t easy making the band — it took almost three years for singer Traci Trouble and drummer Meg Thomas to transform the Wanton Looks performance from a beer-fueled jam session to a show fit for the road.

“It just took us forever,” said Trouble. “It all started with Meg and I. I had a space and I said come on let’s jam, and we just drank and had fun. But eventually we wanted to take things to the next level, and Inga Olson came into the band.”

Olson lays down the her wicked guitar solos with the practiced precision of a surgeon — and she does it with class.



Haughty Eyes: The punk-rock quartet Wanton Looks are coming to Brooklyn fresh from the Chicago underground.

“Inga grew up playing cello,” said Trouble. “She’s classically trained and an amazing lead guitarist.”

The final piece of this power-punk puzzle was found much the same way Brooklynites find furniture and roommates — Craigslist.

“Susie Q [Winn] was in Chicago maybe six-months before she answered our Craigslist ad,” said Trouble. “She’s in the Arkansas Hall of Fame for winning best band, or guitarist, or something — I should probably know that.”

Thomas, a percussionist virtuoso who plays drums of all shapes and sizes, including djembas, steel drums, and bongos, adds a world-music flare to her classic rock-kit.

“Especially drum-wise, Meg is doing some things that are really unexpected,” Olson said. “Not just two-and-four [time], she’s incorporating a lot of different rhythms. I don’t know if people pick up on that kind of stuff, but she’s not just doing rock drumming, she’s doing a fusion thing and I think that’s awesome.”

But, when it comes to the band’s spirit, everything comes back to the leader.

“Traci’s a really dynamic front person. She’s definitely an extroverted, balls-to-the-wall person,” said Olson. “She doesn’t think, she just rocks.”

The Wanton Looks at Don Pedro [90 Manhattan Ave. between Boerum and McKibbin streets in Williamsburg, (347) 689-3163, donpedrobrooklyn.com]. July 15, 9 pm. \$15. — Colin Mixson

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BEST BETS

A multiplayer theater

Finally, video games come to the stage.

Williamsburg’s Brick Theater kicked off its Game Play festival with a terrifically inventive collection of four short pieces called “Kwaidan,” adaptations of traditional Japanese ghost stories told through popular video games — turning entertainment for the masses into delicate acts of story telling.

The theater group behind the performances, EK Machinima, is named after the founder and artistic director, Eddie Kim — and “machinima” is a term for the technique they employ to stage their dramas. Each piece is brought to life using several video games, including “World of Warcraft,” “Duck Hunt,” and “Halo: Reach” — projected large upon a white screen at the very front of the theater (or “upstage”), and controlled on-the-fly, by gamers sitting with their backs turned to the audience and their faces wrapped in the glow of laptop monitors.

An offstage story teller, played by Connor Sedlacek, tells each tale in an uninflected voice, occasionally



The players: The gamers who controlled the action in each story were not listed in the program, but like stagehands, they set up virtual scene, moved the video game avatars according to cues, and flawlessly pushed the play forward — and at the end of the show they took a deserved bow.

Photo by Sol Park

interrupted by dialogue from the characters — a blind musician performs for demons, a nobleman falls in love with a strange girl, a desperate hunter kills the wrong bird, and a young man nearly dies in an encounter with a witch.

The video games, guns-and-swords-centric as they are, could easily overpower these delicate stories, but Kim’s directorial choices bring out the mathematical beauty of these 3-D renderings, like the pixelated snowfall in “Minecraft,” as well as the black humor of goofy car-

toon violence, like in “Duck Hunt.”

The results are pleasantly surprising — not only because the logistics of their performance are a feat in themselves, but also the medium in which they convey such subtle stories is one so often associated with and underestimated as idle child’s play.

Kwaidan at the Brick [575 Metropolitan Ave. between Union Avenue and Lorimer Street, (718) 907-6189, brick-theater.com]. Sat., July 14 at 5pm, Thurs., July 19 at 7pm, Sat., July 21 at 7pm, and Sun., July 22 at 2pm. Tickets \$15.

— Charles Gershman

Starting
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Riding into town, Guns a-blazing

Fresh off the trails of a nation wide tour, Cobalt and the Hired Guns are coming to Union Hall in Park Slope and bringing along their patented folk-punk style with them.

The Chicago-based band debuted their first album in 2008, “Jump the Fence” — which our editors reviewed three years ago as a smash album.

Their latest album “Everybody Wins” was a fan-funded project, when the band started a Kickstarter campaign to finish the recording — a significant amount of the funds were from Brooklyn.

“We had a big fan base from Oberlin College in Ohio, and most of them moved to Brooklyn after graduating,”



Banding together: Chicago-based Cobalt and the Hired Guns returns to Union Hall this July 27th with their new album, “Everybody Wins.”

said band member Mike Roth. “Brooklyn has been very good to us.”

While it may have been four years since their last album, make no mistake, Cobalt and the Hired Guns haven’t been

resting on their laurels — they still sound great.

Their infectious upbeat tunes give off a 90s-punk vibe, the soundtrack of every great teenage summer. The band describes their latest album as “Americana Punk,” an ideal playlist for the Great American road-trip.

Cobalt and the Hired Guns will be returning to Brooklyn for the first time in two years at Union Hall.

“We’re super-pumped to be back in Brooklyn after two years,” Roth said.

“We can’t wait to show them the new songs and new tricks we have up our sleeves.”

Cobalt and the Hired Guns at Union Hall [702 Union St., between Fifth and Sixth avenues, (718) 638-4400, union-hallny.com]. July 27, 7:30 pm. \$8. — Alfred Ng

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Youth got talent

You might say her first talent scout was a machine.

After gaining the most points from singing with a karaoke machine against her entire family — both adults and children — Biana Pinchuk began taking singing lessons at the age of three, going on to win competitions, and performing a solo with the mostly teens of South Florida Youth Symphony.

Still only nine-years-old, she is armed with a powerful voice, and considerable skill with the violin, as she brings her musical talents to Davidzon Radio Studio on July 15.

All this may seem remarkable, but the humble artist has the cool of a seasoned veteran — or the panache of a kid just doing her thing.

“I tried singing. I liked it, and I decided to do it,” said Pinchuk. “Just like the violin.”

Not only did Pinchuk decide for herself to sing as well as play violin at such an early age, but the precocious performer chose classical music and opera greats such as Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Giacomo Puccini, Consuelo Velazquez, and Edith Piaf as her role models.

“I do a little bit of Broadway, but my style is really classical and theory,” she said.

And unlike some popular perceptions of child performers, Pinchuk doesn’t seem to mind all the attention — claiming she gets just as much out of the experience as audiences.

“When you sing to people it’s a treat to them, and when you see people listen to you it’s a treat for you,” Pinchuck added.

Biana Pinchuk at Davidzon Radio [2508 Coney Island Ave. 2nd Fl., between Avenue V and Gravesneck Road in Gravesend, (718) 303-8000, davidzonradio.com] July 15, 7pm, \$20.

— Max Molishever

All stories aside

Did you hear the one about the former Nickelodeon star who’s making his stand-up comedy debut in Brooklyn?

Fifteen of the city’s best storytellers — including “Blue’s Clues” star-turned spoken word master Steve Burns — are joining forces for a comedy showcase featuring short stand-up routines.

“I Like You, Maude,” a lottery-style improvisational storytelling series, is staging a special edition evening in which top-notch performers ditch the personal narrative and prepare three-minute comedic performances.

“There’s a gray area between comedy and storytelling,” said organizer Kerri Doherty. “This

gives us a chance to tell a one-liner or make a funny observation.”

Many performers also participate in the legendary The Moth StorySLAM series and have in the past told tales featuring an apocalyptic cockroach, a deadly Caesar salad and a clairvoyant colon doctor.

Doherty said most participants are taking a first swing at stand-up in a comfortable setting because comedy routines come with a different, arguably more demanding, set of audience expectations.

I Like You, Maude at Tea Lounge [837 Union St. between Sixth and Seventh avenues in Park Slope, (718) 789-2762]. July 17, 7:30 pm. Free. — Natalie O’Neill

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■ AROUND TOWN

SOUTHERN BOOK-LYN

A literary lone wolf of Bensonhurst and Sheepshead Bay

By Eli Rosenberg

Brownstone Brooklyn has the title for the borough's most literary land around, but a Brooklynite who sells his books on the streets of Southern Brooklyn says you don't need a fancy bookstore to be a respected writer — but you can't stay home, either.

"If you don't go out and sell it yourself, I believe it's going to get lost," said Vic Fortezza, a Bensonhurst native who peddles his three novels on the streets of Sheepshead Bay and Bensonhurst four days a week, in addition to selling them online. "Of course I hope for a tipping point where people will be buying online all the time, but I enjoy talking to people on the street, and I've made a lot of friends, it's nice."

Fortezza, a former high school football coach at Lafayette High School and data entry supervisor on the New York Mercantile Exchange trading floor, has been writing since 1975 but only started selling his novels and short stories on the street after he was laid off in 2007 as electronic trading took over, he said.

His narratives, many of them set in the Italian-American community in Bensonhurst, cover much ground, and deal with plots that revolve around families stretched thin by wartime service, and touch on topics of infidelity and lust.



Street artist: Writer Vic Fortezza says that selling his novels on the sidewalks of Sheepshead Bay and Bensonhurst helps him connect with his readers.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

His third and latest novel, "Killing," — includes no murders or killings except in a dream sequence; instead, it is about a family of three generations of war veterans dealing with internecine tensions around their troubled relationships.

Fortezza has also included his experi-

ences on the notoriously hellish trading floors of the Mercantile Exchange in his writing — like a short story of his inspired by what his co-workers called the "dead pool," a weekly betting game on what famous person would be the next to die.

The storied author says he's tried selling his books around literary neighborhoods like Park Slope and Brooklyn Heights, but he prefers to stick around Sheepshead Bay and Bensonhurst — plus it saves him gas money.

"I'm not comfortable going into literary circles," said Fortezza, who also sells used books in addition to his own. "Maybe it's a fear of being criticized."

Though doubt is something all authors regularly deal with, the writer turned book seller becomes upbeat when reflecting on his neighborhood and the people who he has befriended over the years.

"Some days I go out and absolutely nobody comes by and I ask myself if I'm the stupidest person in the world! But in general I have so many regular customers and I get a sale here and there. Brooklyn is a vast beautiful place with a fantastic array of people, and I just love it."

Vic Fortezza and his books [East 13th Street and Avenue Z in Sheepshead Bay] Tues. and Thurs., and [Bay Parkway and 85th Street in Bensonhurst] Sat., or visit members. tripod.com/vic_fortezza/Literature/

Atomic age started with small folk

By Chuck O'Donnell

In the bowels of a decommissioned industrial plutonium reactor in Hanford, Wash., Greenpoint writer and artist Jonathan Fetter-Vorm traced his fingers along the array of dials and gauges that once changed the world.

It was in this town — constructed seemingly overnight — government workers like his grandfather, a welder, and his grandmother, an office worker, toiled away on a secret project.

Like tens of thousands of other workers in Hanford and other sites, they were kept in the dark about what they were helping to create, until news broke of the bombing of Hiroshima.

Fetter-Vorm said one of the most poignant moments of his two years' of research for his new book, "Trinity: A Graphic History of the First Atomic Bomb," was getting to look around the reactor and see the control panels his grandfather helped create.

"He was just a welder working on instrumentation," Fetter-Vorm said. "When they said weld, he welded."

The plutonium developed in Hanford



Horror family history: In telling the story of the first atomic bomb, Jonathan Fetter-Vorm discovered his grandparents, as well as many others, unknowingly played a part in developing the first atomic bomb — making his latest graphic novel "Trinity" not just history, but personal.

Photo by Bryan Bruchman

was used to fuel Trinity — the code name given to the test bomb detonated in the New Mexico desert in 1945.

Fetter-Vorm has a direct link to Trinity through his grandparents, but the graphic novel traces the entire sweeping narrative of the atomic age, from the labs of Europe in the late 19th century through the arms race, to today's world where words like meltdown or fallout are as common as explosion or earthquake.

But what sets "Trinity" apart from

the many other books about the Manhattan Project is the haunting pen and inks work of Fetter-Vorm.

"With graphic novels, you can jump back and forth from science diagrams to historical figures like Oppenheimer and Truman to a diagram of an atom," Fetter-Vorm said. "You can't do that in any book, movie or documentary."

Toward the end of the book, his grandparents make a four-panel appearance — and take a clear stance against the bomb.

"My grandmother actually packed up left the day after they learned what they were working on, when they read about the (Hiroshima) bomb in the newspaper," he said. "They were so horrified, they left. I'm proud of them for that."

Pick up a copy of "Trinity" at Bergen Street Comics [470 Bergen St. between Flatbush and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 230-5600], Desert Island [540 Metropolitan Ave. near Union Street in Williamsburg, (718) 388-5087], St. Mark's Comics [148 Montague St. between Henry and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 935-0911].

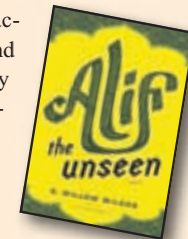


The best reads
— handpicked by
local bookstore
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WORD's pick: "Alif the Unseen" by G. Willow Wilson

This book pushes a bunch of my buttons. It's got Arab culture and politics, computer programming, mysticism, explosions, and alternate dimensions, all rolled into one. Days after finishing it, I'm still mulling over the details and characters. Willow juggles the weird and mystic intersections of technology and religion particularly well, offering whole new perspectives through which to look at recent events like the Arab Spring. If you've read and enjoyed "The Sparrow" by Mary Doria Russell, "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeline L'Engle, or "Neuromancer" by William Gibson, this one is for you.

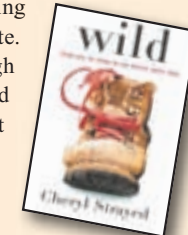
— Jenn Northington, WORD [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096].



The BookMark Shoppe's pick: "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed

A cross between "Glass Castle" and "Eat, Pray, Love" — "Wild" is a memoir about a woman lost after her mother's death. Self-destructing and going into a tailspin, Strayed knew something had to change before it was too late. Accidentally coming across a rough guide for Pacific Crest Trail, Strayed realizes this tough journey is what might bring her back to the woman she was meant to be. Funny, sad and poignant, you will not be able to put "Wild" down.

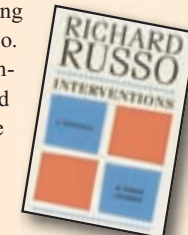
— Bina Valenzano, co-owner, The BookMark Shoppe [8415 Third Ave. between 84th and 85th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-5115].



Greenlight Bookstore's pick: "Interventions" by Richard Russo

Richard Russo recently wrote a scathing New York Times editorial about the importance of brick-and-mortar bookstores in a digital age, and he's put his money where his mouth is with a book that is defiantly analog. Interventions comprises four volumes in a slipcase (printed in the U.S. on sustainably harvested papers), each paired with a color print of a painting by the author's daughter Kate Russo. And it's worth reading, too, containing the previously unpublished novella "Intervention" with three additional shorter works. Summer-perfect stories, in a book that will look gorgeous on a library shelf for years to come.

— Jessica Stockton Bagnulo, co-owner of Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200].





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Look no further than Haru Ginger for traditional Japanese sushi

By Camille Sperrazza

All Japanese restaurants are not the same, and Haru Ginger proves that.

The Bay Ridge eatery prides itself on serving traditional Japanese sushi, says Mark Li, the restaurant's owner. This is seafood prepared in unique ways.

For example, hotate is an a la carte dish featuring thinly sliced scallops in between ever-so-thin slices of lemon, arranged into the shape of a fan, and presented on a shell plate.

Uni is another option not found on the menu of every Japanese restaurant, says Li. It's a sea urchin, a seasonal treat that will be available in August.



Get your sushi fix at Haru Ginger on Third Avenue.

Every roll is presented to diners in such grand fashion that it attracts the attention of nearby patrons, who enthusiastically ask their waiters, "What's that?"

The phoenix roll is one such attention-seeker — 10 generous pieces of tempura shrimp that are wrapped with avocado and piled high with thin strips of crabmeat, dotted with colorful sauces, and presented on a plate drizzled with brown, orange, and red colors. It's as fresh and delicious as it looks.



Sushi chef Wenson Li can't get enough of the chicken and steak hibachi with fried rice, a spring roll, and salad.

Haru Ginger is a family-owned business that opened its doors in January. The head chef and the sushi chef are both members of Li's family. All — including Li — worked in Manhattan for years before going into business for themselves.

There's comfortable seating for up to 36 guests. Each dark-wood table has a shiny finish, surrounded by chairs with cushioned seats. A clear vase, with



The hotate at Haru Ginger is not to be missed.

fresh greenery, adorns the tables. Floor-to-ceiling windows overlook Third Avenue, and are loosely covered with bamboo blinds. An open kitchen and sushi bar is toward the back, allowing patrons to see the chefs in action as they create their masterpieces.

A simple dish such as chicken tempura arrives with sticks of chicken, standing at attention, gathered by a huge onion ring, and presented with colorful veggies such as carrots, peppers, eggplant, broccoli, and mushrooms. Each has a crisp outer coating, and is served while it's still piping hot.

A notable appetizer is the crunchy lobster — eight tempura maki topped with lobster salad, a feast of colors for the eyes, arranged artfully on a white tray.

The rock shrimp is another favorite, prepared here with a hint of spiciness that stands out from the sweet coating, creating a blend of nice sensations.

The salmon zuki features six pieces of salmon, marinated with a special sauce, and presented on ultra-thin slices of cucumber rounds.

Hibachi dinners pair items such as chicken and steak; steak and shrimp; scallop and steak; and lobster, shrimp, and scallops. They are served with fried rice, a spring roll, and a soup or salad.

Likewise, these types of combinations can be served teriyaki-style. Grilled rib-eye steaks and grilled chicken breasts are also offered.

The menu contains an enormous variety of Thai noodle soups and Asian cuisine that includes chicken, shrimp, or beef prepared in a Thai-basil ginger sauce.

Lunch specials include bento boxes. Choose from 24 different main dishes, and also receive a California roll, white rice, and gyoza or a spring roll or shumai — all for \$7.95. A dinner menu includes two main entrees, soup, rice, and gyoza or a spring roll or shumai, for \$14.95.

Make your next special occasion a "sushi party," and leave the shopping, chopping, and preparing to Haru Ginger. They'll create special rolls and pieces from selections you choose — tuna, fluke, striped bass, red snapper, ebi, yellow tail, crab sticks, mackerel, and lots more. Your guests will be dazzled by the tempting and colorful assortment, and you'll have the time and energy to enjoy yourself, too.

The word "Haru" means spring, and the beauty and the hues of the season are reflected in the dishes served here.

Haru Ginger [7308 Third Ave. between 73rd and 74th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-8818, www.haruginger.com]. Open Mondays through Saturdays, 11 am–11 pm, and Sundays, 12:30–10:30 pm. Free delivery, with \$8 minimum order.

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Use polarized sunglasses that can help prevent dangerous sun glare while driving.

Don't be blind to the problem of sun glare

There are certain driving hazards that people often expect when getting behind the wheel, including slippery roads, an animal darting out, or reduced visibility due to driving rains. But sun glare may not be something drivers expect to contribute to hazardous conditions.

Sun glare can be a nuisance and make for dangerous driving, particularly in the early morning or late afternoon when the sun is low on the horizon. The angle of the rays may render sun visors useless. Accidents due to sun glare do occur and more frequently than drivers may know.

In October 2007, sun glare was responsible for at least two accidents in Colorado. In the first few months of 2010, data compiled by the Abu Dhabi Traffic Department showed the sun's glare was blamed for 22 minor crashes. Sun glare is a problem all around the world.

To prevent sun glare from becoming a hazard when you're driving, consider these safety tips.

- Delay driving times to occur before or after sunrise or sunset.

- Use polarized sunglasses that can help prevent glare.

- Do not use high-gloss products on the dashboard, which can contribute to extra glare.

- Keep the inside and outside of the windshield clean.

- Make use of sun visors.

- If glare is a problem, leave extra space between your car and others in the event of sudden stopping or other road hazards.

- Drive slowly and be mindful of obstructions.

- Try taking another route that goes in a different direction than the one from which the sun is shining.

- Leave extra time so that you don't feel rushed getting to your destination.

- Eye exams or surgery can make eyes more sensitive to the sunlight. Avoid driving after these appointments.

Things that mar an automotive paint job

Most people purchase a car for its looks and performance. However, unless it is kept in a garage and never driven, it is impossible to keep it in pristine condition. In many cases, damage to the clear coat or enamel paint on the car is something vehicle owners expect.

A car owner who decides he wants the car to remain in the best shape possible will have to take an active role in maintenance and damage prevention. One of the key things to remember is to never allow any substance to remain on the paint for too long; otherwise the risk for damage increases. Also, it may be very difficult to clean if the offender is allowed to sit on the paint. Here are some other factors to consider.

- **UV light:** Just as UV light can affect skin, hair, and other parts of the body, it also can affect the paint on a car. The rays oxidize the paint and cause a white, powdery film to form on the car. Washing the car frequently enough and applying the best quality wax will help keep UV rays from penetrating through the paint.

- **Over sprays:** Life does not stop to allow cars to drive through, particularly when it comes to construction zones. It's possible for a car to be doused in paint spray, tar, concrete, and other chemicals that are routinely used in construction. Do not allow these substances to harden on the car. Rinse promptly with automotive soap. Try to avoid construction zones whenever possible.

- **Rain:** Both acid rain and regular rainwater (and other sources of water) can dissolve

paint over time. The U.S. Geological Survey has said that water is a uni-



Washing off harmful substances promptly can reduce the chances of damage to a paint job.

versal solvent because it can dissolve more substances than any other liquid. Whenever the car becomes wet, it should be dried with a towel or chamois and not allowed to air dry.

- **Natural substances:** Tree sap, bird droppings, and splattered insects contain compounds that can erode the paint on a car. Avoid parking under large trees where sap and bird droppings may be prevalent. In terms of bug splatter, try to wash it off as soon as possible to alleviate damage.

- **Bleach:** A bleach-and-water solution is often heralded for its ability to clean many things, but it should not be used on a car. Bleach is an oxidizer and it will pit metal and discolor paint. Be careful with pool chemicals too, as chlorinator is usually regular household bleach.

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Tire maintenance is essential safety on road

Maintaining a vehicle is a great way to stay safe on the road while extending the car's life. Routine maintenance can keep a car running like new for years as long as vehicle owners stay on top of things and stick to a maintenance schedule.

Most drivers are aware of when to get their oil changed and other fluids checked, but not all drivers know how to maintain their vehicle's tires. Proper tire maintenance makes a car safer for drivers and their passengers and can even pad a driver's pocket with a little extra money.

Routinely check tire pressure

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration notes that tire-related crashes are most often caused by under-inflated tires. Underinflation isn't always caused by a leak. In fact, gradual loss of pressure is natural, particularly when the seasons change and temperatures dip. An underinflated tire makes

handling difficult and can even cause structural damage to a vehicle. Drivers should check their vehicle's tire pressure at least once a month. Those who have long commutes should check their tire pressure more frequently, and it's always a good idea to check tire pressure before and after a long road trip. Recommended tire pressures are listed in the owner's manual.

Look for abnormal wear and tear

Tires will wear down over time, gradually losing tread. However, drivers should inspect tires for excessive wear and tear, which could be indicative of other issues, including underinflation and



Tire maintenance, including routinely checking pressure, is an essential element to safe driving.

alignment problems with steering and suspension. Additional issues to look for include bulges or cracks on the sidewalls

or tread and any signs of a punctured tire.

Rotate tires

Most drivers have heard of tire rotation but might not know how often tires should be rotated or even why rotation is necessary. The owner's manual will solve the first problem, identifying how often tires should be rotated (most suggest every 6,000 miles). As for why it's good to rotate tires, doing so helps achieve even tread and extend the life of the tires. Tires are expensive, and rotation can help drivers get more bang for their buck. Drivers of front-wheel drive vehicles will notice their front tires wear down faster than their rear tires. That's because the front tires are doing most of the work, bearing the brunt of the force of braking, steering and driving. Rotating tires effectively levels the playing field.

Stay balanced

Sometimes tires become unbalanced. When taking a car in for routine maintenance, ask the mechanic to see if there

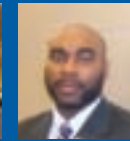
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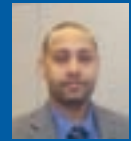
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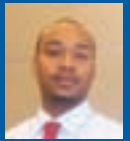
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Drivers want to make sure their next vehicle is the right one for them, and test driving the car can help.

Test drive to find right ride

Cars are among the most expensive purchases a person will make during a lifetime. That said, drivers want to make sure their next vehicle is the right one for them.

Research into vehicle safety and performance history is essential, but perhaps nothing gives drivers a better idea of how well a car meets their needs and driving style than a test drive. Many dealers allow people to test drive vehicles by themselves, allowing buyers to get the feel of a car without feeling pressured or distracted by salesmen.

When test driving a vehicle, it's always good to comparison shop, test driving different vehicles to get a better idea of what's available. Drivers who have owned and driven the same vehicle for a number of years can be easily overwhelmed when test driving a new car, which is likely more smooth and boasts more amenities than an older vehicle. That's why it's important to test drive a handful of new vehicles. This gives drivers a better point of reference for what a new car offers better than

its competitors, and not a one-sided issue of what a new car offers compared to an older vehicle.

The following are some of the factors to consider when deciding which car to buy.

Visibility

Many drivers buying a new car after years driving the same vehicle might find it difficult to judge visibility. Familiarity with an old car can make it hard to get used to a new one. When judging visibility, determine if the view of the road is adequate and if the side and rearview mirrors can meet your needs. Sometimes a rear window is too small for drivers used to bigger rear windows, and this can prove a safety risk down the road. Don't be distracted by the vehicle's comfort. If the visibility is poor (and visibility varies for each individual), then the car probably isn't the right fit.

Comfort

Comfort is important for many reasons. Cars are big investments, and drivers have the right to drive a comfortable vehicle. A comfortable ride can also speak volumes about a vehicle's engineering. If a car is noticeably uncomfortable, drivers should be suspicious about the rest of the vehicle. Suspension plays a role in comfort, but suspension might also depend on the type of vehicle. A sports car, for example, might feel each bump in

the road, but the superior handling attracts drivers who revel in acceleration. Comfort often depends on the type of vehicle, and buyers who have a specific type in mind should only test drive vehicles within that type. This will give an idea of which one within a certain category is the most comfortable.

Braking

Braking can be hard to evaluate, but it should feel smooth and should not feel as if the car is stopping too fast or too slowly. If possible, bring a passenger along and ask if he notices anything when the car brakes.

Handling

How a vehicle handles will go a long way toward how it avoids emergency situations on the highway. The vehicle should be easy to maneuver on the road. Take note if the vehicle moves too quickly or too slowly with sudden movements. Unless you experience an emergency while test driving a car, it's impossible to gauge how a vehicle will respond in an emergency. However, publications like Consumer Reports perform road tests that include emergency handling tests. Such information should be considered before buying a car.

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Simple ways to add to a car's life

Getting more for your money is a popular trend among consumers. As economic uncertainty reigns, smart consumers are looking for the best values in an effort to get the most out of each and every dollar they spend.

One of the best ways to stretch a dollar is to take better care of your vehicle. Buying a home and financing a college education are perhaps the only times many will spend more money than they do when buying a car. But unlike a home or an education, few people take their vehicles seriously, all too often avoiding maintenance that can greatly increase a car or truck's life.

Drivers who want to keep their cars going strong for years to come can do so in several ways.

•Prevent, prevent, prevent. The efforts of preventive maintenance are

well worth it. Oil changes and filter replacements are quick and easy jobs, but pay major dividends over the long haul. Drivers who aren't comfortable performing these tasks themselves need not worry about costly trips to the mechanic. Routine jobs like an oil change or air filter replacement are relatively inexpensive, and today's vehicles can go much longer between changes.

•Stay balanced. Balanced tires are tires that will last longer. But an out-of-balance tire will not only shorten the life of tires, it can also do damage to the rest of the vehi-



Routinely hitting the open road is one of the easiest ways to add years to a vehicle's life.

cle while simultaneously making riding in the car much less comfortable. An out-of-balance tire shortens the life expectancy of suspension components, including bearings and shocks. Repairs that result from an unbalanced tire can prove costly. Should a vibration occur as the

vehicle accelerates (typically, this vibration will be noticeable at speeds of 40 to 45 mph), chances are the tires are not balanced.

•Look good, feel good. A car that looks good likely feels good as well. Washing and waxing a car regularly helps avoid rust under the carriage and

in the wheel wells. The longer a car goes between washes, the more likely it is to rust, and the paint is likely to corrode as well. There is no quick fix to either of these problems, but preventive maintenance, like routinely washing and waxing, can keep these potentially menacing issues

from ever rearing their rusty heads.

•Get out and drive. Cars that spend most of their life in stop-and-go traffic likely won't last as long as those that routinely get out and go. That's because city driving with lots of stopping and going is very taxing on an engine. On a highway, air flows to the radiator, oil flows to the engine, and everything that makes a car run is much more consistent, reducing the stress on the engine as a result. Constantly accelerating and decelerating is hard on an engine. City dwellers should get out and drive on a highway at least once a month. This is also a good way to get rid of potentially harmful condensation that can negatively impact engine performance.

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Rotating tires is something that many people do religiously, while others put off the task until they notice a problem with the car's performance. Rotating tires not only extends the life of the tires, but it also helps ensure safer driving.

One may not realize that the front tires often bear the brunt of the work. Making turns or parallel parking requires the force of the front tires. The frequent use and requirements of the tires produces friction on the road, and eventually heat.

Tire rotation essentially means the front passenger-side tire will be moved to the back passenger-side position. The same thing will occur on the driver's side. There's a reason for this: tires have unique wear patterns that are related to the suspension and the alignment. Should you switch the tires in a criss-cross pattern, it could affect the alignment and lead to a bumpy ride.

These scenarios can



Vehicles owners should know when to rotate the tires of their cars, as rotating tires not only extends the life of the tires, but it also helps ensure safe driving.

depend on the vehicle and the tire, however. Certain vehicles have tires of different sizes in the rear and front, which prevents front-to-back rotation.

Many tires should be rotated every 3,000 to 5,000

miles, even if they don't show signs of wear.

Consult with a service station to determine the best pattern for rotating your tires and the ideal time interval between rotations.

Tire safety

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are any issues regarding balance. Out-of-balance tires can cause significant issues that stretch beyond just uneven tread wear. An out-of-balance tire can wear down the vehicle's suspension. When driving at highway speeds, drivers might notice a considerable thumping. This is often indicative of an out-of-balance tire.

Stay cool

Sudden tire failure can often be traced back to overheated tires. A tire can overheat for a number of reasons, including aggressive driving. Frequently driving on coarse surfaces or at high speeds can also increase tire temperatures, as does ambient temperature. Driving at high speeds on a very

hot day increases the risk of sudden tire failure, as does driving at high speeds on coarse surfaces. To reduce tire temperature, avoid doing these things simultaneously. If it's an especially hot day, for example, don't drive aggressively, and maintain lower speeds.

Don't mix and match

A vehicle's balance can be affected significantly if owners mix and match their tires. Having different tires on the left and right sides is likely to upset a car's balance. When installing tires, do so in front or rear pairs or even complete sets. Pairs should also be the same size, brand, and type, and should have the same tread wear as well. Should one tire go bad, it's almost always worth it to buy two tires. When buying two, always put the two new

tires on the rear wheels, regardless of which type of transmission (rear-wheel drive, all-wheel drive, etc.) the vehicle has. The rear wheels need maximum traction so the vehicle can remain stable.

Don't overload a tire

Check tires for their maximum load range, which will be listed on the tire sidewall. This maximum load should never be exceeded. Doing so will increase tire wear and shorten the tire's life. Excessive load also increases the risk of sudden tire failure. It's important to note the maximum passenger and cargo load intended by the vehicle manufacturer is often significantly less than what the vehicle can actually hold. But drivers must adhere to this figure to ensure their vehicles are safe and reduce the risk of sudden tire failure.

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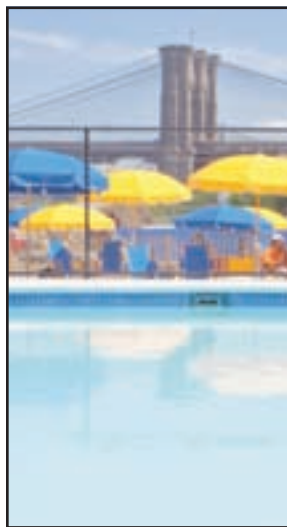
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The McCarren Park Pool isn't the only new aquatic attraction that's making waves this summer — Brooklyn Bridge Park debuted its much-anticipated "pop-up pool" last Friday.

Swimmers now have the chance to take a dip in Pier 2's 50-foot long, 3.5-foot-deep water feature daily from 10 am to 6 pm through Labor Day.

The pool offers five 75-minute swim sessions on weekdays and four on weekends in an attempt to cycle visitors into and out of the swimming spot, which can accommodate 60 paddlers at a time.

The watering hole will be an attraction at the waterfront park for the following five summers thanks to an agreement forged



POOL VIEW: This new pool at Pier 2 boasts a pretty vista.

Photo by Bryan Bruchman

by Assemblywoman Joan Millman (D-Carroll Gardens) and state Sen. Dan-

iel Squadron (D-Brooklyn Heights), who locked down \$400,000 in state cash to build the pool, as well as an artificial beach and a food concession nearby.

And Squadron says he wants to make sure Brooklyn Bridge Park's neighbors will always have somewhere to swim.

"The pool is already making a big splash with Brooklyn families — and I'll continue to work with [the Brooklyn Bridge Park Corporation] and my colleagues to make the pool and other active recreation permanent fixtures at the park."

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IT STINKS!: Bay Ridge resident Allen Bortnick has his own solution for the Owl's Head Sewage Treatment Plant's perennial stench – and a Kingsborough College professor says it just might work.

File photo by Ted Levin

Plant goo is odor eater

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

A green pigment found in plants could kill the foul odors coming out of a Bay Ridge sewage treatment plant, claims a Community Board 10 member who is so confident that his air freshener plan will work he's willing to pay for it with his own Social Security check.

Allen Bortnick, who has spent years trying to find ways to kill the smells coming from the Owl's Head Wastewater Treatment Facility near his home on Shore Road near 72nd Street, says that treating the tanks with chlorophyll will sweeten the air.

"Chlorophyll is a chemical that eats rather than masks odors," said Bortnick, 82, who claimed that Air-Wick used to sell a deodorizer made of plant juice that was more effective than any product the home fragrance company had sold. Air Wick didn't return calls about why the product is no longer on the market. "You could just put a tub of chlorophyll out, and put some rags in it."

Bortnick says he would fund the experiment with his own Social Security check. But the city isn't giving his plan the green light, despite lavishing \$50 million on the park last year in a failed bid to clean up the stink.

Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Vincent Sapienza dismissed Bortnick's green plan.

"We're working on other solutions right now," he said

at the last CB10 meeting where Bortnick spoke of his idea.

Instead, Sapienza said the city was exploring traditional options like covering several of the tanks, moving more of the malodorous materials indoors, and cleaning the plant's digesters.

But Bortnick does have an ally in a Kingsborough Community College professor who says the activist's idea is ecologically sound.

"It wouldn't be surprising if a plant could neutralize some of those odors," said Dr. Patrick Lloyd, who teaches analytic chemistry. "If you're trying to do things from a green perspective, it is something you could look into."

Lloyd pointed out that road planners often line highways with chlorophyll-rich plants to soak up carbon monoxide and other toxins, and suggested that the city put green algae directly in the sewage tanks, or create an algae-lined cylinder to process the waste.

But setting up enormous open tanks of liquid chlorophyll — wouldn't work in such a large area, he said.

"If you want to deodorize pet smells in your apartment, that's one thing, but that's another order of magnitude from deodorizing a Brooklyn neighborhood," Lloyd said.

Doing so would certainly exceed Bortnick's humble Social Security payments.

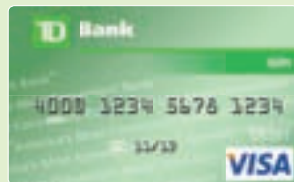
"We're talking about a major feat of civil engineering," Patrick said.

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Prospect Park's not-so-great lake

A thick layer of aquatic plantlife has covered the Prospect Park Lake ("Invasive species coats Prospect Park lake in green sheen," online July 10) — and our readers were ready to dive right into the murky waters and discuss the borough's newest invasive species.

Prospect Park Alliance spokesman Paul Nelson expects and hopes the outbreak "will not have harmful consequences for our ecosystem."

What lake is he talking about?

Pat from Park Slope

"It has a tendency to crowd out other plants and cause mortality in fish," said Cornell University's Chuck O'Neill who specializes in the study of invasive species. "It's a nuisance."

That describes Canada Geese too!

Or from Yellow Hook

Not to mention the "smug" sheen that the other invasive species (hipsters) has brought to Brooklyn.

SwampYankee from ruined Brooklyn

Fishing clinics, when what is going on right in front of the children, is being ignored by the experts. The Prospect Park Alliance must be joking with their hope and denial pleas.

Chris from Windsor Terrace

When you enter Prospect Park you are expected to suspend good common sense and follow blindly along with the Alliance's misleading statements.

Prospect Park has plenty of examples of "harmful consequences" that have been characterized otherwise.

Harris from Park Slope

That lake is an abomination.

Miguel Carraway from Clinton Hill

Someone should inform Paul Nelson that the Prospect Park Alliance does not own Prospect Park and he has a responsibility to treat people who go to the park with respect.

It would be a good start if he stopped spewing self-serving hogwash.

Rob from Kensington

SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

The Alliance has an us-against-them mentality. Instead of working for the benefit of the park and we who use it, they come across like we are the nuisance.

Roger from Windsor Terrace

Lake-adaisical

To the editor,

Prospect Park, a valuable wildlife habitat, is in grim shape and getting worse. This is not a meadow, it is a pervasive invasion of Azolla covering the watercourse, left to spread, and flushed down by the Prospect Park Alliance and the Parks Department from the upper pool where its growth began last fall.

The inaction to maintain the only lake in Brooklyn as a valuable wildlife habitat is inexcusable. I have been sounding the alarm on the dreadful conditions at Prospect Park for years, by conducting a "reality lakeside tour."

The Alliance and Parks has done a great deal of harm by making excuses for its failures. The conditions at Prospect Park Lake are deteriorating rapidly, while the Alliance's "brain trust" fiddles with word games in their statement.

Their insincere and ineffectual response is: "We'll be watching this plant closely this growing season."

The Alliance also continues to "watch" the erosion of the lakeside go on unabated for years, destroying the lakeside trees and causing additional stress on the watercourse. There is no timely plan to restore and clean the existing lake. The loss of acres of the watercourse due to the unsound ecological practices needs to be addressed.

The overgrowth of phragmites and the failure to remedy this in a timely fashion is a big problem. The infestation of mosquitoes lakeside is in direct proportion to the numerous stagnant pools of filthy lake water.

The evidence of erosion and disrepair of the lake's stone bank is overwhelming to those who care for the environment.

Anne-Katrin Titze

The author is a state-licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

July 4 bang-up

To the editor,

Back in the 1980s and early 1990s, July 4 was the most dangerous holiday of the year.

It seemed that everyone had fireworks and firecrackers and everyone was setting them off at the same time, sometimes an entire box at a time. There was one year

when it was so intense and loud that my wife at the time could not hear me when I yelled my message to her, and I was standing next to her with my mouth a couple inches from her ear. That night it continued at a torrid pace and deafening volume into the early hours of the next day.

I never went out of the house on July 4 because I never felt safe. I was in fear for my life. Then Mayor Giuliani stepped in, and created steps to stop sales of illegal fireworks and firecrackers that resulted in making the holiday quiet and safe. For several years, I could go out and not worry. Granted there was the occasional blast, but they were few and far between.

This year we took a giant step back to the 1980s. Again it seemed that everyone had firecrackers and fireworks. It may not have been as loud as that fateful day I mentioned above, but it was consistent. It was loud and continuous, even after 11 pm. I ask Mayor Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly: Why did you fail us this year? Why did you let the sales of illegal fireworks soar? Why did the police not do their jobs?

I don't feel like a prisoner in my house again. I want to feel safe — and be safe — when I'm out on Independence Day.

**Ronald Cohen
Gravesend**

What the French?

To the editor,

What did Norman Wasserman do to earn the recognition? To read your story ("France says 'merci' to Heights veteran — 68 years after the fact," online May 17), it's unclear that he did anything to distinguish himself from his fellow soldiers. And what set the machinery in motion almost 70 years after the events to give him the recognition?

It's unclear whether this was the reporter's intention or not, but the way the story was written leaves the impression that it might all have been pro forma, and orders were given from high up to simply look for a live body to pin a medal to, presumably to brighten up relations between France and the U.S.

Of course, if that's the case, to say so bluntly would only create bad feelings, but it simply leaves doubts in the reader's mind.

**Eric Politzer
Brooklyn**

Pro-prisoners

To the editor,

The U.S. has the largest per capita inmate population in the world for juveniles

and adults. Our country has the highest inmates in the prison system in solitary confinement, which mentally affects inmates, especially inmates diagnosed with mental illness.

Our citizens are the victims of "tough on crime" politicians who use every violent crime as an opportunity to frighten the public into passing legislation that has ultimately made us less safe — 95 percent of all inmates eventually are released into society.

Since punishment and not rehabilitation is the goal of our prison justice system, these former inmates return to a life of crime, since the felon law prohibits them from public housing, food stamps, job opportunities. Budget deficits and decreased state revenue due to the recession have caused states to reduce their building of new prisons. California recently had to release non-violent inmates early.

The D-Day is coming when politicians will be voted into office on a policy of intelligent crime reduction policy and the treating of prisoners in our system humanly.

**Allan Feinblum
Midwood**

Summer blues

To the editor,

Ahhh summer, don't you just hate it? Try as I may, I can't find one thing to love about this season. What is so pleasurable about sweat? Heat and humidity together make life just miserable and extremely uncomfortable.

As if coping with the present day isn't enough, we have to listen to the weatherman. He has to tell us about tomorrow, which is probably more humid and hotter. Then comes the heat index. Then there's the air conditioner. That makes it more bearable, until the dreaded Con Ed bill arrives. Then there's the bugs. Insects and I just don't get along. Sitting in my kitchen one day, I see this strange thing crawling on my wall. It had so many legs I lost count.

Noise is another thing we have to endure in the summertime. It's beyond me why people in cars feel everyone on the road has to hear their music. Then there are the never-ending parties people have. Do they care if they are disturbing their neighbors in a five-block radius?

No, of course not. Advice to the youngsters out there: become an ear doctor and you will be set for life.

Come soon, fall. I love every yellow, red and golden leaf — until I have to bag them.

**Jo Bisogno
Mill Basin**

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PARK SLOPE

Duffy Funeral Home would rather not have the business.

This year the members of the mortuary sponsored an essay contest based on the documentary "Loaded Weapon and Drunk Driving," which told the story of a young man who drove while drunk and killed a woman.



The flick was aimed at keeping people alive and well, and the students jumped at the chance to spread the lesson. Out of the 200-plus budding Pulitzer winners, two were chosen: junior **Olivia Boisrand** and freshman **Olivia Calamia**. **Principal Sister Valerias Belanger, SSND**, was more than over the moon with the results.

"We are very proud of all our students, especially the two winners. We are also very happy to again work with the staff of Duffy Funeral Home. They have sponsored essay contests and provided our students with videos for the past 15 years that teach life's lessons. These contests allow our students to express their opinions and reactions," Sister Valerias told Standing O.

St. Saviour High School [588 Sixth St. between Eighth Avenue and Prospect Park West in Park Slope, (718) 768-4406].



Mama mia, that's some woman!

CARROLL GARDENS

Long considered the den mother of Carroll Park, **Kathleen Henderson** finally got her dues when she received honors as a Woman of Distinction by **state Sen. Daniel Squadron** (D-Brooklyn Heights) and was feted with a celebration in the state capital.

And it's about time.

Our pal Kathleen has been instrumental in the complete transformation of the park during the 16 years that she has held reign, going way above and be-

yond what's expected. From entertaining and taking care of the Children's Garden to keeping the park safe and welcoming, she has improved the park and made it the best place to come to for the whole community. Squadron was just too thrilled to present this award to her.

"It's hard to overstate just how loved and appreciated Kathleen is by the community," Squadron told Standing O. "The dedication and kindness she brings with her everyday is an example for all."

You said it.



BAY RIDGE

Senators for a day

Representing Ridgites is not an easy job — just ask **state Sen. Marty Golden** (R-Bay Ridge) — but somebody has to do it. This year our pal in Albany got a break when three industrious students took over the reigns as winners of the "State Senator for a Day" essay contest and sat in the hot seat.

Out of the 170 submissions, three lucky students were granted the auspicious opportunity to rule the roost: **Joshua Rowe**, and eighth grader from Midwood Catholic Academy; **Michael Zamuro**, a seventh grader from St. Anselm's; and **Avi Stern**, a sixth grader from PS and IS 104. They had lunch with the senator and spoke with him about their ideas on how to improve the community.

Golden said he was amazed by how well the boys had a handle on community affairs.

"I am proud to have welcomed the future of our community and to congratulate the winners. They show us that some of the best ideas come from our students. They are the future and I look forward to seeing all of them grow and give back to make our city a better place to live, to work and raise a family," he told Standing O.

Now Standing O wants to know, "Can Standing O be senator for a day too?"

Oh, man, would we pass some legislation!

Cycling

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ness cards to find customers, which also include kids in Park Slope.

A spokeswoman for the bike advocacy group League of American Cyclists, **Carolyn Szczepanski**, said Carmona isn't the only adult-focused bike instructor in the country — but his approach is unconventional.

Many teachers take "licensed cycling instructor" courses, then register with the agency

for credibility — although it's not required, she said.

"Some people choose to take seminars; others build name recognition in their community," she said.

For now, Carmona is happy with simple street cred.

"I always wanted to be a teacher and I've always loved bikes," he said. "So



LEARN FROM HIM: Eddie Carmona is Brooklyn's go-to guy for adults who can't ride bikes. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

this is kind of perfect."

Kobayashi

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The organization did not respond to requests for comment.

Kobayashi, who also could not be reached before deadline, told CNN that he performed better than he expected, even considering the updated count.

"A few days prior to the contest, when I was told we'd be using this particular hot dog, I knew it would be a difficult one," he told the news station in a statement. "From the beginning, my goal was 55."

The hot dog setback comes two years after Kobayashi parted ways with Major League Eating, the organization that oversees the Nathan's contest, due to a contract dispute. He was arrested in 2010 when he climbed onto the stage in Coney Island after the contest wrapped up, amid cries from a crowd of thousands that chanted: "Let him eat!"

Last year, in a one man eating extravaganza at a Manhattan rooftop lounge, Kobayashi established a contested world record of 69 HDBs, though an analysis by this newspaper revealed that he had only consumed 65 HDBs.

Lead

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ficials since this newspaper first reported the story two weeks ago.

He said his shop still sells some furniture — but not the type made from the painted barn wood.

That's a relief to parents, who say shoppers in the kid-centric neighborhood should be in the know about potentially toxic products.

"I'm glad people are aware now," Penman said. "Most parents don't know that new furniture could pose a risk."

No cars

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make strolling through DUMBO safer and give the neighborhood more space for outdoor events and programming, proponents say.

“This will continue the remarkable transformation of this part of the neighborhood into a retail corridor,” said Alexandria Sica, executive director of the DUMBO Business Improvement District.

Closing Anchorage Place, which runs between Plymouth and Pearl streets, will cost the neighborhood 24 parking spaces according to planners — but the city will change parking regulations on John and Pearl streets to allow parking at 20 to 30 new spaces.

The proposal has won the endorsement of Community Board 2’s Transportation Committee. It must go before



NO CARS GO: Anchorage Place — the street on the left — will be closed to cars under a plan that would expand the Pearl Street Triangle.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

the full board and face an environmental assessment before it becomes reality.

If all goes according to plan, the hypotenuse of the Pearl Street Triangle will

be closed off with planters or other movable bollards starting this summer — which is way too soon according to Doreen Gallo, executive director of the DUMBO Neighborhood Alliance, who fears the plan will push traffic to the other side of the pedestrian plaza.

“It’s going to impose a lot of vehicles over on Pearl Street, and it’ll dramatically change what’s happening there,” said Gallo. “The [city] is taking the street away from real uses — a lot of cars are depending on using that way.”

Gallo says the project should be put on hold — at least until the city repaves Anchorage Place with classic-looking Belgian Block, a \$20-million proposal expected to begin in 2014.

Her organization also says reserving the road for pedestrians makes little sense because of Anchorage Place’s industrial feel.

Project backers say closing the thoroughway will have little impact on automotive traffic because most cars frequent Pearl Street already.

And many DUMBO denizens — especially those who lunch in the Pearl

Street Triangle — say the road should be re-purposed for the people.

“It isn’t really used as a roadway, I think it’d be more useful as a bike lane or a pedestrian walkway,” says David Chang, who works nearby.

Meters

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done with it,” said Midwood resident Naomi Wolf, who claims she used to pay about \$1,200 per year for water — before the city billed her \$4,800 after installing an automated meter reader at her home on Ocean Parkway last September. “I would prefer not to have to pay the city another \$3,600 for something that didn’t take place. I use a normal amount of water like everybody else. We don’t have a sprinkler system. I barely even water the tiny patch of grass I have.”

Wolf is hardly alone.

Complaints have flooded Public Advocate Bill de Blasio’s office from all five boroughs — but Brooklyn leads the way with 168 complaints about allegedly faulty readers, 42 percent of the city-wide total.

And Midwood isn’t the only area that’s been soaked: complaints have come from all over the borough, from Park Slope and Carroll Gardens to Canarsie and Mill Basin — the two neighborhoods that racked up the most.

Not that new readers are the only thing shooting up water costs for residents.

The price of water in the city has nearly doubled for homeowners in the last 10 years — and the city has raised rates between one and 14.5 percent every year for the past 16 years.

In 2013, water rates will rise another seven percent.

Critics say that instead of helping residents save cash, the new meter readers are just another money-maker for the city.

The city is on pace to collect a record \$3 billion in water bills, which would be an increase of 30 percent from the \$2.1 billion collected in 2008, according to the Daily News.

The Department of Environmental Protection,

which administers the city’s water system, argues that the new readers have ultimately helped save residents money by cutting down on estimates, and officials maintain they have found no “discrepancy” in any of the meter readings that residents across the city have complained about.

“Automated meter readers let our customers track and manage their water use, and have helped them save millions of dollars,” said Chris Gilbride, a spokesman for the department.

But public officials say that’s ludicrous.

“The denials out of City Hall are getting less believ-

able by the day,” said de Blasio.

“We know bill disputes are up, we know [the Department of Environmental Protection] is out hiring new inspectors it shouldn’t need, we know homeowners are getting bills that defy explanation,” he said.

Brooklynites like Samuel Troutman say something must be done before rising water bills sink their finances.

“It was \$50 a month until the guy came and put something on the pipe. Then it shot up to \$500,” said Troutman, who has lived at the same house for more than 30 years. “How are we going to pay for that?”

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● 'There are no words to even explain the joy I felt after we got that third out.'

— Grand Street coach Melvin Martinez on the team's win

● 'He got what was coming to him. He earned it.'

— Coach Pat Deane on Andrew Velazquez

Best in high school baseball are honored

BY ZACH BRAZILLER
AND MARC RAIMONDI

It took 17 years — and plenty of near-misses — but Grand Street Campus's baseball squad finally broke through under coach Melvin Martinez.

The Wolves beat George Washington, winning their first Public School Athletic League city baseball title under the coach, who helped mentor current Yankees farmhand Dellin Betances, among others, in almost two decades on the bench.

Poly Prep didn't have to wait nearly as long to win again — the Blue Devils took home their second straight New York State Association of Independent Schools Athletic Association title on the arm of right-hander Andrew Zapata, one of the best pitchers the city's seen in some time.

It was a Cinderella year for both Grand Street Campus and many others. Here's a list of those who made the season so special:

Player of the Year: Andrew Velazquez, Fordham Prep

At 5-foot-9, Velazquez doesn't look like much of a baseball player. But he's a five-tool talent, one of the fastest players in the city, and can bash home runs from both sides of the plate.

This year, the senior made the transition to shortstop from center field for Fordham Prep and his defense was top-notch. He was the best leadoff hitter in the five boroughs and wreaked all kinds of havoc on the bases to help Fordham Prep reach the Catholic High School Athletic



VELAZQUEZ IS A BASEBALL BASHER: The New York Post named Fordham Prep's Andrew Velazquez its All-City Baseball Player of the Year.
Photo by Denis Gostev

Association Class AA inter-sectional finals.

A day before his big game to lead the Rams against St. Joseph by the Sea, Velazquez was selected in the seventh round of the MLB First-Year Player Draft by the Diamondbacks, the highest Catholic High School Athletic Association player taken in 10 years.

"He got what was coming to him," Fordham Prep coach Pat Deane said. "He earned it."

Coach of the Year: Melvin Martinez, Grand Street Campus

When Grand Street Campus ended last season losing to Tottenville with a Public School Athletic League Class A semifinal series sweep, Martinez was so dismayed at his inability to get past the final four after 16

years, he considered hanging up his cleats. But, after constant prodding from his players, the longtime coach agreed to stay — and the result was a season he'll never forget.

The East Williamsburg school won its final 21 games after dropping the league opener to Midwood.

Following the 2-1 victory over defending champion George Washington in the finals, Martinez shed tears of joy.

"There are no words to even explain the joy I felt after we got that third out," said Martinez, who had his leukemia-stricken father Eudalio by his side during the raucous celebration. "It was 17 years."

Catcher Kevin Martir, Grand Street Campus

The Maryland-bound se-

nior backed up his big talk that the playoffs were when he's at his best. A Xavierian transfer, Martir hit a pair of two-run home runs in the Public School Athletic League Class A semifinal sweep of John Adams and drove in the first run of the team's finals victory over George Washington to become the first player in recent memory to win back-to-back titles in the Public School Athletic League and Catholic High School Athletic Association.

Pitcher Andrew Zapata, Poly Prep

For the second straight year, the heavily recruited right-hander with the devastating array of pitches has tossed a complete-game, one-hitter in the New York State Association of Inde-

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ONE AMAZING ATHLETE: Cardozo's Alexis Panisse was added to the New York Post's All-City girls track and field stars.

These all stars tear up the track

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The city was again a hotbed for girls' track and field talent.

The spring was dominated by a historic season from distance runner Alexis Panisse and Cardozo High School, which repeated as Public School Athletic League indoor and outdoor champs even though Clinton, Port Richmond, and Medgar Evers closed the gap.

Medgar Evers' Kadeicia Baird emerged as one of the nation's top sprinters by year's end, while Archbishop Molloy and St. John Villa continued to be two of the Catholic High School Athletic Association's best squads. This year's top track stars included:

Athlete of the Year: Alexis Panisse, Cardozo

The Tennessee-bound Panisse enjoyed a season for the ages as the Judges again captured the Public School Athletic League indoor and outdoor city titles. She was first Public School Athletic League

female cross country runner to qualify for the Foot Locker National Championships and was the first in a decade to run the invitational mile at the Millrose Games.

Panisse ran the state's best 600 meter time indoors this season and broke the 2,000 steeplechase meet record at the Mayor's Cup. She won a city and state title in the 3,000 indoors as well, adding to her memorable year.

Coach of the Year: Gail Emmanuel, Cardozo

It was again a dominant season for the Judges, but not the way they are used to.

In a year where many thought it might finally falter, Cardozo won its sixth straight Public School Athletic League indoor title and did so without Miami-bound star Lateisha Philson. Plus, its fifth consecutive outdoor crown came by a narrow margin.

Emmanuel and as-
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Little nets, really big wins

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

It was one of the most competitive seasons in recent years in girls lacrosse.

Tottenville held off Curtis in a four-overtime thriller for its second consecutive Public School Athletic League Class A title. Riverdale was again the city's top club behind star Lindsay Picard, but suffered a tight loss to unbeaten Hackley in the New York State Association of Independent Schools Athletic Association semifinals.

Mary Louis fell for the second straight year in the Catholic High School Athletic Association Nassau and Suffolk Class A title game and James Madison captured the Public School Athletic League Class B title.

Here's a list of female lacrosse players who made the season so exciting:

Player of the Year: Lindsay Picard, Riverdale

Playing much of the year with a slight torn hamstring, the senior midfielder scored 71 goals and finished with 20 assists to lead Riverdale to a second place finish in the Ivy Prep League and a berth in the New York State Association of Independent Schools Athletic Association semifinals, where it lost to eventual unbeaten champion Hackley.

Picard shined in the biggest moments. She scored seven times, including the winning goal against Fieldston in double overtime,



SHE'S SICK WITH A STICK: Riverdale's Lindsay Picard was named the New York Post All-City Girls Lacrosse Player of the Year.

Photo by Robert Cole

and had the tying score late to defeat Poly Prep in comeback fashion in the New York State Association of Independent Schools Athletic Association quarterfinals.

Coach of the Year: Leonard Hession, Tottenville

Unlike last season, the second-year coach didn't watch the Pirates cruise to the Public School Athletic League Class A title. Tottenville was tested often, dealt with a difficult-to-stomach

loss to rival Curtis, and grinded out multiple overtime wins throughout the season, including a four-overtime affair in the final to claim its second straight crown. It was Hession's calmness, confidence, and demanding style that helped pull the Pirates through.

Midfielder Moriam Soetan, Midwood

The lightning-quick senior was one of the city's most prolific scorers. She found the back of the net 60 times, to go along with

15 assists, to help Midwood reach the Public School Athletic League Class A semifinals.

Midfielder Jessica Dahldorf, Poly Prep

The Northwestern-bound star continued to show why she is one of the city's top talents. Dahldorf kept a young Poly Prep team in the upper echelon of the Ivy Prep League, thanks to her 62 goals and 22 assists.

Midfielder Maria Cacciapuoti, Tottenville

Considered one of the hardest workers and most respected players on the team, the junior burst onto the scene this season. Cacciapuoti tallied 59 goals and nine assists as Tottenville won its second straight Public School Athletic League Class A title.

Midfielder Chloe Chasanoff, Fieldston

The sophomore was a scoring machine, pouring in 79 goals.

Her finest performance came in a nine-goal effort to lead the Eagles to an upset of Long Island Lutheran in the New York State Association of Independent Schools Athletic Association quarterfinals.

Midfielder and Attack woman Carly Chierico, Cardozo

One of the most accomplished players in Judges' history, she led the program to one of its best seasons this spring.

The senior scored 40 goals and added 17 assists as the team's leading scorer.



TREND SETTER: Academy of American Studies' Michal Kasza is the All-City Boys Volleyball Player of the Year.

Photo by Denis Gostey

Eagles soar in volleyball finals

BY MARC RAIMONDI

It was the year of the Eagle in boys volleyball.

The Academy of American Studies rumbled across the five boroughs almost untouched to win its first city championship — and the small Long Island City school's first city title.

If that wasn't good news, this will be: the core team returns next year.

Here's a preview of the top players who will be returning next year.

Michal Kasza

There wasn't a phase of the game that Kasza didn't excel in as he led Academy of American Studies to its first-ever Public School Athletic League boys volleyball championship. The 5-foot-11 junior had 14 kills in the final against Bronx Science after not being happy with his performance in the semifinals. Kasza left little doubt who the best player in the city was.

"He is just a phenomenal talent," Academy coach Josh Yang said.

Coach Josh Yang

Yang had all the talent for a city title run in the preseason, but had to meld

it together to make all of American Studies' pieces work. He moved Conrad Zajkowski to middle hitter from the right side and had former libero take over at outside hitter. The fiddling proved to be the right recipe for success — and at the end of the day the Academy of American Studies was hoisting the Public School Athletic League championship banner.

Setter Piotr Kasza

Just a sophomore, Kasza was praised time and time again by coach Josh Yang for being a leader and the general out on the court. His brother, Michal, gets most of the attention, but Piotr was just as vital to American Studies' championship run.

Middle Hitter Conrad Zajkowski

Fittingly, it was Zajkowski who put down the final kill to give Academy of American Studies its first Public School Athletic League city title. The 6-foot-7 junior was a monster in the semifinals against Cardozo, putting the Eagles on his back all season.

Baseball

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pendent Schools Athletic Association championship, lifting Poly Prep to consecutive titles.

It's no wonder top programs Kentucky, St. John's, Maryland, and Ole Miss are actively recruiting the junior.

Pitcher and Center Fielder Connor Doyle, Cardozo

The Townsend Harris transfer elevated Cardozo to new heights. A fire-ball-

ing right hander, standout center fielder, and impact hitter, he guided the Judges to their second straight undefeated league season and first Public School Athletic League Class A quarterfinal berth in several years.

Pitcher Chris Falcone, St. Joseph by the Sea

His signature performance came in a Catholic High School Athletic Association Class AA championship round elimination game, blanking Archbishop Molloy despite suffering from back spasms.

It was the Felician-bound's second win of the

playoffs and he went 7-0 overall, giving up just three earned runs the entire season.

Pitcher Gerry Gonzalez, Grand Street Campus

Grand Street's potent and deep lineup dominated all discussions leading up to the Public School Athletic League Class A championship game, but after the Wolves won their first crown, all anybody wanted to talk about was Gonzalez's brilliant performance, a complete-game, four-hitter against the powerful Trojans. It was an apt end to the senior southpaw's memo-

orable postseason, in which he won three times in dominant fashion.

Third Baseman Ernesto Lopez, Grand Street Campus

The first Public School Athletic League Class A triple crown winner in recent memory, Lopez hit his way out of the shadows of bigger-name teammates, leading Grand Street to its first city championship. His solo home run at MCU Park in the Public School Athletic League Class A final proved to be the difference against defending champion George Washington.

Track

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sistant coach Ray James developed more depth around less star power than years past, and completed the four-year transformation of standout Alexis Panisse.

Kadecia Baird, Medgar Evers

Arguably the nation's top sprinter, the junior closed the year by winning the 100, 200, and 400 at the Public School Athletic League outdoor championship and 200 state and national title. The later crown came in 52.14, the top time in the country.



CYCLONES CONFIDENTIAL

Clones left fielder on a hot streak

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Cyclones left fielder Stefan Sabol is on a tear — but he wouldn't even know it if his father hadn't tipped him off.

The first-year phenom from California's Orange Coast College went on an 11-game hitting streak from June 25 through July 5 — but he didn't realize it until he heard from dear old dad.

"I was aware I was seeing the ball well, making good contact," said the California native, who started his string of successful at bats with a single in the team's shut out victory over the Hudson Valley Renegades. "It wasn't till I was talking to my dad and he just said, 'You've got a seven game hitting streak going on,' that I realized it."

But Sabol — who sent a fast-ball over the left-center field wall on July 4 against the Crosscutters for his first minor league home run — said he made sure not to let his success at the plate go to his head.

"It's in the back of my mind, I'm sure," Sabol said before last Friday's game, when his streak came to an end. "But if I get a sac fly or a key walk that gets in a run,

I'll be happy with that."

Sabol didn't get a hit that night, but he ended up reaching base on a throwing error and crossing the plate on a wild pitch — helping lift the Clones to a 7-6 victory in the rubber match against the Crosscutters.

Sabol said he never picked up hits in more than four straight games while playing ball in school and wasn't eying the all-time Mini-Mets record: 17 in a row, set by left fielder Lucas Duda — now a full-grown Met — in 2007.

"I'm just trying to have good at bats, find the holes, and help the team win."

Record-breaking will have to wait for now, but Cyclones skipper Rich Donnelly said he definitely hasn't been putting the pressure on his left fielder.

"The only thing I've said to Stefan since he's been here is 'Hello' and 'Good game,'" said Donnelly. "When a guy's doing his work well, you don't need to say much to him."

The 19-year-old is batting .308 in the last 10 games with a .413 on-base percentage, is trailing only first baseman Cole Frenzel on the team in hits.



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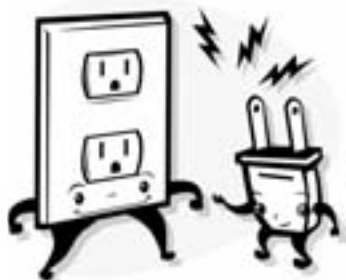
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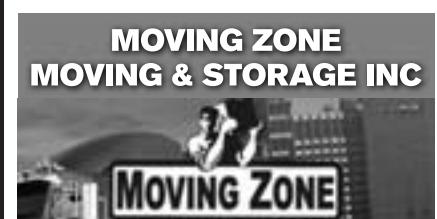
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