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## Heights park goes 'Beastie'

BY JAIME LUTZ

Fight for your right to party  
— at a park named after a Beastie  
Boy.

Palmetto Playground, at the  
intersection of Willow Place and  
State Street in Brooklyn Heights,  
will officially be renamed the  
Adam Yauch Playground this  
week, the Brooklyn Heights Blog  
first reported.

A city official confirmed the  
news to this, but wouldn't say  
if there would be a ceremony to  
mark the name change on Fri-  
day, as reported by the Brooklyn  
Heights Blog.

Yauch was a founding mem-  
ber of the seminal rap group  
The Beastie Boys, which helped  
bring hip-hop to the mainstream  
of American music. Born in the  
borough in 1964, Yauch grew up

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**HONORING MCA:** Palmetto Playground in Brooklyn Heights will be re-named for Beastie Boy Adam "MCA" Yauch (with chopsticks), who grew up in Brooklyn Heights and played in the park when he was a child. The rapper died last year of cancer.

Associated Press

## LICH LIVES!

### State backs down on push to close College Hospital

BY JAIME LUTZ

It's alive!

Long Island College Hospital  
may stay open after all — at least  
in some form — now that the State  
University of New York has with-  
drawn its controversial closure  
plan for the troubled hospital.

The university plans to work  
with the hospital's doctors and  
the employees' union to find an  
alternative owner for the hospital

— a plan this paper exclusively  
reported in early February.

The university announced  
the plan on Friday — just a day  
after the New York City Council  
unanimously adopted a resolu-  
tion calling on the state to keep  
the 155-year-old Cobble Hill insti-  
tution open.

"Downstate [the hospital sys-  
tem of the State University] has  
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# RAIL CALL!

## Smith-Ninth Street station back in business

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

The long-shuttered Smith-Ninth subway station is finally back in business after two drawn out years of major renovation work.

The sorely missed transit hub on the border of Red Hook and Carroll Gardens that services the F and G lines reopened Friday after a \$32-million makeover and months of delays.

"It's no secret that we all thought this work should have been done sooner and we're really grateful for the community's patience. But here we are," said Fernando Ferrer, the acting chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, at a ribbon-cutting ceremony inside the revamped station Friday.

Rehabilitation of the 80-year-old subway station was originally supposed to be completed in nine months, but fell far behind schedule due to the contractor's "poor management," according to an MTA report.

"Insufficient manpower and quality control, and other design issues" contributed to the postponement, the report said.

But now the elevated transportation gateway, which the MTA says is the highest subway station in the world at nearly 88 feet above street level, is up and running better than ever.

Improvements to the station include a new and expanded ground level control house, new lighting, new canopies, rehabilitated stairs and platforms, fully functioning escalators, a new public address system,



**GREAT HEIGHTS:** New escalators were installed as part of the \$32-million renovation of the Smith-Ninth subway station, where riders and motormen cheered the grand re-opening of the stop.

and a newly installed emergency intercom system.

The station is even adorned with touches of art such as a 14-foot blue tile mosaic by the turnstiles and nautical maps of local bodies of water printed onto 26 windows in the station created by a Red Hook artist.

"This is not your grandpa station that's for sure," said Borough President Markowitz just before the first train rolled through the station at 11:05 am to the sound of cheers.

"It is just a beautiful rehabilitation."

But transportation-starved Red Hook straphangers who have been without the vital subway station for two arduous years are just glad to have it back in use.

"I really missed it. We needed it the most and now we finally got a good train station in our neighborhood," said Red Hook resident Quan Boyd, who added that the condition of the station used to be "disgusting."



Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Rider Carolina Cuervo, who lives on the edge of Red Hook, said that without the Smith-Ninth station 15 minutes was added to her commute everyday to Manhattan because she had to walk or take the bus to next nearest stop – the Carroll Street subway station.

"I'm ecstatic," said Cuervo as she waited for the F train. "I'm so excited, I don't even know what I'm going to do with my extra 15 minutes – there's all these possibilities."

But not all straphangers

anticipating the reopening of the station were happy with what they found.

Longtime Red Hook resident Gloria McWilliams, who said she has been diagnosed with lupus that causes immense fatigue, was outraged when she discovered that the multi-million dollar renovation did not include handicap accessibility.

"I'm very disappointed," she said, adding that she won't be able to make it up to the platform. "We need elevators and ramps."



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# Waterfront green\$pace

## Advocates fear Bushwick Inlet Park will go private

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

Williamsburg park lovers are worried that the city will let apartments rise up in the planned Bushwick Inlet Park because of the glacial pace it is taking to fund the greenspace.

Property values have skyrocketed in the area during the eight years since the city approved a controversial rezoning of the Williamsburg waterfront, and six riverside properties along Kent Avenue north of East River State Park that the city planned to purchase for \$12 million and turn into parks are worth at least eight times that price. The city now says it does not have the money to pay for the land, and that has park advocates fearful that a Brooklyn Bridge Park-style public-private partnership, which could include housing on the site, is in the works.

"I'll be shocked if we get this park without a big tower sitting in the middle of it," said Community Board 1 member Ryan Kuonen. "That's the only model the city seems to recognize as a viable way to build park space."

The park advocates point



**THE CORNERSTONE:** The first portion of Bushwick Inlet Park opened last year. Four parcels are still not yet opened and the city has not yet purchased the land.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

to Brooklyn Bridge Park, a waterfront development below Brooklyn Heights that for years was promised to be a self-sustaining oasis funded by in-park activities, restaurants, and a hotel. But at the last minute, the government okayed condos, whose maintenance fees would go toward upkeep.

So far, the city only owns two of the six parcels

it planned for Bushwick Inlet Park. The parks department plans to purchase the third plot, the Bayside Fuel site just north of the current park, in 2015. However, the city does not have the money to buy the three remaining plots — CitiStorage, Monitor, and Motiva, which are all along Kent Avenue just north of North Tenth Street.

"Thus far there is no schedule to begin these acquisitions," said Parks spokeswoman Meghan Lallor.

But advocates say the city owes them the park, because it was part of the zoning deal that allowed condo buildings nearby.

"They rezoned and made commitments," said Laura

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## City to dredge Newtown Creek

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

The city wants to tear down a giant sludge transfer station at the mouth of Newtown Creek so it can free-up space for a park there, but first it has to dredge a large portion of the filthy waterway so tankers can head into Greenpoint to pick up their load.

The plan is to dredge as deep as nine feet in some spots of the creek between the East River and Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant at Provost Street near Greenpoint Avenue, and as deep as 13 feet in Whale Creek, an inlet just past the Pulaski Bridge that will give boats direct access

to the plant. There, the city will build a new loading dock and two new vessels to hold the nasty fluid. Those depths will allow the boats to travel beneath drawbridge during low tide without having to raise it.

And even though the Newtown Creek is a federal Superfund site that needs a serious clean-up, the city claims that the sediment is scoops from its banks is not toxic according to sediment sampling the city ordered in 2009.

Some Creek advocates agreed that work is necessary, but are still worried about what will happen with the polluted silt that is



**POOP WAREHOUSE:** The sludge from the wastewater treatment plan now runs through a pipe into this storage tank on the East River, but after the creek is dredged, boats will be able to come right up to the plant.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

brought up.

"Any kind of dredging is a concern," said Kate Zidar,

executive director of the Newtown Creek Alliance. "If the sediment has high levels of contamination, we need to dispose of them appropriately."

But city officials said the dredging would not adversely affect the environment because shovels wouldn't go too deep.

"Everyone is concerned, because this is a Superfund site," said Christine Holowacz, the liaison to the Newtown Creek Monitoring Committee. "But they're not going to go very far down."

Holowacz said more testing is needed to determine

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**LIKE FLEAS:** Vendors are tightly packed onto one concrete slab at East River State Park, making it tight for customers, who spill out into the rest of the park.

Community Newspaper Group / Danielle Furfaro

## Scratching 'Flea'

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

Some Williamsburg residents are up in arms over the Brooklyn Flea and Smorgasburg, claiming the borough's celebrations of tchotchke shopping and locavore meals have turned East River State Park into a circus.

The Brooklyn Flea and its Smorgasburg food bazaar, which run every Saturday and Sunday, draw thousands of visitors to the park each day. Neighbors complain that the vendors and customers have taken over the whole park, despite the fact that the commercial ventures together rent only a portion.

"Basically, we no longer have a park on the weekends," said Peter Kos, who now has to look for somewhere else to entertain his four-year-old son. "I'm not going to bring my son somewhere where there are 300 25-year-olds hanging out."

Some of the specific complaints about the markets are trash left in the park, broken glass in the grass and vendors who noisily unload their wares at daybreak.

But the critics' biggest complaint is not the trash or the noise, but the very existence of the markets in the public park.

"I try to avoid North Seventh on the weekends," said neighborhood resident Samantha Tannehill. "The influx of people is crazy."

The markets relocated from a lot between N. Sixth and N. Seventh streets to

the parkland between N. Seventh and N. Eighth streets at the beginning of April because their home of the past two seasons, a development site owned by Edge-builders Douglas-ton Development, is on the market.

For \$1,500 a day, the Brooklyn Flea rents the smaller of the two slabs of concrete in the park. This past weekend, dozens of vendors were tightly packed onto the slab, with little room for people to move between the vendors. That meant that those perusing the flea spilled over to the picnic tables and grass at the other end, giving the whole park a county fair atmosphere.

That is unacceptable in any public park, say critics, let alone in a park in Williamsburg, which is so starved for open space.

"Clearly, this is not a park purpose," said Geoffrey Croft, president of New York City Park Advocates. "The public has every right to enjoy respite. It's absurd that the public has to compete with a commercial endeavor."

New York City Park Advocates has successfully sued the city for attempting to privatize parks in the past, and Croft says it will launch a lawsuit against Brooklyn Flea if that is what the neighborhood wants.

Eric Demby, one of the owners of Brooklyn Flea, said he has been working with neighbors to make sure that all complaints are addressed and that, in

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# *Girl Scouts troop fights to save historic Pacific library branch*

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

A passionate troop of Girl Scouts has taken matters into their own adorably tiny hands.

Civic-minded youngsters from Troop 2657 have joined the fight to save Park Slope's beloved Pacific library branch from being sold off and possibly demolished by starting their very own petition to preserve the borough's first Carnegie branch.

Library officials plan to sell the historic branch, built in 1903, and use the proceeds to create a more modern facility inside a skyscraper slated to rise nearby, rather than shell out \$11 million to repair to the old structure — but not if the Girl Scout troop that meets there every week has anything to do with it.

"Me and the Girl Scouts are looking to save the li-

brary and make it a landmark. That way no one can ever knock it down," said eight-year-old Jordan Candelario of Staten Island, who thought up the idea to start a petition after learning of the plan. "If they knock down the library then we would need to look somewhere else to hold our meetings."

The 17-member troop — made up of homeschooled five-to-10-year-old girls from across Brooklyn, Staten Island, and Manhattan — gathers at the spacious community meeting room on the second floor of the Classical Revival-style library every Wednesday afternoon, where they meet to do badge work and partake in activities like arts and crafts.

"I love it — it's a great place with a gigantic meeting room," said nine-year-old Nini Kauffman-O'Hehir,

who told her troop about the Brooklyn Public Library's plan to sell off the unlandmarked branch after she heard about it from her mother, Leslie Kauffman. "I'll be very upset if they tore down the library."

The troop hand delivered its paper petition to Comptroller John Liu at a recent rally at City Hall where little Candelario read out loud the petition that she wrote in her own words directed towards elected officials including Liu, Mayor Bloomberg, Councilman Steve Levin (D-Boerum Hill), and Council Speaker Christine Quinn.

The petition signed by all the scouts and their parents asks that the library on Fourth Avenue be kept open for the following reasons:

- "Libraries change the world."
- "Our Girl Scouts meet-

ings are held there. The girl scouts need this space."

- "The world depends on libraries for kids' education."
- "Office space does not help make the world a better place. Libraries and Girl Scouts does."
- "This library is part of the neighborhood. It has been around since 1903 and our kids love it."

Troop leader Virginia McAllister, who started the troop a year ago, said that, when looking for a space free of charge to hold the weekly meetings, she thought of the Pacific branch because of its central location that is accessible by 11 different subway lines.

"I feel really lucky to have been able to secure that location, but I don't know that I'd be able to find another one," said the Fort Greene resident, whose daughter Paige is one of



**FIGHTING FOR THEIR RIGHT:** Girl Scouts Julia and Amelia Vasquez, Jordan Candelario, Emmelina Zuba, Nini Kauffman-O'Hehir, who meet at the Pacific library branch weekly, are fighting the Brooklyn Public Library's plan to sell off an historic branch.

the Girl Scouts.

"It's a terrible plan, but it's been an experience to see these girls grow into people," said McAllister. "I can't wait to see them grow up and become leaders, because that's what the Girl Scouts is all about."

The public meeting rooms in the Pacific branch are not only used by the Girl Scouts, but also by dozens of other community and civic groups.

Library officials say that they plan — replacing a branch that they cannot afford to repair on its annual maintenance budget of \$15 million, with a brand new, slightly bigger branch inside a planned 32-story tower two blocks away across Flatbush Avenue — would be a benefit to the troop.

"The library is pursuing this plan with girls like them in mind," said Brooklyn Public Library vice



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# Sandy in Coney — again!

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Coney Island has a gritty reputation, but this is ridiculous!

Winds blew huge mounds of sand off the beach and onto the neighborhood's iconic Boardwalk, forcing the Parks Department to deploy teams of workers to remove the granules by the wheelbarrow-ful.

Community Board 13 district manager Chuck Reichenthal said he had heard concerns about the beach overflowing onto the promenade. He suggested that the wayward grains were the same ones Hurricane Sandy piled onto the walkway last October. During the post-storm cleanup, the city pushed the sand off the famed planks, but left it in big drifts along the shoreline instead of spreading it out.

"They're just blowing back up onto the Boardwalk again," said Reichenthal.



**AGAINST THE GRAIN:** Parks Department workers battle the sand that has continually piled up on the Coney Boardwalk this year.

Photo by Paul Martinka

The civic leader said that the problem should be resolved soon as the Parks Department is in the process of leveling out the sand so it will not rise again.

"It will not be a problem throughout the summer.

They are getting everything re-aligned along the beach," Reichenthal said.

The city would not comment on the phenomenon beyond saying that removing sand from the promenade is part of a Parks Department employee's regular duties.

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## Cosmetic Dentistry makes Celebrities Smile



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There are dozens of reasons for getting cosmetic dental treatment including vanity, tooth loss and even for protecting fragile teeth from the risks of chipping and cracking. When the average guy or gal visits a dentist it is no big deal, however when chart-toppers and stars opt for cosmetic dentistry, the rest of the world takes notice in a big way.

Media headlines proclaim that "Celebrities are just like us" in regards to tasks like grocery shopping, picking up coffee and getting gas. The similarities do not stop there as they also need dental care to keep their pearly whites intact. Sometimes those in the public eye rely on cosmetic dentistry to make their teeth ready for appearances we can shed a spotlight on how cosmetic dentistry has made certain stars smile more brightly.

### Jewel's Snaggle-Tooth

The world is filled with slews of naturally talented people and American born singer-songwriter, guitarist, producer, actress and poet Jewel is one of them. Unlike some folks who are famous for being born wealthy, Jewel was blessed with talent and worked incredibly hard to earn her success.

Jewel was born in Utah and her family eventually relocated to Alaska, a state known for struggling with a dentist shortage and affordable dental care. The artist admits to being poor in her youth; her Alaska home did not have indoor plumbing, she lived in her car for a period of several years and her family could not pay for preventative dentistry to help create and maintain oral health. In her youth

she yodeled to earn cash and those vocal skills backed by her proficient song-writing skills helped her get noticed and launched her professional career.

Now Jewel is a true American success story that has sold countless albums which has generated a healthy income for her. She has used some of that money into cosmetic dental work. Aside from being blessed with talent, Jewel also won the genetic lottery in regards to her good looks and her imperfect smile was one such asset her fans adored. During her rise to fame, her grin replete with a snaggle-tooth (upper right mouth, third tooth in) and discolored teeth helped garner a loyal fan base.

Now, that grin looks a bit different as she invested in cosmetic dental work. Individuals have speculated as to the exact dental work she has received. Industry insiders believe she received porcelain veneer or crowns over the most crooked teeth. The rest of her teeth were professionally shaped and bleached to make the smile look whole and remain natural.

### Steven Tyler a Knock-Out

Steven Tyler is an American singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist known for being the front man for Aerosmith and for being a judge on American Idol. For years, he garnered media attention for his antics both on and off the stage thanks to his battle with drug addiction. Tyler is now clean and sober, but that did not prevent him from become major news in 2011 when he accidentally slipped, fell and knocked out two teeth.

The tooth loss became news after Tyler posted how

he lost two teeth in a bathroom fall during a South American tour. At first, some speculated that Tyler was losing the battle against addiction, but the truth is he simply fell victim to food poisoning and his weakened condition prompted the accident. Reports indicated that Tyler spent almost four hours at a medical center in Paraguay's capital, according to reports and received four stitches for his eye. After that patch job, Tyler underwent oral surgery for dental implants to replace the damage done.

### Hillary Duff Loves Chiclets

Hillary Duff is an actress, singer-songwriter, entrepreneur and author who rose to fame courtesy of her starring role on the Disney Channel. For several years she was the face of the Lizzie McGuire franchise and that money allowed her to buy dental veneers in 2006. At that time, she ended up with teeth that looked a bit like Chiclets chewing gum, resulting in a backlash of criticism.

Duff defended her decision saying it was necessary as she had chipped her teeth time and time again when singing into a microphone. However, since that time she realized that her toothy grin was a bit much and has undergone several cosmetic dentistry procedures to shorten her teeth and make her smile a bit more natural looking.. If you think you would benefit from cosmetic dentistry then Call us today for that confident smile that you have always dreamed of. We participate with most insurance plans and will help you maximize your benefits.

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# Movie madness

## Young filmmakers fall for shirtless man

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

Two young female filmmakers who became infatuated with an overweight, often shirtless Williamsburg eccentric while filming a movie about his life, have convinced the masses to donate thousands of dollars to help them finish their masterpiece — while its temperamental subject sits in cell on Rikers Island convicted of menacing his neighbors.

Ashley Benzwie and Arielle Tayar have taken in more than \$18,000 thanks to a video on the crowd-funding website “Indiegogo” previewing their documentary “U R Not Alone.” The flick follows Joseph Loiacono, a quirky Graham Avenue shopkeeper, whose antics they filmed for two years — until his shocking arrest for rape.

Now, while Loiacono sits in the can, the filmmakers are trying to get their



OPERA MAN: Williamsburger Joseph Loiacono was known to sing loudly, annoying his neighbors.

movie, well, in the can.

The motion picture was intended to explore Loiacono's life, but after Loiacono was accused of sexually assaulting a sleeping house guest and threatening to kill his neighbors with a baseball bat, it turned into an examination of the filmmakers' confused relation-

ship with a person they grew to like so much, they couldn't believe he got arrested.

“We want so badly to think that he's good,” said Benzwie. “At the same time, you have to wonder how he got himself here.”

In 2011, Loiacono took over his family's Graham Avenue house and tried to turn the home's storefront into a meeting space for the community. Instead, he quickly drew the ire of many in the neighborhood for his obnoxious behavior, such as dancing around shirtless while blaring opera and classic rock, and cluttering the storefront with detritus.

The two filmmakers thought he was the strangest guy they knew and decided he would make a perfect subject for a documentary. Although Loiacono was shy at first, the women eventually gained



**SORTING THROUGH THE TRASH:** filmmakers Arielle Tayar and Ashley Benzwie found themselves embroiled in high levels of neighborhood drama when they decided to make a film about the junk man of Graham Avenue.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

his trust. The longer they hung out with him, the more boisterous and obnoxious he became. Still, they found him endearing. The women saw something deeper and more intelligent than just the neighborhood nut and spent hundreds of hours with their subject discussing philosophy and

his unorthodox views on dating, religion and government rule.

“He wasn't just a crazy guy. He wanted to be cultured,” said Benzwie, though she admitted he could be crude, loud and inappropriate.

Instead of keeping a journalistic objectivity to-

ward their subject, the two unexpectedly found themselves embroiled in the drama of Loiacono's life. They thought that the story was about much more than a neighborhood eccentric. Especially when things started thanks Loiacono's increased alcohol abuse.

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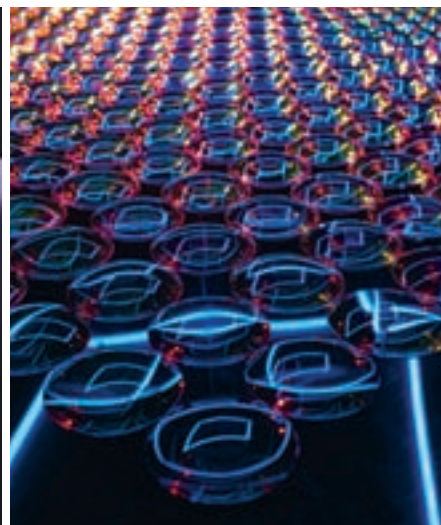
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# 'Gorilla' on move to Gowanus

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

Park Slope's famous Gorilla Coffee is expanding its habitat.

The owners of the Fifth Avenue java joint known for its intricate foam designs in bright red cups will open a second outpost in Gowanus this summer.

The new coffee outlet, eight blocks away from the original shop, will be the proverbial Willy Wonka Chocolate Factory of coffee houses, with a coffee bar and a roastery inside basketball-court-sized space on President Street that was formerly a printing plant.

"It will be our new home," said co-owner Darleen Scherer, who bought the property between Nevins Street and Third Avenue with her business partner Carol McLaughlin to grow the Gorilla enterprise. "It's going to take on a life of its own."

Scherer said the new Gorilla space will be a coffee playground where trained staff will conjure up new blends, crank out a variety



**JAVA HUB:** Darleen Scherer, the co-owner of Park Slope's Gorilla Coffee, is building a coffee wonderland below Third Avenue.

Photo by Tom Callan

of beans, and sling lattes, cappuccinos, and espressos.

Java enthusiasts will also be invited to tasting classes and tours that will teach visitors about the journey of the coffee bean.

"There are so many steps in coffee from the moment it's a seed to the moment we prepare it," she said, adding that the same kind of train-

ing required for employees will be open to the public through classes. "Our hope is to improve the dialogue between the customer and the staff."

The dialogue between workers and ownership is another area Scherer is versed in.

That's because irate workers at the Park Slope storefront walked out en masse three years ago after tensions boiled over between staff and ownership, and the cafe closed for two weeks.

Employees cited the reason for quitting as "a perpetually malicious, hostile, and demeaning work environment," that was "unhealthy" and "unworkable" in a letter that workers posted to the front door.

But Scherer said that she isn't worried about any Gorilla warfare happening anytime soon.

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**94TH PRECINCT**

GREENPOINT-NORTHSIDE WILLIAMSBURG

**Student Mugged**

Two bullies bashed a teenager on the head and stole his cell phone as he walked to school at 8:20 am on April 22.

The teen told police he was walking at the corner of Meeker Avenue and Leonard Street when one of the men hit him over the head.

The other man grabbed his iPhone out of his jacket pocket. The two fled and police were unable to recover the phone using his Apple login. The victim was taken to Beth Israel with a concussion.

**Skateboard vs. bikes**

A skateboarder riding his board on the south end of McCarren Park was robbed at gunpoint.

The victim told police he was skateboarding at the park near Bayard Street and Union Avenue at 9:40 pm on April 25 when three punks on bicycles rode up to him.

"What you got in your pocket?" one of them said, while another pointed a gun at the victim's head.

The leader of the gang put his hand in the victim's pocket and took his cell phone. The trio then rode away.

**Flying objects**

A taxidriver was hit by a flying object after he dropped his fare off at 2:20 am on April 23.

The 43-year-old victim told police he had stepped out of his yellow cab after parking it on the northbound side of McGuinness Boulevard between Green and Huron street. Suddenly, something hit him in the back of the head.

He said he didn't know where it came from, but it felt like it came from a passing car.

The taxi driver was taken to Woodhall Hospital by bus with a head injury.

**Break-in thwarted**

A burglar tried to break into the apartment of a Greenpoint woman, but ran away when she confronted him.

The homeowner told police she was with her baby at her upstairs apartment on India Street between Manhattan Avenue and Franklin Street. At 10:10 pm on April 20 she said she heard someone walking up the stairs. S

he saw a man in a hoodie. When he spotted her, he said, "I'm sorry," before turning and walking down the stairs and out the door.

**90TH PRECINCT**

SOUTHSIDE WILLIAMSBURG-BUSHWICK

**Too many questions**

A suspicious line of questioning turned into a robbery of a 16-year-old who was playing in the park.

The teenage victim told police he was



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playing in Cooper Park near the corner of Sharon Street and Morgan Avenue at 4:15 pm on April 22 when two men started asking a lot of questions. Then the conversation changed.

"Clear your pockets," one of them said to him.

The teen pulled his Galaxy Blaze phone out of his pocket. The men grabbed it and ran off.

**Not a work of art**

A MacBook laptop computer was stolen when left it in the front room of an art gallery.

The victim told police she left her computer in a black nylon backpack on a table in the front room of the gallery on Roebling Street between Metropolitan Avenue and Hope Street at 3 pm on April 22.

When she came back a half hour later, the computer missing from the bag. Stairwell cameras captured two men coming into the workspace and leaving as one put a laptop into his backpack.

Police have not caught the thieves.

**Bad singing**

Someone attacked a man as he sang karaoke at a bar. His choice of song might have been the cause.

The 20-year-old victim was celebrating at a bar on South Fourth Street between Roebling and Havemeyer streets at 1:35 am on April 22. He told police that he had been arguing with someone earlier in the evening.

That assailant hit the victim over the head as he sang, causing a cut to his head. The victim took a cab to the hospital. Police have not arrested a suspect. No word on what song the victim was singing.

**Pound foolish**

A beggar turned violent when his victim wouldn't hand over \$20.

The victim told police he was walking home drunk from work at 6:05 am on April 28. He was walking down Keap Street between Ainslie and Hope streets when the creep walked up to him.

"Papi, can you give me \$20?" the man asked.

When the victim refused, the beggar pushed him to the ground, took the victim's wallet out of his back pocket and ran off. The thief got away with \$210, which is way more than the \$20 he had asked for.

**Poor sports**

Two very unsportsmanlike thieves snatched a backpack from a kid playing

basketball at a public court on the corner of Bushwick Avenue and Seigel Street. The 16-year-old victim told police that he had left his backpack in the corner of the court while playin. At 3:15 pm on April 24, a pair of thugs ran up, grabbed his backpack, and ran out the door.

The victim chased them, but the thieves got away with his backpack, iPhone, Gucci men's wallet, \$31 in cash and his credit and debit cards.

— *Danielle Furfaro*

**76TH PRECINCT**

CARROLL GARDENS-RED HOOK

**The camera loves him**

A 30-year-old crook stood in court last week for withdrawing \$10,259 of someone else's money from ATMs on Hoyt and Smith streets using a stolen debit card at various points from Feb. 28 to March 15, police said.

The suspect was caught on security cameras from both ATMs, one in a bank and another in a convenience store.

**Lost in supermarket**

A woman reported an identity theft on April 30 — and a wallet lost last August in a supermarket at the intersection of Smith and Baltic streets, police said.

The victim didn't think much of the missing wallet until last week, when someone else tried to open an account in her name.

**Cart blanche**

Two men tried to steal a food cart parked at the corner of Hoyt and Degraw streets on April 28, police said. At 8 am, one of the crooks slashed the cart operator's hand, but failed to capture the culinary cart.

**Income tax**

A woman who hailed a livery cab got a nasty surprise on April 22 when the operator stole \$19 from her at the intersection of Sackett and Smith streets, police said.

The crime happened at about 3 am, with a cab hailed from 6th Avenue and 4th Street in Manhattan.

**Biking and entering**

A big jerk stole two high-end bikes from a garage at the intersection of President and Hoyt streets at some point from March 22 to April 16, police said.

**Oedipilfer**

An ungrateful, 21-year-old son stole lots of expensive technology, jewelry and other valuables from his mother's Dwight Street home on April 24, police said.

The theft happened at about 7:35 pm near Coffey Park, police said.

The stolen items included a Sony laptop, a cell phone, and an mp3 player.

— *Jaime Lutz*

**78TH PRECINCT**

PARK SLOPE

**Huge heist**

A burglar stole more than \$9,000 worth of valuables from a Warren Street apartment on April 26.

All three residents of the apartment between Fourth and Fifth avenues were out when the heist occurred sometime between 10:40 am and 7 pm.

When two of the residents returned that night they noticed damage to the front door and many costly items were gone.

The perp made off with four laptops, a Canon digital camera, an iPad, two cell phone chargers, three camera lenses, a pair of sneakers, a Fossil watch, jewelry, a hard drive, a roller bag, and \$20 in coins.

**Call and maul**

Cops collared a 22-year-old woman who allegedly snatched a cell phone out of a woman's hand on April 23 and then attacked her.

The 41-year-old victim told police that the perp asked to use her cellular device to make a call at 2:55 pm on Eighth Avenue near Carroll Street.

Minutes later the suspect grabbed the phone and scratched the victim on the face and neck, cops said.

Police said that the phone was recovered in the suspect's coat pocket.

**Quiet as a mouse**

A stealthy crook broke into a Fifth Avenue apartment on April 23 and made off with an iPad.

The 26-year-old victim told cops that she left the abode between Union Street and Berkeley Place at noon.

When she came home more than an hour later there was minor damage to her front door and the iPad was missing.

The victim's roommate was home at the time of the heist, but did not hear anyone in the apartment, cops said.

**Hospital theft**

Someone stole credit cards from an employee at a Sixth Street hospital on April 25.

The 30-year-old victim told police that he left his jacket unattended in the medical center between Seventh and Eighth avenues at 10 am.

When he returned about two hours later he noticed three of his credit cards and drivers license was missing.



The victim told police that his co-workers, as well as three patients had access to the room.

The perp used one of the credit cards to purchase a \$40 MetroCard, according to a police report.

## Car looted

A bandit busted into a parked car on Baltic Street and stole \$2,000 worth of vehicle parts sometime between April 26 and April 28.

The victim told cops that she left her red Nissan on the street between Fourth and Fifth avenues on April 26 at 7 pm and when she returned two days later at 11 am she noticed that following things missing: the air bag in the steeling wheel, the AM/FM radio, the HVAC system, and the shifter.

## Night out gone wrong

A perp broke into a Union Street apartment and swiped a bunch of goods on April 27.

The victims, 28 and 29 years old, told police that they left the abode between Fourth and Fifth avenues at 6:50 pm to go see a play in Manhattan.

When they returned at midnight they discovered that two Macbook laptop computers and more than \$800 worth of jewelry was missing.

The victims told police that they suspect the crook entered the apartment through an open rear window.

## Computer for free

A robber burglarized a Fourth Avenue apartment and absconded with laptop on April 23.

The 35-year-old victim told cops that he left the residence near Third Street at 10 am. When he returned more than 12 hours later he saw that his door and doorframe had been smashed and his MacBook was gone.

## MyPhone

A quick-handed thief grabbed a woman's iPhone right out of her hand while she was talking on it on April 24.

The 40-year-old victim told police that she was having a conversation on her iPhone 5 on Fourth Avenue near Butler Street at 7:30 pm and then suddenly a hooded criminal swiped the phone from her and fled northbound on Gregory Place.

## Car jacked

A perp stole a car that was parked on Eighth Avenue sometime between April 19 and April 20.

The 58-year-old victim told police that he left his locked white Kia on the street between Fifth and Sixth streets at 7:20 pm and when he returned the next day at 10 am his ride was gone.

— *Natalie Musumeci*

# Junk man

*Continued from page 6*

"We started to watch him deteriorate," said Tayar, who described Loiacono as a magnet for neighborhood drunks and drug addicts. "He was drinking a lot more and the people surrounding him were a lot sketchier."

Suddenly, last October, Loiacono disappeared.

The filmmakers found out that he was sitting in Riker's Island, accused of raping a girlfriend and threatening to kill his neighbors. The court acquitted him of the rape charge, but last month he pleaded guilty to menacing, harassment, and contempt of court. His attorney, Michael Marley, said Loiacono will probably be in jail for another six months.

Despite it all, the filmmakers remained fond of their subject and are now the only people, other than his lawyer, who visit him in jail.

"The last time we were there, he freaked us out a little. He was saying that we're all he has," said Tayar.

The two women said they raised most of the money for the film by badgering friends and family. They were, however, surprised at how many people were offended and refused to donate.

"We've had a lot of weird responses," said Tayar. "Some friends of mine from high school said they don't want to contribute because the subject matter is associated with rape."

Still, there are many people who donated because they are intrigued by the movie.

"Two young women becoming friends with a rapist is something you kind of can't look away from," said Tayar. "It's like a car accident."

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# Toxic avengers

## Red Hookers: Bring on Gowanus sludge pier

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

Welcome to the Sludge Hook pier!

A band of Red Hookers say the federal government should approve a plan to turn sludge dredged from the toxic Gowanus Canal into a concrete landmass off the community's shore.

Members of the Red Hook Houses Community Action Coalition say they're all-in on the controversial plan that would turn the treated muck into a massive landmass jutting off concrete titan John Quadrozzi Jr.'s property at the foot of Columbia Street because its construction would bring much-needed jobs to the neighborhood.

"This is something to look forward to," said coalition member Ray Hall. "People can change their lives tremendously by having a job."

The feds say that the construction of the landmass, which is called a "confined disposal facility," will build out the waterfront at the Gowanus Bay Terminal and Gowanus Industrial Park. They also claim it would create up to 60 jobs over the course of six years.

Workers would drain the grime on Quadrozzi's property, mix it with cement-like materials, then store it as stabilized concrete inside a bathtub-like fixture made of reinforced steel. The fixture would be buried in the Gowanus Bay and connected to



**LAND HO!:** The feds may turn this body of water at the foot of Columbia Street in Red Hook into a monolithic concrete slab of land made from some of the treated sludge dredged from the filthy Gowanus Canal.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Quadrozzi's property.

Once the project is done, Quadrozzi can do whatever he wants with the land as long as he complies with federal guidelines, said Environmental Protection Agency officials.

The concrete tycoon said that he would use the new land to grow his shipping terminal, expand maritime development in Red Hook, and create a public park.

"This is an opportunity for (Quadrozzi) to build up the waterfront and be consistent with everything else going on in Red Hook," said Hall.

Not surprisingly, the plan to bring the muck sitting at the bottom of Brooklyn's nautical purgatory to a different neighborhood has been attacked by some. Anti-sludgecrete activists have blasted the proposal on their website "No Toxic Red Hook," claiming they

fear for their health, say the terra forming would create a flood risk, and worry the plan would have an adverse affect on the Hook's nearby pool ball fields.

But government officials say the sludge used to construct the landmass would be dredged from the least-contaminated section of the canal bed — which is south of Hamilton Avenue — moved by barge, and treated to remove toxins such as coal tar and heavy metals. This would eliminate any health risks, they claim.

And some Red Hook Housing residents are taking the feds on their word.

"The EPA has never done anything to harm us," said Lille Marshall, Coalition member and head of the tenants association for Red Hook Houses West. "This is for the betterment of the community."

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# Awesome! Max Fish reeled in

BY DANIELLE FURFARO  
Manhattan's loss is once again Brooklyn's gain.

Legendary Manhattan art bar Max Fish is packing up and heading for Williamsburg.

Owner Ulli Rimkus plans to move the bar on Metropolitan Avenue between Wythe and Berry streets, right next to the Nitehawk Cinema.

Rumors of the move started to fly on blogs earlier in the week when someone posted a petition asking for support, and Community Board 1 chair Christopher H. Olechowski confirmed on Friday that owner Ulli Rimkus has notified the board that he planned to apply for a liquor license.

Rimkus declined to comment on the move.

Max Fish has been an institution on once-hip Ludlow Street since 1989. In recent years, the area has suffered as bars including Pink Pony and the Living Room were priced out in favor of an increasing onslaught of yogurt shops



**MOVING ON UP:** Max Fish, a veritable institution on the Lower East Side, is planning to move to Metropolitan Avenue in Williamsburg. The move is further evidence that everything cool will soon be in Brooklyn.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

and boutiques.

'The Lower East Side was over about five years ago,' said David Patterson, who has lived in Brooklyn for more than 20 years and works at a music shop. 'Who goes there anymore?'

Williamsburg is increasingly becoming the landing spot for hip Meh-

hattan businesses looking to move to a cooler locale. The world-famous experimental music club the Knitting Factory moved to our side of the West River from TriBeCa in 2009. That club moved into a space that had held the Luna Lounge, which had also moved here from Gaphattan.

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## Yauch

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in Brooklyn Heights before attending Murrow High School in Midwood. He died last year of cancer at 47 years old. The Beastie Boys were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame just weeks before Yauch died.

Last year, immediately after Yauch's death, fans in Brooklyn Heights clamored to have Squibb Park renamed for the musician.

Yet, many locals fought the name change, saying it dishonored Dr. Edward Robinson Squibb, an inventor and pharmaceutical pioneer who opened his first laboratory on the park's site. Squibb founded the company that is now Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Founded in 1981, the Beastie Boys was one of the first acts to come out on Def Jam Recordings, one of the earliest and biggest producers of hip hop albums. Known by the stage name

MCA, Yauch sang and played bass for the group.

In 1986, the band released their debut album "Licensed to Ill," which contained their breakout hit, "You Gotta Fight for Your Right to Party!" It was the first hip-hop album to top the Billboard 200 chart. It spent 73 weeks on the chart with seven consecutive weeks at No.1, becoming the best selling rap album of the 1980s.

The band enjoyed commercial and critical suc-

cess for 25 years, making them one of the longest-lived hip hop acts. They had four No. 1 albums and sold more than 40 million records worldwide.

In addition to the Beastie Boys, Yauch founded Oscilloscope Laboratories, an independent film production and distribution company.

A practicing Buddhist, Yauch also created the Milarepa Fund, an organization devoted to helping the cause of Tibetan independence.

## LICH

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already been talking to other hospital operators, trying to gauge their interest in operating LICH," said Robert Bellafiore, a university spokesman. "So far, there have been no takers."

However, Bellafiore said, the university will continue to look for a hospital operator or a provider of other medical services in the community — "which may be smaller than a hospital," he said.

"The economic reality of LICH hasn't changed," Bellafiore said. "It's still losing significant amounts of money on a weekly basis."

By law, Downstate has to submit a financial restructuring plan to the state by June 1. As part of this new deal, Long Island College Hospital must now be included in the plan.

Whatever the university decides to do, implementation of the plan will begin June 15.

It's not clear what will happen if Long Island Col-

lege Hospital can't find a buyer, a spokesman for the union said, but that will be determined in coming months as part of ongoing talks between the unions and the State University of New York.

"From the beginning, our members worked with nurses, doctors, neighbors, patient advocates and elected officials, and did everything in our power to find alternative solutions that would keep LICH's vital medical services and good jobs in the community," said George

Gresham, president Service Employees International Union Local 1199 United Healthcare Workers East. "This victory proves the grassroots strength we have when we unite for quality healthcare, and we will continue to work hard to ensure LICH remains open and thriving for generations to come."

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# Brooklyn Flea is bugging its neighbors

*A trendy Williamsburg flea market is a pest to the neighborhood, say residents bugging out over the clattering magnet for foodies and knick-knack lovers they claim is turning East River State Park into a circus on the weekends, while preventing them from chilling out with friends and family ("A flea too many," online April 30). The Brooklyn Flea and Smorgasburg rents only a portion of*

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*the space, but it's invading the entire park, according to neighbors whose biggest complaint — aside from litter, noisy vendors, and broken glass — is that the market exists at all in a public green. Our cyber commentariat was itching to respond.*

Enough already, oy vey! Brooklyn Flea is great. Just remember, Brooklyn is where New York City begins!

**Friend of Marty Mashugana  
from Borough Haul**

How many effing weeks in a row can these interloping, attention-starved, faux-foodie, funemployed, rent-raising hipster nasaltards come to eat \$7 grass-fed meatballs, drink craft effin ales, and buy ironic belt buckles? Isn't it time to grow up? This

stupid event has been going on too long now. And the guy quoted in the article is very wrong about these just being 25 year olds. I'd say the average age is 33. There are plenty of parentally supported 30-somethings in there, nasally shrieking about meaningless art and what-not as they shove Brice's Famous Fish tacos down their emaciated necks.

**diehipster from  
Bodyslamming Beardos**

I live right near this place and absolutely love it. It's a great place to get together with friends and enjoy a Saturday or Sunday. I love how you can get beers now too. It turns it into an awesome day-drinking opportunity as well. I know that plenty of the locals hate it, but I don't care and neither do the rest of the thousands of people that have been enjoying these events. We're here to stay and so are these

events. They bring money into the community by supporting local businesses. If you're not into that, try Brownsville or Staten Island. There are no flea markets there to speak of and you'll fit in just fine.

**"Interloper" from Kent Ave**

When I first moved to the neighborhood, the park was a glorified parking lot. You had to take your life in your hands crossing Kent Avenue to get into it. Kent Avenue was a bypass for heavy-articulated traffic. Now Kent is a one-way street, with traffic lights, a bike path, and access to a park that is much improved — more green space, and a kids playground with benches and tables. I agree that the concerts were a bit of a pain, with sound checks starting at 10 am in the morning, but I really cannot understand why people have a problem with the s'burg and flea.

**Confused from Williamsburg**



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## Here is how to **REDUCE** your prescription medication costs

### ELDERCARE TODAY

For the millions of people who rely on prescription medications every day, the day when a drug faces generic competition is one many circle on their calendars. That's because generic prescriptions are often significantly less expensive than brand-name medications, and consumers are able to save substantial amounts of money once a brand-name drug faces generic competition.

But many people currently taking a brand name prescription might be quick to point out that, while generic medications cost less, brand-name prescriptions often rise in price in the months before they face generic competition. Such was the findings of a 2011 study from the AARP Public Policy Institute that examined the 217 brand-name drugs most commonly used by people in Medicare. Prices of drugs facing generic competition in 2010 rose by an average of nearly 14 percent in 2009, an increase that was nearly twice the amount of all other drugs. So while drugs might be more affordable once they can be purchased generically, consumers can expect brand-name drug manufacturers to drastically increase their prices in the months prior

to facing generic competition, as the manufacturers are, in a way, looking for one last big revenue score before their patents expire.

That's a troublesome reality for anyone taking a brand-name prescription, but especially so for older people living on fixed incomes. Though drug manufacturers aren't likely to change their practices, there are still ways seniors can reduce prescription medication costs.

- Ask for generics. If there are generic alternatives to brand-name medications available, always ask a physician for those medications instead of their more expensive brand-name counterparts. Don't just assume a physician will prescribe generics. Sometimes doctors prescribe brand-name medications despite the availability of cheaper and equally effective generic medications.

- “Test drive” a drug first. Just because a doctor prescribes a drug doesn't mean the patient will respond to that drug. Many people find they are too sensitive to a given medication and stop taking it after just a few days. Unfortunately, they paid for a full prescription and cannot return the pills they don't plan to use. Those who have

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# Four reasons to not consider home care

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

There is no place like home! Although most people would prefer to stay at home than to go into a senior facility or a nursing home, there are many factors that need to be considered before making this decision. Most people feel that being home is the most comfortable option, but consider the following:

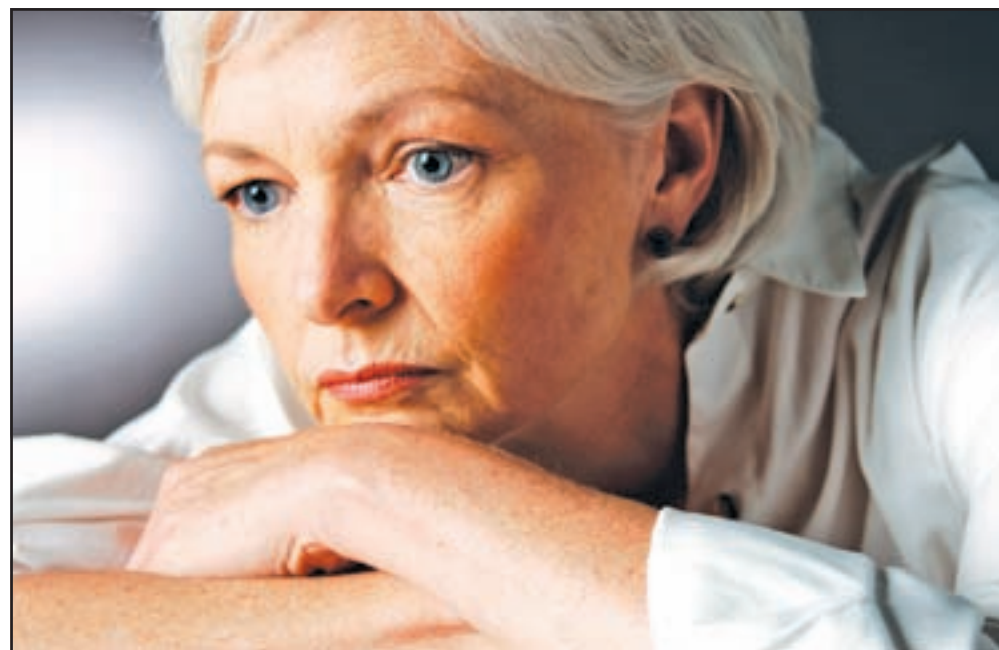
•What about the staircase? Most houses and apartments are not designed with handicaps in mind. But what if your loved one needs home care because of crippling arthritis and can't leave the house without going up and down the stairs. Or what if your mom's walker cannot get through the bedroom door? Or she cannot get into or out of the bathtub?

Unless your family is willing to invest in modifying the space or adding an elevator, the physical layout of the home or functional ability of your loved one may not make home the best or safest choice.

•Are there social activities? Staying at home is

great if you are content with watching TV, listening to the radio, or surfing the internet. But home care can be very isolating. One major cause of depression in seniors is social isolation. So before you decide to use home care, make sure your mom can easily get to a community center or can go on frequent outings.

•Who is planning the doctor's visits? Home care means a lot of family involvement. Your loved one has one-to-one care with an aide, but someone has to plan all the major activities. The family is still responsible for scheduling doctor's appointment and setting up transportation. You must also make sure that there is enough food in the refrigerator, the laundry is getting done, and the household is running smoothly. Unless you are a take-charge individual, many family mem-



bers find this is too much responsibility to handle.

•Who's watching the home attendant? If you are going through an agency, the agency is responsible for overseeing care, but it cannot be there everyday. And sometimes your loved one might not be able to report all events accurately. Your mom might be afraid

that she will alienate her aide if she complains, or she might not understand the aide's responsibility.

Of course, the reverse might be true as well. My 96-year-old mother-in-law Lillian is a wonderful woman, but like many older people, she is getting forgetful. She has had the same sterling aide, Barbara, for more

than four years. Barbara is as honest as the day is long. But whenever Lillian cannot find something in her apartment, she assumes Barbara has taken it. Barbara has been accused of taking everything from the keys, to paper clips, to the spoiled carrots in the refrigerator. She is sure that Barbara has a set of keys

and slips into the apartment at night and steals these items.

•Can you afford the care? A major consideration when deciding on home care is whether you can get or afford the care. If you are eligible for Medicaid or Medicare home care, you will only get the number of hours the government deems necessary. At times, you gain more hours by appealing the decision, but essentially, the government will determine the required hours. If you pay for home care privately you do not have to deal with the government, but your financial situation might limit care.

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## Safety measures can help reduce bathroom injuries

### ELDERCARE TODAY

Falls cause many injuries inside a home. Seniors are especially susceptible to harmful falls in the bathroom, where slippery tiles can prove too difficult for older men and women to navigate.

A 2011 study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that nearly 234,000 Americans ages 15 and older were treated in an emergency department for nonfatal bathroom-related injuries in 2008. That adds up to roughly 640 people per day. More than 80 percent of bathroom-related injuries were caused by slips and falls, mostly while getting in and out of the tub

or shower, and about 30 percent of those injuries included cuts, scrapes, and bruises.

Bathrooms can be more dangerous than other rooms of the house for a variety of reasons. The bathroom is generally comprised of hard surfaces that can become slippery when wet or exposed to high humidity. A bathroom may become hotter than other rooms because of the steam that accompanies a hot shower. Heat may dilate peripheral veins and lower blood pressure in some people. This may lead to dizziness that can result in falls. Furthermore, people tend to rush in the bathroom as they get ready for work or school.

Rushing around can lead to slips and injuries on wet surfaces.

Installing safety features in the bathroom is a key way to reduce the risk of accidents. Many manufacturers have even designed these features so they blend with bathroom decor.

When renovating bathrooms for safety, consider the following options.

•Anti-scald features: Burns can be serious business. Few people have been spared the momentary burst of hot water that occurs in the shower or at the faucet when another household member flushes a toilet or uses a large amount of cold water elsewhere in the house. Anti-scald show-

erheads and faucets prevent sudden bursts of hot water. Use in conjunction with turning down the temperature of the hot water heater to eliminate burns.

•Non-slip mats: Bathroom injuries often occur when people are getting in and out of the shower. Having a non-slip mat on the inside of the shower or tub as well as one with a grippable surface and plush top layer on which to step after exiting the shower can reduce falls. Don't step out of the shower onto a flimsy towel that can slip out from underneath your feet.

•Bath bench: The elderly or those prone to lightheadedness in the shower may want to invest in a bench or

seat to put into the shower. This enables sitting while washing.

•Safety bars: It can be tempting to grab onto towel racks or faucets to get in and out of the shower, but these items cannot provide the necessary leverage to safely move in and out of the shower or bathtub. Safety bars with a brushed surface for traction are more secure. Grab bars need to be securely attached to a wood stud in the wall and not into drywall or the tub enclosure.

•Raised toilet seat: A raised toilet seat reduces the amount of squatting and the distance that has to be covered to sit on the commode. Grab bars on the

raised seat itself will provide added safety.

•Telephone: The bathroom may seem an odd place to install a telephone, but having one nearby in the event of injury can ensure help gets to the injured party much more quickly.

•Regular cleaning: Routinely ridding showers and tubs of soap scum and mildew can reduce the slippery coating that forms as a result of these substances. Also, be sure to keep clutter in the bathroom to a minimum to stop trips and falls over errant items in the area.

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# Learning to live on a fixed income

## ELDERCARE TODAY

Difficult financial times have forced many people young and old to alter their lifestyles in order to stay afloat financially. Though unemployment has garnered most of the headlines as the economy has struggled the last several years, it's not just men and women of working age who have felt the pinch.

In a 2010 study from the University of Michigan Law School, researchers found that people age 65 and older are the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. population seeking bankruptcy protection. While there's no single culprit for the rise in bankruptcy filings among seniors, the state of Florida could offer valuable insight as to why the nation's older citizens are increasingly filing for bankruptcy.

Many retirees call Florida home, and in the past such retirees could tap into their home equity whenever they began to struggle financially. However, like most of the country, Florida's housing market is depressed, making it less viable for seniors to tap into their home equity to solve their financial problems. In fact, according to a study by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, bankruptcy filings increased by 118 percent in states where the home price index decreased.

For many seniors fearful of financial struggles, living on a fixed income can be a helpful way of ensuring their future does not involve filing for bankruptcy. Though living on a fixed income is a definite challenge and certainly offers no guarantee that bankruptcy can be avoided, it does provide a framework seniors can rely on to keep their heads above water during difficult economic times.

•Make an honest assessment. Living on a fixed in-



come involves being honest with yourself and admitting what your resources truly are. Write down any sources of income, including Social Security payments, pension payouts, investments, etc. Then write down how much money you have in savings or print out a statement of all savings accounts.

Once you have an accurate figure of both income and savings, write down all your monthly expenses, including all expenses, no matter how minute they may seem. From here you can determine just how much you can spend each month.

•Prioritize spending habits. Some expenses, including medications and monthly utility bills, will always remain a top priority. However, those who must begin living on a fixed income need to prioritize how they spend their discretionary funds. For instance, a membership at the local country club can cost several thousands of dollars per year, whereas the local public golf course only charges players each time they play. While the country club might have a better course, it could be more prudent to choose the public course and save the cost of a private membership instead.

•Find it for free. People pay for many services each

month that they could very well find for free. For example, in addition to books, many local libraries now allow members to check out CDs and DVDs at no cost. The same also goes for magazines. Instead of paying a monthly subscription cost, visit the local library and read the magazines there for free. If the local library does not have your favorite periodical, the content could very well be available for free online.

•Expect the unexpected. One of the worst things that can happen to a person on a fixed income is to encounter an unexpected cost. This can include an unforeseen hospital visit, a costly auto repair or even inflation that wasn't factored into your initial fixed income budget. Men and women on fixed incomes should expect such emergencies and save accordingly each month. Saving money should never go out of style, and those on fixed incomes should still attempt to save money each month. Coming in under budget and making the most of it can make the difference between capably handling an emergency or being forced to consider unattractive alternatives such as filing for bankruptcy.

For more information on living on a fixed income, visit the AARP at [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org).



## Prescriptions

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a history of sensitivity to medications should “test drive” a drug first, ordering just a few pills or asking a physician for samples to see how well the body handles them. This won’t necessarily matter for people with flat-dollar copayments (you will essentially have to pay two copayments if the drug proves effective), but those without such a plan can save themselves some money if medication does not work out.

- Buy in bulk. Seniors who have been taking a certain medication for a long time and expect to keep taking it might want to consider buying the medicine in bulk. This can save money; just make sure pills purchased won’t surpass their expiration date before you take them.

- Inquire about combination medications. Sometimes medications

used to treat the same condition can be purchased as combination pills. This will only require one prescription instead of two.

On a similar note, seniors taking medications for two different conditions might also be able to take just one medication that treats both conditions. For instance, some blood pressure medications have proven effective at treating other conditions as well. But don’t experiment on your own. Consult your physician about your medications and ask if any of them can be used to effectively serve double-duty and save you money.

- Look for programs that offer relief. There are programs that offer some relief with regards to paying for prescription medications. Discuss such plans with a physician to determine your eligibility, which might be determined by your age or current prescriptions.

# Things to consider when inviting an aging relative to move in

## ELDERCARE TODAY

As many seniors age, their ability to live independently is compromised. An older adult may suffer from a medical condition that makes it difficult or impossible for her to drive an automobile or manage day-to-day life independently. In such instances, many younger relatives opt to invite an aging parent or grandparent into their homes, a decision that they should not take lightly.

Asking an aging relative to move into your home is often a selfless decision rooted in the affection you feel for that person. But there are certain things to consider about your home, as well as your finances, before inviting an aging relative to move in.

## Space in the home

When your household is taking on a new member, you will obviously need to find some space for that person. But if you’re currently at full capacity, then you will need to determine if the space you have is capable of handling an ad-

ditional person. Seniors often value their privacy, so sharing a room is not an ideal option. If you determine you’ll need to remodel or add a new suite to your home, it’s important to know that such projects can be very expensive, with a room addition very likely costing close to or more than six figures.

Still, homeowners with lots of available space may find their home is not ideal for seniors, either. For example, seniors whose physical condition is less than ideal might not be able to get up or down stairs easily and might find walking from room to room in a large house to be too physically taxing.

## Nearby medical facilities

Many seniors need to visit medical facilities more frequently than younger people. This makes the proximity of your home to doctors’ offices a significant factor to consider. If your home is far off the beaten path or in an area where access to medical care is sparse, then your loved one’s health

may be compromised if she moves into your home. Discuss her medical condition with her before extending an invitation. If she has considerable medical needs and your access to medical facilities is limited, then you might need to move before you can comfortably house an aging relative or explore other housing options for this person.

## Personal finances

The cost of caring for an aging relative is considerable. According to the MetLife Mature Market Institute, the average cost of in-home care for a parent who requires a home health aide was nearly \$22,000. Because those costs are so substantial, many care for their aging relatives on their own, which can still prove quite costly. Taking on that role might impact income you sorely need, especially if you’re forced to scale back your workload.

Inviting an aging relative to move into your home is a decision that requires careful consideration of a host of factors.

# Sleep Better in Your Golden Years: New York Methodist’s New Center for Sleep Disorders

When it comes to sleep patterns and growing older, what many think of as “routine” changes can actually be symptoms of a serious problem. Daytime napping, difficulty falling or staying asleep, waking up often during the night, and feeling tired throughout the day are not necessarily natural occurrences that come with age. In fact, these changes can decrease a person’s quality of life, impair cognitive function, and even more seriously, significantly increase the risk of serious health issues.

For older adults who nap regularly during the daytime, take 30 minutes or more to fall asleep, wake up frequently overnight, or experience tiredness throughout the day, a comprehensive evaluation at New York Methodist Hospital’s new Center for Sleep Disorders (CSD) may be an invaluable tool for uncovering the root of sleep problems and identifying the steps needed to treat those symptoms. The Center for Sleep Disorders combines many of the comforts of home—including HDTVs with Blu-Ray players, full-sized beds, and wood-paneled walls—with the latest technology to conduct overnight studies for the diagnosis and treatment of sleep disorders.

“Although our overall sleep time decreases as we age, it is important to realize that sleeping less may actually be due to a sleep disorder rather than the natural aging process,” said Jeremy Weingarten, M.D., pulmonologist, sleep specialist and medical director of the CSD. “For those over the age of 65, getting good quality sleep is as important as getting enough sleep. Older adults who have poor nighttime sleep are more likely to experience depression, attention and memory problems, exces-

sive daytime sleepiness and nighttime falls. At any age, serious sleep disorders such as sleep apnea and insomnia may be associated with an increased risk for hypertension, heart attack and stroke. An evaluation at the Center for Sleep Disorders, which may include a sleep study, can provide a comprehensive diagnosis that is crucial to finding the right therapy for our patients.”

A typical sleep study (also known as a polysomnogram) at NYM’s sleep laboratory begins at 8 in the evening and ends at 7 in the morning the following day. During a sleep study, certified sleep technologists utilize both optical and infrared cameras, sophisticated computer software, and devices that help monitor a patient’s eye movement, breathing, leg movements, lung function, cardiac function and other vital processes. If a disorder is diagnosed, appropriate treatment—ranging from medications that reduce the daytime effects of sleepiness to breathing masks and devices called continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machines—may reduce or eliminate the symptoms of a sleep problem.

“The new Center for Sleep Disorders aims to make an overnight stay at an advanced diagnostic laboratory feel like a comfortable night’s sleep in the patient’s own bed at home,” said Suhail Raoof, M.D., chief of pulmonary and critical care medicine at NYM. “After all, there’s no reason a sleep study should deprive any patient of a good night’s sleep.”

*For more information, or to schedule a sleep study at NYM’s new Center for Sleep Disorders, please call 718.780.3017.*

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Inlet Park

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Treciokas, a member of Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park and a board member of the Greenpoint Waterfront Association for Parks and Planning. "We allowed giant towers to go up on the waterfront and in exchange, we get some parkland."

And that park should be provided by the city without the threat of privatization, which some advocates claim is a growing trend.

"They've done their best at trying to distance themselves from taking responsibility for parks," said Geoffrey Croft, president of NYC Park Advocates. "Putting condos in is one of the ridiculous things they've resorted to."

The parks department declined to comment on the concerns, other than reiterate that the three plots remain unfunded.

But the city hasn't completely ignored its commitment to build the park. A soccer field opened last year and a building housing its



**JUST A LITTLE MORE:** The bathroom and community center is finally set to open at Bushwick Inlet Park, more than five years after the master plan was completed. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

public rest rooms, community room, offices, and storage is planned to open in June.

The second parcel, on Kent at North Tenth Street, is still being tested for toxins and used only for summer concerts hosted by the Open Space Alliance.

In recent years, the city has had a series of misses in planned parks in North Brooklyn. The 65 Commercial Street park in Greenpoint has been hampered for years. In late 2012, after

a struggle of many years, the city finally opened the long-awaited Transmitter Park.

Kuonen added that the city's inability to get the park built "the second biggest failure of the Bloomberg administration," after the lack of planning for Hurricane Sandy.

"This is huge. It was a big, huge promise," said Kuonen. "It's one of the most frustrating things and by far one of the most visible."

Creek

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how the sediment will be disposed.

The move will allow the city to tear down a massive concrete sludge tank that looms over prime East River parkland at DuPont and Commercial streets. For years, wastewater sludge has poured from the plant through a pipe under several blocks of Greenpoint in to the tank.

Once all the work is done, the city says it can enlarge the Newtown Barge

Playground, which sits at the site where the boats currently come in, but that likely will not happen for at least a couple more years.

"It was a commitment to take that area for open space, so they agreed that the sludge vessel had to move," said Holowacz.

The dredging is tentatively slated for either spring or fall of 2013 — there is a moratorium on dredging in the creek during the summer — and the sludge tank on the East River should be demolished sometime in the first part of 2014.

The dredging work could go on 24 hours a day, according to the city.

The creek has not been dredged since the 1970s, so even without this project, the city would have had to dredge the creek eventually so that boats would be able to continue to get through, said Holowacz.

Businesses along the creek said they would wait and see if the dredging affects them.

"As long as our building doesn't fall into the creek, it's probably okay," said Jessica Kaplan, manager at Sightline Fabrication.

Flea

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the past few weeks, the company has added security and sanitation.

"We hired a guy to come Sunday and Monday mornings to clean up the trash," said Demby.

"We will continue to

make adjustments as we hear about concerns."

When asked whether the markets are appropriate for the park, Demby said that is up to the state, which decided they were.

The state office of parks and recreation did not return repeated calls for comment, but when it announced the deal with the

Brooklyn Flea, it said it did not think the markets would interfere with other uses.

Not everyone in the neighborhood thinks the markets have ruined the park, however.

"No one's here unless the Flea is here," said Julie Dickinson. "You can't really do anything here. It's

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# Junior aces Latin exam with perfect score

**PARK SLOPE**

*Sempronio longo* to **Keri Gill**. The brilliant junior at **St. Saviour High School** aced a perfect score on the National Latin exam. According to the exam committee, only 792 students out of 140,000 from around the world have attained this distinction.



Standing O offers the only Latin it remembers, “*Ostantem plaudente Keri,*”

*St. Saviour High School [588 Sixth St. at Eighth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 768-4406].*

**RED HOOK**

## Ahoy landlubbers

Anchors aweigh to **PortSide New York**. The waterfront oriented non-profit was honored by the **White House** with the “Champions for Change” award on April. 24, for its outstanding service during Hurricane Sandy. PortSide is based on the historic tanker the **Mary A Whalen**.

Five days before Sandy hit shore, members of PortSide did their best to secure the Mary A Whalen in order to keep her safe and to prevent damage to the property of others. After Sandy left its trail of devastation, PortSide assembled a crew and immediately set out to help the community. Setting up “Sandy aid station 351” was the result.

District Manager of Brooklyn Community Board 6, **Craig Hammerman**, who nominated PortSide New York, told Standing O, “PortSide New York’s innovative approach was to apply their experience with cultural pop ups to create an immediate, inventive, community-based Sandy aid-station that continually changed services in response to needs and opportunities.”

Six months post-Sandy, and PortSide continues to provide relief work to the community.

*PortSide New York [Aboard the Mary A Whalen Tanker, Carroll Street at the base of Degraw Street in Red Hook, (917) 414-0565].*

**BOROUGH WIDE**

## Der Bingle lives

Three cheers to **Martin McQuade**. The native son, who has dedicated his life to the study and singing of American popular music, was recently featured on the **Joe Franklin Show**—remember Memory Lane with Joe Franklin, folks? Anyway it was a staple in Standing O’s house.

In his latest appearance on the show,



**ONE OR TWO SCOOPS?:** Josh Lockwood, left, receives \$25,000 donation from Scott Colwell of Carvel on April 24. Photo by Gary He

## Soft-served cones free for a cause

**SHEEPSHEAD BAY**

A big scoop of thanks to Carvel Ice Cream for donating \$25,000 to the American Red Cross. The company selected the Sheepshead Bay store, which sustained heavy damages due to Hurricane Sandy, to make the donation and celebrate the opening of its 2013 ice cream season — with a free cone.

“Free cone day at Carvel Ice Cream means summer is near,” Lori Peterson, vice president of marketing at Carvel, told Standing O. “This year, it is both an opportunity to indulge with a cone of America’s freshest ice cream, while giving back to the community through

the American Red Cross’ Disaster Relief Fund.”

Carvel has partnered with the Red Cross in the past and is currently offering a \$2 coupon book, which will support the charity.

“We are honored to give back to the community and Americans everywhere with a free cone,” said Scott Colwell, president of Carvel Ice Cream.

Standing O would prefer a brown bonnet, but a swirl of chocolate with lots of sprinkles is just as sweet.

*Sheepshead Bay Carvel [2744 Coney Island Ave. between Avenues Y and X in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 934-8173, www.coneyislandcarvel.com].*

Standing O pal Martin said he discussed his involvement with the International Club Crosby, and the Bing Magazine, of which he is a contributor and consultant, as well as Bing’s legacy to the world of music and enterprise.

“Joe and I go back a long way. In the past, he would frequently feature me on his show to discuss classic movies and pop culture,” he said.

The balladeer routinely performs at the Greenhouse Cafe and the Schnitzel Haus, and is currently at work writing liner notes and serving as production assistant for the recent CD and DVD release of the crooner’s tunes.

**BAY RIDGE**

## Bright as the sun

Three cheers to **Palvishah Ismail**. The bright Ridgeite was accepted into the Na-

tional Society of Collegiate Scholars. Membership in the society is by invitation only and only to the brightest first and second year college students. “Scholars is more than just a symbol of academic achievement. Membership provides amazing benefits,” **Stephen Loflin**, founder and CEO of the society, explained to Standing O.

**DYKER HEIGHTS**

## C’est bon-bon

Toques off to **Kristen Battaglia**, the **New York City College of Technology** senior took place in the “International Restaurant and Foodservice Show,” held at the Jacob Javits Center in that other borough across the river. Competitors were challenged to present a chocolate showpiece that reflected women. Our baking beauty Kristen beat out nine other students to slam the grand prize. Her vision of *petit*



**SHEEPSHEAD BAY**

## Rose is a rose is a rose

A big bouquet of roses for **Rose D’Anna**. The centenarian celebrated her milestone birthday on April 28 at home with family, friends, and a frolic.

**Margherita D’Anna** told Standing O that the party lasted all day, with neighbors and friends dropping by to add their good wishes to her mom, who “spreads love and goodness” everywhere she goes.

Born in the beautiful Sicilian town of Belmonte Mezzagna as **Rosaria Capizzi** on April 22, 1913, the brave young women left the safety of home for America when she was 18 years old, and moved here to our own beautiful town. Here she met and wed her beloved **Anthony**, who was a paisano from Palermo. The couple raised three beautiful children, **Joseph, Jeanette** and of course **Margherita**. Rose is also the proud “nona” of seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A great mom and an accomplished seamstress, Rose worked in dress factories sewing seams, hems, and zippers to make beautiful garments and gowns.

Standing O wanted to know the secret to Rose’s longevity.

“My mom is a vibrant, gifted woman who has a strong faith and character,” said Margherita. “She also has a glass of wine every day,” she quipped.

Standing O raises a glass of vino rose, and wishes Rose another 100 years of happy living.

*fours* was a rendition of an opera cake, and her plated desert was a tasty confection of chocolate mousse, raspberry brulee, vanilla cremeux, and other goodies.

Kristen was mentored by Anthony Smith, an adjunct professor and the pastry chef at the Cosmopolitan Club. “Professor Smith motivated me to enter the competition,” she told Standing O.

Kristen is planning on a trip to *Gay Paris* in June as part of her continuing education in a work study program.

Standing O wishes her bon voyage and happy baking.



# WHAT TO DO 24 SEVEN

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By Chuck O'Donnell

In case you haven't picked up a comic book in ten or twenty years — local shops are giving them out for free.

South Slope shop Brooklyn Comics And More owner Gary Esposito says that lapsed readers who wander into a store on Free Comic Book Day will get free copies of current comics — and hopefully fall in love with superhero stories all over again.

Crown Heights' Tyler Abrams did.

Abrams says he quit comics 20 years ago as a kid when video games seemed cooler, and only recently rediscovered the magic when he picked up a copy of DC's "All-Star Superman."

But he added that walking into a shop was about as daunting as trying to infiltrate a Kree colony.

"It wasn't like when I was a kid where I would pick up books solely based on how 'awesome' it looked," he said. "I'm older, more picky and conscious about my decisions. Plus, there are so many titles and characters I've never heard of, and I didn't want start reading things in the middle of their series."

Fortunately, it's easy for shops to cater to adults, since the industry is going their way, too, according to Park Slope comic book artist and Bergen Street Comics employee Mike Cavallaro. Most of the books that DC, Marvel, and other companies are publishing are aimed at adults, he said, whether they've stayed with comics all these years or have just returned. And a recent wave of title relaunches makes it easier for lapsed readers to jump on board.

Many of the participating shops on May 4



Graphic novels: Brooklyn Comics And More shop owner Gary Esposito wants to reintroduce lapsed comic book readers to the world of superheroes and speech balloons at Free Comic Book Day on May 4.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

# THE RETURN OF THE FANBOYS

## Free Comic Book Day hopes to regain lapsed readers

will also give readers a chance to meet authors. Bergen Street Comics in Park Slope will have Clinton Hill artist George O'Connor on hand to do sketches. At Galaxy Comics in Bay Ridge and Bulletproof Comics in Flatbush, costumed heroes will greet participants. Brooklyn Comics And More will have a face painter, a caricatur-

ist, and "Popeye" artist Vince Musacchia.

Stores participating in Free Comic Book Day on May 4:

Bergen Street Comics [470 Bergen St. between Flatbush and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 230-5600], Brooklyn Comics and More [493 Seventh Ave. between Windsor

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## Brooklyn calling: Karaoke night is for punk-rock lovers

By Danielle Furfaro

Celine Dion is not welcome at this karaoke night.

A pair of rebellious rockers couldn't find a karaoke machine that would imitate any or most punk songs — so they recorded their own lyric-less instrumentals for a night of singing badly called Punk-Rock Karaoke.

Organizers Jay Johnson and Patrick Tyrrell say they produced 200 guitar-and-drum tracks out of their 500-song catalogue for the event on May 24 in Bushwick.

Judging by the results, the hard work seems to have paid off.

At Punk-Rock Karaoke, people swarm

singers, freely grab extra microphones, and even throw themselves into the audience for a proper stage dive. Johnson says that the night of glorying in punk favorites like the Dead Kennedys or Descendents is in the true spirit of a concert gone wild.

"At regular karaoke, you hang out in a corner and when you're done singing, you go back to your corner," said Johnson. "Punk-Rock Karaoke is more like a show."

Johnson and Tyrrell first started throwing the singing parties as a way to raise money for social causes when they lived in Chicago. When they moved to Brooklyn last year, they decided to continue the tradition. This upcoming show

is only their second one in Brooklyn and it is raising money for the New York Abortion Access Fund.

"We're finally starting to get beyond just our friends showing up," said Johnson.

The most popular songs at Punk-Rock Karaoke include Against Me's sentimental crooner "Baby, I'm an Anarchist," the Dead Kennedys fascist name checker "California Über Alles," and big basslined "Waiting Room" by Fugazi.

Punk-Rock Karaoke at Pine Box Rock Shop [12 Grattan St. between Bogart Street and Morgan Avenue in Bushwick, (718) 366-6311, [www.pineboxrockshop.com](http://www.pineboxrockshop.com)]. May 24, 9 pm, \$8.



Pull their strings: Patrick Tyrrell and Jay Johnson have compiled more than 500 punk classics for their Punk-Rock Karaoke show — 200 of which they recorded themselves.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini



# AND I AM TELLING YOU

*Park Slope production of 'Dreamgirls' is dream come true*

By Will Bredderman

A girl's got to dream. Clinton Hill native Aisha Curtiss is living out her fantasy by starring in the smashing, soulful musical hit "Dreamgirls."

Curtiss said she has been acting since age five and singing since she was nine, so her role in the Gallery Players' production as Lorell Robinson — one third of the fictional female vocal trio the Dreams — is a perfect fit.

"I'd been looking for productions that incorporated everything, all aspects of what I do," Curtiss said.

And, as the daughter of a musician, Curtiss said she grew up listening to classic '60s Motown girl groups like the Shirelles and the Supremes, whose tunes and internal tensions inspired the songs and story arc of "Dreamgirls."

The play's plot follows Robinson and her band mates, Effie White and Deena Jones — depicted in this production by Charnette Batey and Tunisia Renee — in their struggles to gain commercial success and pull through complicated romantic entanglements.

Personal and professional rivalries threaten to split the group apart, but friendship ultimately prevails.

"I definitely connect with their trials and tribulations about getting into the business," Curtiss said.

"And when I researched the character of Lorell, I saw she's kind of similar to me. We're both really happy, really jolly. She's so optimistic, really uplifting."

And even though Curtiss only met Batey



Supreme talent: Aisha Curtiss, Tunisia Renee, and Charnette Batey play the Dreamettes — later the Dreams — in the Gallery Players production of the musical "Dreamgirls" based on the careers of classic Motown girl groups.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

and Renee in the past few weeks, the three have already achieved the sort of personal harmony their characters built as lifelong friends, which shows in their performances.

"We all get along, we all have great chemistry on the stage," Curtiss said.

"You would never know that we just met each other."

"Dreamgirls" at The Gallery Players [199 14th Street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 832-0617, galleryplayers.com]. Now through May 19.

## Garbage collage: Artist makes works of art with discarded items

By Samantha Lim

One woman's old lingerie is another woman's art.

A new gallery exhibit it features whimsical artwork that makes use of discarded household goods. Ladles, sleeping masks, high heels, and even a close friend's brasserie find their way into Emi Sugimoto's art in "13 In Order To Mosh" at Ouchi Gallery.

But what does it mean?

Sugimoto's presentation of everyday objects in surprising ways goes hand in hand with her fondness for the vague. Everything is pieced together in the style of three-dimensional collages known as *décollage*, which creates a kind of kidnapper's ransom letter effect. The



Strapless art: Tokyo-based artist Emi Sugimoto's artwork is done in the style of the 3D collage.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Tokyo-based artist, who lived in Paris for two years, chose to use French on her canvases to create a sense of ambig-

uity, especially to her Japanese audience, who are unlikely to understand the text.

Even the exhibition's title

was meant to be unclear. She chose the number 13 because it didn't seem to belong anywhere.

"13 is neither too big nor too small a number; it's in a class of its own," said Sugimoto.

As a freelance decorator and window-dresser, Sugimoto has contributed to prominent brands and major department stores such as UNIQLO, Seibu, and Matsuya Ginza. This is her first solo exhibition in New York.

"13 In Order To Mosh" at Ouchi Gallery [170 Tillary St., Suite 507 in Downtown Brooklyn, (347) 987-4606, www.ouchigallery.com] Through May 5. Open Wed-Sun noon-6 pm.



Bike the branches: The Brooklyn Public library is hosting a day-long bike tour through the borough's 60 branches on May 11 to benefit the library — and two-wheeler David Gross thinks the cycling event is awesome.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

## Riding, reading through Brooklyn

By Natalie Musumeci

In a borough where bikes and books are ubiquitous, the Brooklyn Public Library's daylong bike tour through the Kings County's 60 branches is a match made in heaven.

Cyclists partaking in the first-ever "Bike the Branches" are welcome to hit up as many branches as they can from Coney Island to Greenpoint, in the self-guided ride to raise money for the libraries that officials claim are in need of \$230 million in repairs.

"By visiting the dozens of neighborhoods we serve across the borough, participants in Bike the Branches can help us provide the program our patrons need, like story times for toddlers, resume writing workshops, and WiFi access for jobseekers," said president and CEO of the Brooklyn Public Library Linda E. Johnson.

The library has curated suggested routes for two-wheelers that highlight the borough's waterfront, library architecture, culinary delights, and even literary history for those who want to stick to a specific path.

Library officials will dole out "passports" to two-wheelers so they can get them stamped at whichever branches they choose to visit that day between 10 am to 5 pm, with select libraries offering special family-friendly activities and programming.

The day will end at the finish line at the Central library at Grand Army Plaza where there will be a celebratory party from 5 to 7 pm featuring music, entertainment and prizes.

The Coney Island branch and Gerristen Beach branch are still closed due to damages from Hurricane Sandy.

"Bike the Branches" finishing at the Brooklyn Public Library Central Branch [10 Grand Army Plaza in Prospect Heights, (718) 230-2100, misc.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/btb]. May 11, 10 am-5 pm, adults \$20, students \$15, children under 17 \$10, family group price \$40, team up to 10 \$150.



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# FRIED CHICKEN THE BROOKLYN WAY

*New W'burg eatery serves up waffles, vegan option*

By Will Levitt

A touch of Southern charm has landed on Bedford Avenue.

Hipsters mingle with savvy Manhattanites at a communal table in the boisterous, charming, urban farmhouse setting of Williamsburg newcomer Sweet Chick, but it's the smell of fried chicken, waffles, and sweet, sticky syrup that let you know you've come to the right spot.

The eatery is essentially designed around the Sweet Chick chicken and waffles — a take on a dish originally from Harlem, despite its Southern associations — and the restaurant delivers on high expectations.

The classic preparation includes a small pile of crispy, crunchy fried chicken, which was soaked in sweet tea brine before getting dredged and fried. Though the restaurant doesn't quite match the variety found at famous old roadside stands in the South, it presents an admirable attempt. The well-seasoned skin crackles with each bite, and is best enjoyed in a forkful alongside waffles, syrup, and one of the house-made butters (strawberry, lemon, or herb).

"We wanted to make the best chicken and waffles we could make," said co-owner John Seymour. "There's secret stuff in our waffles."

Variations to the chicken and waffles include bacon and cheddar waffles, rosemary and mushroom waffles, and a special General Tso's chicken with rice flower and broccoli waffles. And in a nod towards Brooklyn, Sweet Chick also offers a vegan fried chicken.



Something special: Bartender Anthony Sferra serves up a traditional Southern fried chicken with waffles, the centerpiece at Williamsburg eatery Sweet Chick. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Brooklyn sensibility is present throughout the menu. Despite the Southern charm and food, the establishment feels right at home in the center of Williamsburg, from the Edison-style light bulbs to the sign above the bar reading "Spread love, it's the Brooklyn way."

Also at home in Brooklyn is the Kale B.L.T. Salad, a welcome surprise dressed in tart preserved lemon vinaigrette carried by a touch of sour cream. The thick-cut bacon alone makes the salad worth ordering.

Other mains came with mixed ratings. A dish of arctic char with crawfish and beans is perfectly cooked but the fish is under-

seasoned. And while each and every crawfish was delightful, the under-cooked flageolet bean stew held no charm at all, Southern or otherwise.

An inventive cocktail and simple dessert menu featuring pecan pie and a cookie jar effectively play supporting roles. But the real star here is the chicken and waffles, delivering Southern charm by way of Harlem in the heart of Brooklyn.

*Sweet Chick* [164 Bedford Ave. at N. Eighth Street, (347) 725-4793, [www.sweetchicknyc.com](http://www.sweetchicknyc.com)]. Eighth Street, (347) 725-4793, [www.sweetchicknyc.com](http://www.sweetchicknyc.com)].

## Falling for art: Felled trees used for installation

By Samantha Lim

If a tree falls in the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, give it to an artist.

Sculptor Roderick Romero has built a large tree house — which looks like a giant wooden dais — from some of the rarest materials a builder could ask for: exotic tress from the Brooklyn Botanic that hurricanes Sandy and Irene felled.

"Since [the garden] is basically a museum of plants and trees, I got to work with 'museum pieces,'" said Romero. "I would never have had access to these kinds of wood, ever."

The end product is called "Sandy Remix." It is the artist's first work intended for the public's enjoyment and it is a display of fierce imagination. The twisted boughs and different-hued walls are wild and beautiful. It isn't a house suspended in a tree, but Romero likens it to a giant bird's nest that has fallen from its perch after a hurricane hits.

"It goes flying through the air like in the Wizard of Oz before crashing in the grass," said Romero of his installation.

"I think that's kind of what it looks like."

That being said, his unorthodox tree houses have captured the attention of clients such as Sting, Donna Karan, and Julianne Moore. Romero's projects span across America and myriad countries overseas including Morocco, Italy, Costa Rica, and Mexico.

Although Romero built his very first 'adult tree house' in 1997, he and his two older brothers picked up the craft in their childhood days.

"We would scale the trees carrying plywood, and nail two by fours to make little walls and windows, which was actually a really bad way to do it," said Romero. "Then we'd read comic books and



Twig technology: Tree house architect Roderick Romero has created an installation at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden that will be part open-air classroom, part viewing point, and part artwork. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

hide away from our parents."

*"Tree House Installation: Sandy Remix"* at Brooklyn Botanic Garden [150 Eastern Pkwy., 990 Washington Ave., or 455 Flatbush Ave. entrances in Prospect Park, (718) 623-7200, [bbg.org](http://bbg.org)]. Open Tues.-Fri., 8 am-6 pm, Sat.-Sun., 10 am-6 pm.

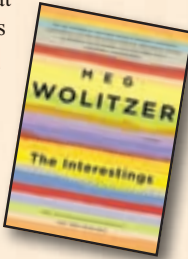


The best reads — handpicked by local bookstore employees

### WORD's pick: "The Interestings" by Meg Wolitzer

What was it about this one that kept making me tell everyone I was reading a book that was so, so good? Was it the intricate web of friendships and romances and petty jealousies (and not-so-petty ones) that reminded me of my own close friends? The story made me feel like I was back in the '80s, maybe watching *The Breakfast Club*, the characters were people I knew, they were me, they were my people, and they have stuck with me. It's just everything a good read should be -- it made me smile and made me think and made me nostalgic and made me sad. I loved it.

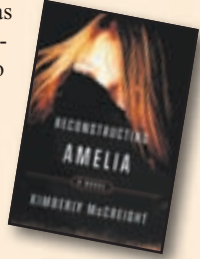
— *Christine Onorati, WORD* [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096, [www.wordbrooklyn.com](http://www.wordbrooklyn.com)].



### The BookMark Shoppe's pick: "Reconstructing Amelia" by Kimberly McCreight

Reconstructing Amelia begins as Kate rushes to her daughter's exclusive prep school in Park Slope to collect Amelia, who has just been expelled. Upon arrival, Kate learns that her bright, brilliant daughter has committed suicide. Months go by, and as Kate numbly goes through the motions of life, a text message is sent to her cell phone: "Amelia did not jump." Told in alternating voices, "Reconstructing Amelia" will linger with you far after you finish the last page. It's an edge-of-your-seat thriller that will resonate with teens and parents alike.

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



### Greenlight Bookstore's pick: "Fools" by Joan Silber

I love books about how people's live intertwine, that don't have a main character, but rather different players who have their moment on stage. Each chapter of "Fools" is someone's life story, and you never know when some seemingly ordinary moment will send it careening in a different direction. I love the sensuality and specificity of Silber's prose, even as her style adapts to different voices in each chapter. Read her if you're interested in novels of ideas, especially the question of what is really important, and how every person answers that question, and what our collective answers might mean.

— *Jessica Stockton Bagnulo, Greenlight Bookstore* [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200, [www.greenlight-bookstore.com](http://www.greenlight-bookstore.com)].







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BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

They come here to worship — the beer on tap, the Irish whiskey, and the food.

The Wicked Monk, restaurant and lounge, is designed to look like a cathedral, with its stained-glass windows, high ceiling, and pew-type seating that's embedded with crosses. In fact, the woodwork and stained glass comes all the way from a church in Cork, Ireland. Now that's authentic!

There's even a pulpit. But the only preaching you'll hear from the podium comes from the music the disc jockey spins Thursday through Sunday after the kitchen closes. At this Irish pub, it's the merry maker who guides the flock.

The Wicked Monk pub was located on Fifth Avenue in Bay Ridge for about 18 years. A few months ago, it moved to Bay Ridge's bustling Third Avenue, opening as a bar and full-service restaurant, taking over the old Bally Bunion location, and remodeling it.

It's now one of the hottest places in the Ridge for Happy Hour, where hard-working Brooklynites gather on Fridays to unwind, praising the start of the weekend.

The executive chef, Russell Titland, is a Bay Ridge icon, who has worked at some of the finest restaurants in the borough and in Manhattan. The restaurant manager is Bill DeLuca, has spent years managing several top Brooklyn and Manhattan eateries. This kind of experience means the place is well-versed in the commandments of running an exceptional business.

The menu is classic Irish fare and beloved Brooklyn — you'll find fried calamari, but there's also potato leek soup.

A signature appetizer is the reuben spring roll — which includes corned beef,

cabbage, and Swiss cheese tucked inside a spring roll that's fried until golden. It makes for unique and tasty finger food.

The chicken satay is another surprise, and it's served with Bailey's Irish Cream dipping sauce.

Other appetizers include Dublin crab cakes, pan fried, and served with Napa slaw. Enjoy it with creamy mustard vinaigrette. There's a mini shepherd's pie, filled with lamb, carrots, and peas, served with homemade gravy and mashed potatoes. The mussels a la Monk feature Prince Edward Island mussels, steamed with shallots, green onions, garlic, and fresh parsley, in a white wine and butter sauce.

The servers are knowledgeable, happy to make recommendations, and can describe dishes in detail.

Entrees include a beautiful chicken pot pie, with its dome-shaped dough puffed over a white ramekin. Inside, the chicken is piping hot, bathing in a gravy of peas, carrots, onions, and potatoes.

Gaelic steak is pan-roasted, with mushroom and shallots, in an Irish whiskey sauce, served with a side of roasted potatoes and fresh vegetables.

There's a daily macaroni and cheese dish, baked with lots of cheese and surprises that might include shrimp one night or ham the next. It's a generous portion presented in a black cast-iron pan, with the macaroni crisp on top and creamy in the middle.

Beer aficionados may appreciate the Guinness-braised short ribs, slow-cooked, with aromatic vegetables, served with mashed potatoes.

The bar area is spacious — so spacious, in fact, that The Wicked Monk often holds cocktail parties here.



Manager Bill DeLuca and executive chef Russell Titland show off one of the dishes.

Opt to sit at the bar, and the drinks are slightly less expensive than they are in the restaurant area. Weekly \$4 beer specials allow patrons to try a different brew each time they visit.

No trip to an Irish pub would be complete without an Irish coffee, and The Wicked Monk does it beautifully, heating the glass so the coffee stays warm, and then topping the drink with a generous dose of whipped cream.

For dessert, options include classic apple cobbler and ice cream sundaes. There's also a rich chocolate mousse cake, adorned with fresh raspberries; and luscious chocolate red velvet, piped with cream-cheese icing.

The masses come on weekends to hear live music that ranges from Irish session songs to rock covers, and guests bands such

as Shillelagh Law and much more. Listeners immerse themselves in this church-like setting that includes lots of candelabras and statues of monks. An actual legend of an Irish monk is framed — suffice it to say, drinking is a good part of the tale, and if you've got time to read it all, you're not drinking enough.

Despite all of its old-world Gothic charm, there are 17 modern television sets, sprinkled all over the walls of the restaurant. This means there are lots of Irish eyes — and those belonging to every other nationality — smiling down on everyone all night long.

*The Wicked Monk [9510 Third Ave. between 95th and 96th streets in Bay Ridge, (347) 497-5152, [www.Wicked-Monk.com](http://www.Wicked-Monk.com)]. Open Mondays through Thursdays, noon-10 pm; Fridays and Saturdays, noon-10:30 pm; and Sundays, noon-9 pm.*



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**THEATER, "PEARL":** Suite Roots LLC presents the life story of the legendary Pearl Bailey, starring Jennie Harney as Pearl Bailey, Brandon Cordeiro, William Joseph Lewis, Thaddeus McCants and Baakari Wilder. \$40 (\$30 students with ID). 7:30 pm. Kumble Theater at Long Island University [DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718) 488-1624], www.brooklyn.liu.edu/Kumble-Theater.

SAT, MAY 4

**MUSIC, HARMONIZING:** Join Bella Voce Singers, Brooklyn's only all women's choir, as they sing works by Eleanor Daley, Timothy C. Tackech, Nils Vigeland, Abbie Betinis and many others. \$15, \$10 students and seniors. 3 pm. Greenwood Baptist Church (461 Sixth St. in Park Slope), www.bellavocesingers.com/concerts.

**BARCLAYS CENTER, RIHANNA:** The Grammy-award winning singer's "Diamonds World Tour." TBA. 8 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Avenue in Fort Greene, (212) 359-6387], www.barclayscenter.com.

**MUSIC, PLUGGED AND UNPLUGGED:** Nadav Lev's program explores the rich diversity of sound and style in contemporary guitar music. \$5. 8 pm. LaunchPad [721 Franklin Ave., (646) 494-7211], brooklynlaunchpad.org.

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SUN, MAY 5

**MUSIC, SPRING CONCERT:** The Lafayette Inspirational Ensemble, led by musical director Janis Russell, presents its 22nd Annual Spring Concert. \$15, \$10. 4 pm. Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church (85 S. Oxford St. at Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene).

**THEATER, AX MURDER PLAY:** CORE Theatre Ensemble presents their original theatrical piece based on the infamous tale of Lizzie Borden and the brutal ax murders of her parents for one night only at The Brick Theater. \$17 online, \$20 door. 8 pm. The Brick [575 Metropolitan Ave. at Lorimer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 907-6189], www.bricktheater.com.

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**CINCO DE MAMA:** Celebrate moms with a day of pam-



Dinner and gay movie: Married couple Mikey Rox and Earl Morrow are excited for Williamsburg's La Gringa Taqueria's LGBT-friendly movie night. On May 9, it's "The Bay."

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pering. Start the day with a breastfeeding circle hosted by lactation consultant Kate Sharp; a meet and greet with author Deborah Koenig, a show of the latest fashions in diaper bags; and lots more. Free. 10 am-4 pm. Min-Jake [178 N. 9th St. in Williamsburg, (718) 782-2005].

**ENTERTAINMENT, ANIMAL RESCUE BLOCK PARTY:** Badass Brooklyn Animal Rescue will feature amazing food and retail vendors, discounted beer and wine at Canal Bar, musicians and, of course, dogs. Free. 11 am-7 pm. (President Street between Third and Nevins in Gowanus), www.brooklynbadas-animalrescue.com.

**SWING ALONG BROADWAY:** Presented by the Regina Opera Company. \$12 (\$5 teens; Children free). 3 pm. Our Lady of Perpetual Help auditorium [5902 Sixth Ave. at 59th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 259-2772].

**WORKSHOP, GRADUATE-LEVEL PHYSICS GROUP:** At the NYC Physics & Math Self-Learners, participants work their way through graduate physics materials, and meet on the first Sunday afternoon of each month to discuss what they've learned and to answer one another's questions. Free. 4 pm. LaunchPad [721 Franklin Ave., (646) 494-7211], brooklynlaunchpad.org.

MON, MAY 6

**YOGA FOR SENIORS:** Seniors get fit at Marine Park. Free. 11 am. Nature Center [Ave. U and E. 32nd Street in Marine Park, (718) 760-6999], www.cityparksfoundation.org.

mal friend and investigate their habitat and diets. then create an animal artwork. Suitable for children 5 years old and younger. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am and 2:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

**CREATURES OF THE SEA:** Discover how diverse life is under the sea. Suitable for all ages. Free with museum admission. 3:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

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THURS, MAY 9

**FILMS, GAY MOVE NIGHT:** La Gringa Taqueria in Williamsburg is having a weekly movie night for the LGBT community. This Thursday, watch "The Bay." RSVP free. 8:30 pm. La Gringa Taqueria [800 Grand St. in Williamsburg, (718) 388-0055].

**MOM FASHION SHOW:** Public School 10 debuts its street-style version of a fashion runway show in celebration of mom. \$10 adults, \$5 children. 5 pm. Public School 10 [Seventh Avenue & Prospect Avenue in Park Slope South, (718) 965-1190], www.ps10.org.

**TALK, "LINCOLN" SCREENWRITER ON BEING A JEW:** Join the celebrated playwright Tony Kushner in conversation with Rabbi Ellen Lippmann in "Art, Politics and Being a Jew." \$10-\$20. 7 pm. Kolot Chayeynu [1012 Eighth Ave. between 10th and 11th in Park Slope, (718) 395-9950], kolotchayeynu.org.

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**FILMS, HAITI FILM FEST:** Festival is dedicated to supporting films about Haiti's Diaspora, as well as films from the beginning of Haiti's presence on-screen. Free. St. Francis College [180 Remsen St., between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489-5200], https://www.sfc.edu.

**ART, CANCER JOURNAL:** The exhibition is organized around the recent publication of Relatively Indolent but Relentless, a graphic journal Matt Freedman wrote last Autumn about his dealings with cancer. Free. 1-6 pm. Studio10 [56 Bogart St., (718) 852-4396], www.studio10bogart.com.

**WORKSHOP, MOM'S VISAGE:** Professional artist-instructors create a sketch based on a photograph of your mom you provide and lay the foundation to unleash your own artistic vision. \$49. 4 pm. DUMBO [33 Washington St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (646) 469-7498], www.creativelywildartstudio.co.

**THEATER, "9 TO 5: The Musical":** The hilarious tale of three female co-workers who challenge the glass ceiling that women faced in the 1970s, and based on the book by Patricia Resnick with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton, is performed by the Narrows Community Theater. \$20 (\$15 seniors and children). 8 pm. St. Patrick's Auditorium [97th St. at Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge, (718) 482-3173], www.nctheaterny.com.

**MUSIC, CALYPSO AND REGGAE:** Brooklyn Arts Council's Harborlore Festival kicks-off Caribbean Island-style a jamming tribute to Brooklyn's own Irving Burgie, songwriter of popular tunes such as "Jamaica Farewell." Free. 9 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

SAT, MAY 11

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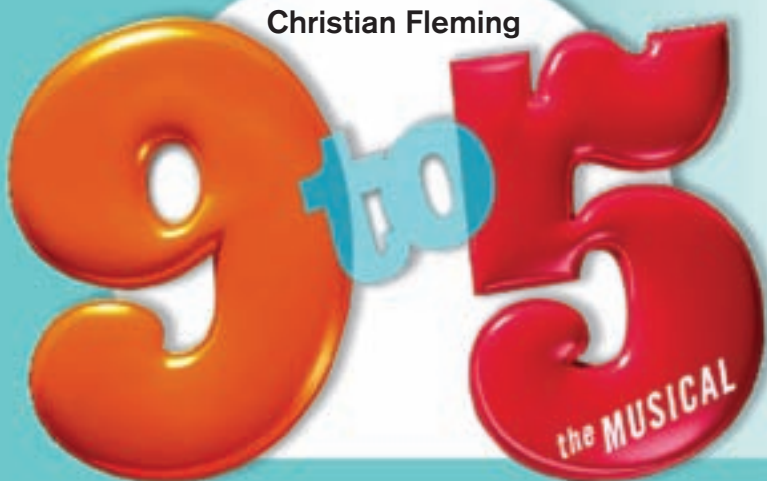
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— Anthony Ammatuzi - Xaverian pitcher

# Aboushi takes off with Jets in football draft

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The fact that the New York Jets drafted him hasn't quite sunk in yet for former Xaverian lineman Oday Aboushi.

"I'm still shocked by it," the Bay Ridge native said the day after being selected. "But, I'm shocked in an exciting way."

Gang Green took the Virginia University offensive tackle in the fifth round of the National Football League draft last week making him the 141st overall pick. Aboushi, who worked out for the Jets, Giants, and Rams, had a good feeling when he saw the Jets pick come up on the screen. Being selected by a hometown club made the moment even more special. He said his phone started going crazy after his name was called.

"Being a hometown kid, my family can come watch me play," said Aboushi, who now lives on Staten Island. "It's about 30 minutes from my house."

Former Xaverian coach Joe DeSiena, now an assistant at Lincoln, said he saw something special in Aboushi right away. At 6-foot-5, 310 pounds, he had the "God-given ability" combined with a tremendous work ethic. He was a team captain every year at Xaverian, as well as his senior year at Virginia.

"It's no surprise that with that ability he was going to take it as far as he did," DeSiena said.



Photo courtesy of Virginia Athletics

**MEADOWLANDS BOUND:** Former Xaverian and Virginia lineman Oday Aboushi was picked by the New York Jets in the fifth round of the NFL draft. Below, Aboushi volunteered to help distribute Christmas presents to families devastated by Hurricane Sandy last December.



Photo courtesy of Sportstars via Associated Press / Emil Boccia

"He's a leader."

Aboushi's commitment to hard work comes from his family of nine brothers and sisters and a strong mother. "His success is as attributable to the type of man he was raised to be as it is to his physical ability," DeSiena said.

He was a four-year starter at Virginia and first team all-conference selection for the Cavaliers last season. It means a lot for him to finally get his family into the pros. Oday's brother, Ayman, who played defensive tackle at Xaverian and Fordham, also had a shot at the pros, but it was cut short by a torn pectoral muscle during a work out with the Bills.

"For me to break through and actually go through it and get drafted is huge," Aboushi said. "It's exciting for my family. They have been there every step of the way."

He will join a crowded group of offensive linemen that includes third-round pick Brian Winter of Kent State and Pittsburgh Steelers free agent Willie Colon, who played at Cardinal Hayes in the Bronx.

"I think I'll fit in great," Aboushi said. "I'll play any position [offensive line] coach [Mike] Devlin needs me to play, and do my best at it and put in as much work as possible."

The Jets also signed former Fort Hamilton wide receiver KJ Stroud to a free-agent deal.



**KING OF THE COURT:** Christ the King's Jon Severe is headed to Fordham University. Photo by Joseph Staszewski

## Severe fixes on Fordham

State's top hoops star will remain a hometown hero

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

New York State's top senior basketball player and Bushwick's own Jon Severe is staying close to home at Fordham University.

The 6-foot-2 Christ the King shooting guard signed with the Rams at a press conference at the Middle Village, Queens school on Wednesday with his family by his side. He chose Fordham and coach Tom Pecora over Rutgers, Pittsburgh, West Virginia and Wake Forest.

Severe said he felt comfortable at Rose Hill, where he will likely start right way. The Rams, and especially assistant coach David Duke, were relentless in their recruiting.

"I felt at home," said Severe, the best recruit Fordham has landed in more than a decade. "I felt comfortable. I was just ready for my decision."

It was an emotional afternoon for Severe, who nearly choked up several times before announcing his commitment in front of a large contingent of fellow students in the school's gym.

Severe, named New York state's "Mr. Basketball," moved up his announcement date from May 22 — the Royals sports awards night — after growing tired of the recruiting process and wanting to end the ever-growing specula-

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# Xaverian in tie for first place

## Victory over St. Francis Prep brings title within reach

BY MIKE MORTON

After a rocky start, with just one win in six games of division play, Xaverian's baseball team has finally gotten its groove back. The Clippers are now in a three-way tie for first place in the Brooklyn-Queens Class AA Division.

"We finally put everything together," said coach Frank Del George, in his first season helming the Clippers.

The Clippers earned that lofty spot Friday afternoon by defeating St. Francis Prep 9-4 at Cunningham Park. The Terriers (8-2) and Archbishop Molloy were vying for first place between themselves before the Clippers (8-2) beat Prep.

Xaverian's offense was consistent, scoring at least one run in every inning — including two RBIs from designated hitter Nick Melo. The Clippers also got solid performances on the mound and in the field.

"When you play defense, get good pitching, and hit, things come easy," Del George said. "That doesn't come



**BUSTIN' BATS:** Xaverian's Louis Deangelis makes contact during a game against St. Francis Prep. Photo by Ken Maldonado

everyday, so when it does come, you have to love it."

Dom Napoli started the game for the Clippers and delivered a solid outing. The senior ace did not allow a hit until the fourth inning. Napoli allowed just two unearned runs in five innings.

St. Francis scored two quick runs off Anthony Sigismondi in the sixth inning to make it 8-4 with two men on base and no outs. Del George then turned to Anthony Ammatuzi to close

out the game. The senior pitcher retired the next three batters to get out of the inning. He then breezed through the seventh to end the game.

"I was just thinking I needed to throw strikes and work ahead in the count," he said.

The strong finish was an opportunity for Ammatuzi to regain some confidence after losing a game earlier in the week to Archbishop Molloy.

"We told him there's going to be another game on Friday, you're going to get another opportunity, lets see what you can do," Del George said. "He did a great job, he closed it out, and that's all we can ask from him."

Gaining a spot at the top of the standings may have been unexpected to some at the beginning of the season, but not to the Clippers' seniors who are focused on finishing their high school careers on top.

"It's a great feeling after a bad loss to Molloy to get back to first place where we belong," Ammatuzi said.

# Hornets sting Dolphins at Aviator

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Command and control were the keys to the second-half comeback that led to Midwood's girls lacrosse victory last Thursday — and a rare defeat for a formidable opponent.

Ball control and patience were the marching orders given by Hornets coach Michael Giordano at the halftime break with his club down two goals against unbeaten Beach Channel. His team went on to do everything he asked even better than he expected.

Midwood kept the ball on the Dolphins' end for nearly the entire second half. The only goal the girls allowed came in the final seconds of an eventual 10-5 win in the Public School Athletic League championship division game at Aviator Sports Complex on Thursday.

"That's what makes a

coach happy," Giordano said. "We spoke about it at the half — keep the ball with us, possession, be opportunistic."

Star senior midfielder Janae Headly found a great deal of opportunity. She scored four of her five goals in the second half, where Midwood (6-2) scored eight straight, and added an assist. All of her goals came on restarts as Headly was able to wiggle her way through the Beach Channel defense and draw a foul to set up the clear shot. Her approach was simple to beating the Dolphins' backup keeper Adedoyin Famajuro each time.

"With the goalie you just stick fake and stick fake again," Headly said. "It helps you get a good opportunity to shoot."

Naillenela Harris added three goals for the  
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**GOAL!:** Beach Channel's Zakiyah Archbold scores on Midwood goalie Basma Attieh. Photo by William Thomas

# Lions roaring into state tournament

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The underdogs are kings of the yard now.

The Berkeley Carroll baseball team came into the year with little fanfare after a first-round exit from the private school state tournament last season. Brooklyn power Poly Prep was talking of a third straight title, and Fieldston in the Bronx was hoping for a return trip to the final.

The Lions laid in wait, however, feeling pretty confident after a pre-season trip to Florida. They banked their hopes on strong pitching and defense, and an offense set on aggressive base running and timely hitting.

"Guys started to have sense that we know who we are and how we play," Berkeley Carroll coach Walter Paller said. "Someone's going to have to beat us while we are playing our style."

So far that hasn't happened.

The Park Slope school is now in line for a No. 1 seed when the state tournament begins in May. It's at the top of its division and owns non-league wins over Poly Prep, Fieldston and Xaverian.

"We weren't talked about at all," said third baseman Chris Harper, who drove in three runs against Fieldston. "We just went out on the field and proved them wrong."

The Lions leader is the epitome of underrated talent. Righty-ace Ian Miller, who throws in the mid-80s, has really come into his own this season. Miller, who is joined by Anthony's Spina at the top of the rotation, had gotten little fan-fare or accolades citywide before.

The junior, who can throw six-pitches includ-



**JOE KNOWS**

*by Joe Staszewski*

ing a sidearm curve, outdueled Poly Prep's UConn-bound ace Andrew Zapata for a 1-0 win earlier this season. He shut out Fieldston 3-0 and struck out ten in a win last Saturday.

"It's all going to come," Miller said.

Paller knew the ace had potential when he saw Miller a freshman. All it would take was a little hard work, dedication, and smarts on the mound. Paller likes the fact that he's gone a bit unnoticed. Opponents eventually find out how dangerous he is.

"By the time the fourth inning rolls around, you know you have a tough day," Paller said.

Berkeley Carroll knows the road to a state title won't be easy, with plenty of quality teams out there. A lot of the players' motivation stems from the opening-round loss to Horace Mann in the start of last year's tournament. The disappointment sticks with them as they look to claim the school's first crown since 2009.

"We all have that desire to get back and do really big things," Miller said.





**MARCHING ORDERS:** Poly Prep lineman Jay Hayes was one of 400 players nominated for the U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

## Army enlists Hayes

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Poly Prep defensive lineman Jay Hayes is a step closer to being an All-American.

The junior, who is committed to play football at Notre Dame, received his official nomination for the 2014 U.S. Army All-American Bowl from two service members during a brief ceremony at the school on Tuesday morning.

Hayes, the ranked ninth in the country at his position by Scout.com, was one of 400 players nationwide nominated for the game, which will be played Jan. 4 at the Alamo Bowl and broadcast on NBC. He is hoping to be one of 90 players selected in September to participate in the game.

"It would be one of the gleaming images in my life," Hayes said. "It would be a point in my life I would always remember."

If Hayes is selected he would become the Blue Devils' first All-American since guard Eric Olsen, a 2005 graduate who also went to Notre Dame, and is now a member of the New Orleans Saints. The

last Poly Prep player in the Army game was 2002 grad Kwakou Robinson, a former Virginia defensive end.

"Hopefully, I can get to this game and prove to people that I'm the best player to come out of Poly," he said.

Hayes called this contest the best All-American game because of its link to the Army. Getting to talk to the servicemen and women about teamwork and leadership is something he's looking forward to.

"Being able to speak with veterans and those fighting for your country is an amazing experience," Hayes said.

Unlike most other players at this point, he already has a college. Hayes was at Notre Dame to watch a spring game two weeks ago and couldn't have been happier with his choice. It's taken the pressure off him and allowed him to focus on achieving his goals.

"Now I can focus on school and enjoy my last years of high school," Hayes said.

And hopefully an All-American game, as well.

# Zab loses title fight

## Brownsville native downed by champ Garcia in decision

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Brooklyn's own Zab Judah can't call himself champion again quite yet.

Instead of handing the current super-lightweight champion his first career defeat, Judah lost the title bout versus 25-year-old Danny Garcia (26-0, 16 KOs) at Barclays Center Saturday in a unanimous decision (11-111, 114-112, 115-112).

"I definitely gave it to Danny and Danny gave it back" the 35-year-old Brownsville native said. "He showed why he's champion now. I showed people why I was a five-time champion of the world."

Garcia's powerful right hand hammered Judah (42-8, 29 KOs) during the middle rounds of the 140-pound fight. Shots to the jaw in the fifth and sixth rounds left Judah's legs wobbly. But it was a vicious counter punch in the eighth that knocked Judah down and left a large cut under his left eye.

Judah downplayed the knockdown after the fight, blaming it on his stance with his feet too close together, making it easier for him to lose his balance.

He didn't let Garcia cruise to a win, though. Judah won the final three rounds by hurting his opponent with powerful lefts and brought the hometown crowd of 13,048 to its feet, feeling he was one or two punches away from ending the fight.

"I was on my A-game to-night," Judah said.

Despite the loss, Golden



**FACE TIME:** Zab Judah lost a unanimous decision to Danny Garcia at the Barclays Center last Saturday night.

Photo courtesy of Golden Boy / Tom Hogan

Boy promoter Oscar De La Hoya believes Judah is still in the championship tier.

"Zab is in the mix," he said. "He didn't lose anything. He actually gained by the way he fought."

Prior to the fight, there was already plenty of animosity between the fighters and their camps. They were kept separate at the weight-in and the prefight press conference. Extra security was called in before the fight in the ring.

The dislike turned into respect after the bout, when Garcia called Judah crafty and the toughest opponent he's fought so far. Angel Garcia, the champion's father and trainer, had made disparaging comments about Judah before the fight, but later conceded that Judah was by no means washed up.

"He came back strong in the late rounds," Angel Garcia said. "He came prepared. He's been in big fights before."

Judah vowed to fight again before a Brooklyn audience.

"Of course, you will see me fight again," Judah said after the fight. "Brooklyn do you all want me to come back? I'll come back."

Judah's fellow Brooklynites starred on the undercard. Danny Jacobs, a Brownsville native and cancer survivor, continues to take out opponents and grow more comfortable in the ring. He earned his third-straight win since being diagnosed with spinal cancer in 2011.

Jacobs, a middleweight, picked up a technical knockout of Keenan Collins when the referee

stopped the fight at 2:06 of the fourth round. Jacobs had already knocked him down twice that round. "I feel like I am getting better and better with each fight," Jacobs said.

Luis Collazo picked up a technical knockout of Miguel Callist at the 1:33 mark of the fifth round of a welterweight bout. Zachary Ochoa beat Calvin Smith by unanimous decision (40-36, 40-36, 40-36) in the super lightweight division. Boyd Melson also took home a unanimous decision victory (60-53, 60-53, 59-54) over Edgar Perez at super middleweight. Collazo says he's ready for bigger and better things.

"I felt good. I felt strong," Collazo said. "Now I'm just waiting for these big fights. I want these top guys in the welterweight division."

## Severe

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tion about where he would land.

"I'm hoping he made the right decision here," Christ the King coach Joe Arbitello said. "I think he did."

Severe only added to the anticipation when, a day prior to the announcement, the 6-foot-2 shooting guard received an in-home visit from the new Rut-

gers coach, Eddie Jordan. Severe was considering the school before former Coach Mike Rice was fired. Severe and his coach both felt the timing wasn't right.

"If Rutgers didn't drag their feet in hiring Eddie Jordan the outcome might have been different," Arbitello said.

Severe averaged 21.6 points per game this year. He led Christ the King to the diocesan, city and state Federation Class AA titles. Now he wants to bring

that winning pedigree to a Fordham program that has struggled in recent years.

The Rams squad hasn't won more than 10 games during Pecora's three-year tenure. Severe said he believes he can turn the whole program around.

"I know we are going to win," Severe said. "You just got that feeling. You follow your gut. I'm used to winning. I think we are just missing a couple pieces."

## Hornets

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Hornets and goalie Basma Attieh had another big day in net, making 12 saves. Midwood won all the hustle plays and ground balls in the second half and often kept Beach Channel (8-1) from even getting a shot off.

"They won every ground ball," Beach Channel coach Eric Wozniak said. "All the credit to them. We didn't play our game.

They beat us up."

Midwood celebrated the victory like the big one that it was. Beach Channel has been a perennial league power in recent years and best so far this season. The Hornets chanted, "Change the Channel" after each goal and stormed the field after the final horn. It's a win they can build off of.

"It was just a great boost of confidence," Headly said. "I think we are really ready to head into this next half of the regular season."



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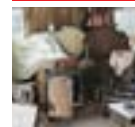
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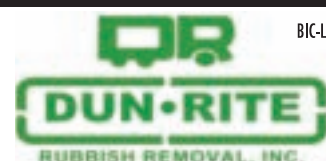
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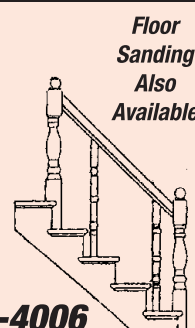
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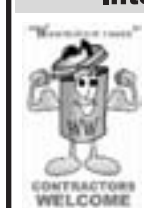
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