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Green sprouts at Barclays

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

The Barclays Center is a hub for basketball, entertainment — and now, farm-fresh produce.

A new weekly greenmarket hosted by the Barclays Center launched last Wednesday on the Flatbush Avenue side of the 18,000-seat arena between Atlantic Avenue and Pacific Street.

“I’m very excited to have something at the stadium that serves the whole community,” said Prospect Heights resident Jessa Zinn as she bought a case of blueberries at opening day.

The marketplace’s location stands on the spot of the borough’s first-ever greenmarket, which started in 1977.

“Since that market’s opening, our organization has evolved and grown enormously, just as Down
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LETTUCE FEED YOU: Greenmarket organizers Jessica Douglas and Hanna Rosenberg show off bunches of fresh kale and basil during opening day outside of the Barclays Center. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

GROCCER VERSUS J. CREW

Mom-&Pop takes on Big Cotton

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

A Cobble Hill grocery store that is being forced out of its storefront to make way for global clothing retailer J. Crew won’t go down without a fight, say its owners.

Managers of the Pacific Green Gourmet Food at the corner of Pacific and Court streets said they

are gearing up to sue their landlord, who they say is kicking them out and giving unjustified favor to the clothing retail giant that, according to published reports, is set to open an outpost there in early 2014.

“We are going to court and
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Parrot stuck in tree is saved

BY COLIN MIXSON

Cats aren't the only pets that get stuck in trees.

A hapless owner's vain attempts to soo down his 3-month-old tropical bird from a tree for 18 hours on Saturday evening ended with a call to New York's Bravest, who valiantly retrieved the wayward fowl the next day.

"He's really like my baby, so it was terrible thinking of him not coming back," said Mill Basin resident Matthew Treppiedi, 18.

The trouble started Saturday evening while Treppiedi was training his young, blue-and-gold macaw, Albus, in the yard behind his home on Basset Avenue near E. 66th Street. Suddenly, the bird flew to the top of a 50-foot-tall tree.

"That tree was holy God big," said Treppiedi. "It was insanely tall."

In typical bird fashion, Treppiedi said the macaw bonded to him upon sight. He said that Albus wasn't trying to escape, but that he was probably spooked by something, which scared him up into the tree.

The tropical bird is a strong flier, but inexperienced, and his owner thinks the fowl bit off more than it could chew when it flew into such a high tree.

"We've only been flight training at eye level, so at a height that large, he might have been scared that he couldn't perch on the way down," said Treppiedi.

Whatever the case, Albus decided to spend the rest of the night in the tree on Gaylord Drive South, as Treppiedi, his parents, his two sisters, and their fiances tried in vain to persuade the bird to come down.

Treppiedi said they wheeled the bird's cage,



SAVE MY BIRD!: Matthew Treppiedi looks on anxiously as firefighters try to recover his tropical bird, Albus, who caused quite a scene after he flew into a tree on Sunday. Photo by Steve Solomonson

along with his food, the two blocks between his house and Albus's perch to lure him down. When that didn't work, his sister's fiance bought a 60-foot-long poll in order to provide Treppiedi's pet with a man-powered elevator.

Despite their best efforts, Albus stayed put. As Saturday's thunder clouds rolled in, Treppiedi knew he was in for a long night.

"That was one of the worst nights ever," he said. "My whole family took turns waiting in the rain with an umbrella. I was up the whole time."

The next morning, Albus decided he was tired of the tree he was in. He flew off to find another, smaller tree further down Gaylord Drive.

Realizing their efforts were failing, Treppiedi de-

cid to call in the professionals.

"After a point, we thought someone would have to get into the tree," he said. "We couldn't get up there so we called the fire department."

Heeding the call, Ladder Engine 159 raced to the bird's rescue. Soon, firefighters Jomo Thomas and Vincent Sammarco were lowered down out of the tree with Albus triumphantly in hand.

"I shook everyone of their hands, I was so thankful," said Treppiedi. "They didn't even have to do that."

The young Mill Basin man says Albus is doing well after his ordeal, and Treppiedi looks forward to their long lives together.

"I'm just happy he's safe and eating watermelon," he said.



HERE, BIRDY: (Top) Firefighter Vincent Sammarco slowly inches Towerladder 159 towards Treppiedi's golden blue macaw, Albus, in a tree on Gaylord Drive near E. 66th Street on Sunday. (Center) Sammarco stands victorious after rescuing the bird. (Bottom) Firefighters Jomo Thomas, left, and Sammarco, right, celebrate with Matthew Treppiedi, after recapturing his pet bird.

Photos by Steve Solomonson



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STATE APPROVES LICH'S CLOSURE

Reps say it will fight judge's orders to keep hospital open

BY JAIME LUTZ

Long Island College Hospital is dead.

The state Department of Health last Friday approved the plan to close the 155-year-old Cobble Hill institution — concluding a long battle by the state to close the institution for good — and hospital officials say a judge's temporary restraining order demanding the hospital stay open will be ignored. That state agency, which is controlled by Gov. Cuomo, has the final say on whether a New York hospital can close.

The hospital's doctors will be fired in about 30 days, according to an e-mail sent out last Friday morning from a hospital administrator, and the Department of Health, which has the power to keep the hospital open or allow it to close, authorized the state to stop admitting patients from its emergency department starting at noon today, and to close the department altogether on July 29. All patients should be transferred out by July 28, according to a statement the Department of Health sent to the administrators, and elective surgeries were canceled and rescheduled by Monday.

Last Friday, hospital officials were letting employees know they may get fired.

"When the date is set sometime next week or so, physicians will be given a 30-day notice of termination," according to an e-mail from a hospital department head sent Friday morning.

The State University of New York, which owns and runs the hospital, has been trying to shutter it for the past six months.

Friday's order, issued by Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Johnny Lee Baynes, barred the state from diverting ambulances from the hospital or taking any other action that hampers the ability of Long Island College Hospital to provide medical services.

But the move is by no means bulletproof. The state has already broken restraining orders barring them from touching the hospital, and administrators said that they weren't sure the restraining order was valid.

"When we get the papers, we'll do a full review, including whether this suit is even legal," said Robert Bellafiore, a spokesman for the state uni-



WON'T GO: Josefina Navarro, wife of Dr. Leonard Navarro, hung a sign outside her husband's office across the street from Long Island College Hospital. When hospital administrators demanded she take it down, she refused. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

versity, on Friday. "In the meantime, we're moving forward as planned."

By Saturday, the State University notified hospital workers that it was appealing the restraining order — meaning that it could resume transferring patients from the hospital and diverting ambulances legally, Bellafiore said today.

This was contested by hospital advocates, who said that the hospital was acting illegally.

"SUNY must stop pretending that they are above the law," said Linda O'Neil, a registered nurse at the hospital.

As of Monday, there are only 12 patients left at the hospital, according to Bellafiore.

Bellafiore said that the termination e-mail was only preparing people for the possibility of getting fired. It was not an actual mass layoff, he said, which could be a violation of state laws governing hospital closures.

"Organizations have meetings all the time to discuss things that may happen in the future. It's called planning," he said.

Last Thursday, hospital workers said that they had heard the plug was finally getting pulled on Long Island College Hospital. At the time, Bellafiore said they were lying.

"I think there is intentional misinformation being put out there in an effort to make a scene," he said, adding that the hospital was only removing patients who consented to be transferred.

He had also said Thursday that any news of layoffs was "nonsense."

Hospital workers said the actions by the state were unconscionable.

"SUNY has created a healthcare meltdown in Brooklyn — putting patients at extreme risk," said Jill Furillo, the executive director of the New York State Nurses Association, which represents many nurses at the hospital.

The state's plan to close Long Island College Hospital will turn a swath of Cobble Hill into a real estate gold mine that would give developers their three favorite things: location, location, and location, and some say the sale of its property could net the state \$500 million.



A look back at the hospital's glory days

The Long Island College Hospital emergency room shut its doors in late June and, with 12 patients reported left in the entire complex, the hospital's demise looks imminent. If the Cuomo-sanctioned closure goes through, it will be an ugly end for a once-proud institution. For a glimpse of what Brooklyn stands to lose, here's a look back at Long Island College Hospital's history.

1858: Long Island College Hospital opens to great fanfare as the first teaching hospital in Brooklyn.

1860: The medical college opens after early stumbles. It is the first U.S. medical school to employ bedside teaching, a technique that would later be adopted throughout the country.

1863: With the Civil War in full swing, the hospital begins service as a Union Army medical base.

1873: Hospital directors establish Brooklyn's first ambulance service. By this time, hospital doctors are seeing more than 10,000 patients per year.

1875: The medical college tasks students with cutting open cadavers for a hands-on lesson in anatomy. It is the first appearance in an American curriculum of the grisly schoolwork.

1888: A hospital regent establishes a laboratory for a new and fast-growing area of study: infectious diseases.



EARLY GREATNESS:

Built in 1897 at Henry and Amity streets, the Polhemus Memorial Clinic building was probably the first example of a high-rise hospital in the world. Continuum Health Partners sold it in 2008.

1914: The hospital establishes an anesthesia training program, the fourth in the U.S.

1915: A new wing boosts the hospital's capacity to 500 beds.

1932: Viennese psychiatrist Alfred Adler joins the staff as a visiting psychologist shortly after coining the term "inferiority complex."

1950s: The hospital inaugurates first hospital-based training for nurse-midwives.

1954: The medical college merges with the State University of New York.

Long Island College Hospital spends much of the latter half of the 20th century as a premier urban medical complex, housing some 60 clinics and delivering thousands of Brooklyn's babies. But

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Mini-boats scan the fetid Gowanus

Spectators get to see what lives (and dies) in the murky depths below

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

A fleet of remote-controlled, camera-equipped miniature boats got up close and personal with the toxic — and surprisingly clear — Gowanus Canal on Saturday when canal lovers celebrated the waterway by peering into its murky depths.

Attendees launched the data-collecting mini-ves-sels launched into the oil-slicked waterway, which is filled with hazardous heavy metals, raw sewage, cancer-causing chemicals, and even gonorrhea. The event was hosted by the Newtown Creek Armada, a Superfund-centric group that wants to let the public explore the fetid canal from above and below.

More than 100 people got the chance to navigate the boats equipped with video cameras and water-quality sensors during the day-long event dubbed the “Gowanus Voyage.” Behind the controls was a team of



HIGH-TECH: This aquatic, camera- and sensor-equipped robot was created by a team of engineers at NYU Polytechnic to collect data from the fetid Gowanus Canal.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

researchers from Polytechnic Institute of New York University that created an aquatic robot to collect data from Brooklyn’s nautical purgatory.

“It’s raising awareness about the Gowanus Canal and getting people involved in understanding the pollution and the cleanup there,” said Sarah Nelson Wright, one of the artists behind the Newtown Creek Armada public art project.

The group created the project last year when it launched the same high-tech boats to record what lies below the filthy Newtown Creek, another filthy waterway that the federal government has declared a “Superfund” site — meaning it is in the process of getting cleaned up with money from its polluters.

Theradio-controlled vessels’ underwater cameras transmitted their recorded images to an onshore-monitor for the spectators’ viewing pleasure. People were also able to see how dirty the water is based on the data from the water-quality sensors. According to experts, the water was clearer than normal.

“It was a pretty good day for the canal,” said Jeffrey Laut, a grad student at Polytechnic Institute of New York University. Laut, who said the water wasn’t murky, has been assessing the canal since October

when his team deployed the aquatic robot named Brooklyn Atlantis into the waterway.

“Depending on what day you go, the canal can be disgusting or it can be crystal clear,” said Laut, who added that the data from the robot shows that the 1.8-mile waterway is the filthiest right after a heavy rain because of the raw sewage that gets spewed into it.

Laut said that the robot has captured images of garbage, muck, slime, and even wildlife, such as crabs and herons, that he says sometimes flock to the waterway. But he hasn’t made any breakthrough on the canal’s case of gonorrhea.

“I don’t know how to test for that,” said the engineer. “I don’t know if there is a gonorrhea sensor.”

On Saturday people got to pilot the robot, which Laut said he hopes will be collecting data on the canal for the long-term. The robot



SHIPS AHOY: Jeffrey Laut, a grad student at NYU Polytechnic who worked with a team of engineers to create an aquatic robot to scan the Gowanus Canal, helped people navigate remote-controlled mini boats equipped with cameras and sensors through the canal on July 20.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

is equipped with sensors to monitor the water’s pH levels, oxygen levels, temperature, air quality, and salinity.

Wright said that the day was about “engaging people with what’s going on in

terms of pollution in the canal” in a fun way.

The federal government is expected to reveal its finalized half-billion-dollar cleanup plan for the canal this summer. The cleanup is expected to go until 2020.

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Saul is moving to B'klyn Museum

Renowned Smith St. restaurant closes

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

Saul, the renowned Smith Street restaurant, served its last meal on July 14 before shutting its Boerum Hill location for a move into the Brooklyn Museum later this year.

Fans packed the pioneering eatery that night to get their last taste of its fine eats in Brownstone Brooklyn.

"I'm very happy for Saul and Lisa, but also devastated, because this was our around-the-corner, go-to restaurant," said Cobble Hill resident David Bloomfield, who has been dining at Saul since it opened. Bloomfield ordered the cauliflower soup, Merguez-style sausage, and prime rib from a menu special for the proverbial last supper.

The beloved restaurant is expected to move into the Brooklyn Museum this fall. The new table-service restaurant will have approximately 80 seats. It will sit on the first floor adjacent to the museum's recently renovated cafe, for which Bolton will also create the menu. Although the Smith Street restaurant only served dinner, the new Saul will serve lunch, brunch, and dinner and offer patio seating on the museum's outdoor terrace.

"We wanted to create an important destination for food at the museum," said Arnold Lehman, the museum's director. He added that the iconic institution on Eastern Parkway, and its food service operator Restaurant Associates, had sought out the acclaimed eatery.

Chef Saul Bolton opened his popular namesake eatery with his wife, Lisa, in 1999, when Smith Street was on its way to becoming Brooklyn's famed restaurant row. The establishment's quality of dining is so high-end that it has merited a coveted Michelin



TASTY GRUB: (Above) Cindy List, Maio Martinez, and Sharon Koweek enjoyed drinks and foie gras at renowned restaurant Saul's on Smith Street on July 14. The eatery is moving to the Brooklyn Museum (left).

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

star for seven consecutive years.

"Saul has been for a long time a really important focus for food in Brooklyn," Lehman said. "He was one of the first who really brought a significant dining experience to Brooklyn and he's well-known and much-loved."

Bolton also owns the Vanderbilt in Prospect Heights and Red Gravy in Brooklyn Heights.

The new eatery will have a bar for those who like to booze it up before interpreting works of art.

Foodies and art lovers alike said they cannot wait for the eatery to open.

"It's a huge benefit," said Cindy List of Crown Heights, a Saul fan who ate there on its last night. Because she's a member of the Brooklyn Museum, List said that she will be frequenting the restaurant a lot more after it makes the move.

Bolton owns the Smith Street building where Saul was formerly housed. He's not yet sure what he is going to do with it, said a spokeswoman for the restaurateur.

Free health screenings at market

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Shoppers can get their blood pressure checked for free while loading up on fresh fruit and veggies at the Barclays Center Greenmarket thanks to a partnership between EmblemHealth and the city.

The organization will conduct complimentary health screenings as part of a health and wellness initiative that includes cooking demonstrations and nutrition classes.

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Air raid! Mockingbirds on attack in Greenpoint

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

Tiny mockingbirds are attacking walkers and joggers in Greenpoint's Transmitter Park during aerial displays that are eerily reminiscent of scenes from Alfred Hitchcock's horror film "The Birds."

The attacks, which started about a week ago, are probably the result of the birds trying to protect their newly hatched eggs from threats such as joggers, walkers, and other natural predators, who now say they are afraid to use the park.

"It was very traumatic," said Maya Brenner, who says a bird came at her beak-and-talon-first on three occasions. "I have not been running since."

Brenner suffered some scratches, but luckily, had no open wounds.

Mockingbirds, who are known to be fierce protectors of their nests and, be-



HIGH ANXIETY: Birds attacked Mel Brooks in his 1977 Hitchcock parody, but in a different, more disgusting way.

Associated Press

cause this is Transmitter Park's first summer, the birds are probably not used to seeing so many people walking so close to their nests.

Some who are aware of the attacks have taken up a new form of bird watching — one in which they watch as unsuspecting park-goers get attacked from the air.

"[The bird] goes to a

high perch and picks its victims," said John Clements, who works at nearby River Styx and saw the bird attack three people in a row last week. "It's usually women and people on cellphones."

News of the attacks was first reported by the website Greenpointers.com

This reporter was assigned to a day in the park last Wednesday and was not attacked, but did participate in a few serious staring contests with the vicious birds.

Still, some said the attacks weren't a big deal, as they simply showed nature taking its course.

"They are birds," said Linda Orbourne. "Who are you going to file a complaint with?"



ARE YOU MOCKING ME!: Mockingbirds have been attacking parkgoers this past week in Transmitter Park.

CNG / Danielle Furfaro

On the bright side, none of the attacks have been reminiscent of the Mel Brooks classic, "High Anxiety."

Stray bullet injures owner, kills club

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

A stray bullet severely injured the owner of a popular underground Bushwick music hall while he stood in front of the venue last week — and although he survived, his business hasn't.

The bullet shattered the left arm and lodged in the abdomen of Yoni David, the owner of Big Snow Buffalo Lodge at about 9:30 pm on July 17. At the time, the bands Courtship Ritual, Lost Gloves, Esparza and FASANO were playing a show inside David's club at 89 Varet St., between Graham Avenue and Humboldt Street.

David had gone outside to check on a disturbance, then heard several shots, according to a police report. A moment later, he realized that he

had been hit.

Now, the still-hospitalized entrepreneur says he is closing for good — and tweeted that fact on Sunday morning to make sure acts he had booked do not show up.

"If you had a show booked here, it's canceled," he wrote. "We're closed."

The shooter, who he believed was standing in front of the Lindsay Park housing projects, ran off and has not been found.

The promoter added in a Facebook post that he will be in the hospital for a while, and that he was humbled by the outpouring of support he had received in social media.

"I'll love you all forever," he wrote to his supporters.

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Disloyal worker

Police arrested a 31-year-old ex-employee of a Bergen Street vegan restaurant who they say stole \$1,046 from the establishment on July 15.

The business owner — who was not at the eatery between Fifth and Flatbush avenues at the time of the crime — told cops that she obtained a cellphone recording of the perp taking the money from the cash drawer at 2 pm. The owner also has an e-mail from the crook admitting to swiping the cash.

Bike swipe

A crook broke into a Degraw Street apartment building and swiped a woman's bicycle sometime overnight between July 20 and July 21.

The 33-year-old woman told cops that her husband found damage to the front door of the building near Fifth Avenue at 7:30 am on July 21, and then discovered that her black two-wheeler was missing from the hallway.

Grab bag

A quick-handed criminal swiped a woman's purse from her car while she was getting gas at a Fourth Avenue station on July 17.

The 39-year-old victim told cops that after she filled her Toyota up with gas at the station between Sackett and Union streets at 9:20 pm, she went to go pay, leaving her purse in the car near the center console with the windows opened.

When she returned about 10 minutes later, her purse — containing her debit and credit cards, driver's license, and \$150 — was missing.

Pricey heist

A thief ransacked a man's Dean Street apartment and made off a \$5,000 antique gold bracelet on July 19.

The 54-year-old victim told police that he left his abode between Flatbush and Fifth avenues at 6:10 pm, and when he returned more than four hours later he noticed that all of his stuff was out of place and his doors and windows were open.

The perp — who cops say may have entered through a neighbor's backyard, jumped the fence, and entered the victim's home through the second-floor window — made off with the 18-karat gold, double-band bracelet adorned with 10 diamonds and seven pearls.

Two-wheeler for free

A brazen bandit waltzed into a Vanderbilt Avenue bicycle shop and looted a two-wheeler on July 15.

A 26-year-old employee at the store near Dean Street told cops that while he was attending to another customer in the shop at 10:15 am, the perp walked in, grabbed the \$1,850 All-City red road bike, and fled the scene.

**POLICE
BLOTTER****Vroom vroom!**

A crook stole a man's motorbike that was parked on Park Place on July 15.

The 35-year-old victim told police that he left his red Kymco moped on the street between Vanderbilt and Flatbush avenues at 7 pm. When he returned two-and-a-half hours later, his ride was gone.

MyPhone

A perp snatched a woman's iPhone right out of her hand while she was on a Manhattan-bound R train at the Fourth Avenue stop on July 17.

The 23-year-old victim told cops that she boarded the subway at 86th Street in Bay Ridge, and that the crook got on at the 36th Street stop and sat behind the woman.

As the train entered the station near Union Street at 9:30 am, the thief grabbed the cellular device and fled the train.

In the blink of an eye

A bandit snagged a woman's purse that she left inside a public restroom at a Flatbush Avenue department store on July 15.

The 24-year-old victim told police that she entered the bathroom of the store near Atlantic Avenue with her Coach handbag at 1:30 pm. When she exited the bathroom minutes later she realized that she did not have her purse.

When the woman went back in the bathroom to retrieve her bag containing a Coach wristlet, house keys, credit cards, car keys, cellphone, and checkbook, it was gone.
— *Natalie Musumeci*

76TH PRECINCT

CARROLL GARDENS-COBBLE HILL-RED HOOK

Step on a crack

Police arrested a 46-year-old woman who they say ripped off someone who tried to buy crack from her on Columbia Street on July 19.

Officials say the woman received the drug money from a client near Mill Street at 2 pm — and promptly ran off.

— *Jaime Lutz***90TH PRECINCT**

SOUTHSIDE-BUSHWICK

A big heist

A burglar broke into a house on S. Fourth Street on July 14 and got away with \$30,000 in cash.

The victim told police that he left his

apartment between Bedford and Driggs avenues locked and secured at 4 pm. When he returned just after midnight on July 15, he found the door wide open.

He went into the house to investigate and found the living room window ajar and the screen removed, and a box that he had filled with \$30,000 in cash missing.

Open invitation

Someone stole a man's iPad 2 from his unlocked Bushwick Avenue apartment sometime between July 8 and 11.

The victim told police that he left his pad between Ainslie and Powers streets on July 8 at 5 pm, and when he returned at 2 pm on July 11, the iPad was missing. There were no signs of forced entry, which makes sense since the door was unlocked anyway.

Neighbors said they saw a strange man turning doorknobs in the building.

Oversharing sister

Police are looking for a woman who they say busted into her brother's Meserole Street apartment and swiped his medication and video camera on July 13.

The victim said he arrived at his abode, situated between Union Avenue and Lorimer Street, at 8 am on July 13 to find 90 oxycodone pills, 30 Xanax pills, and one digital video camera missing.

The 32-year-old man told police he received an e-mail from his 25-year-old sister telling him that she had broken down his front door.

Slow train coming

A quick crook swiped a man's cellphone while he was sitting on a Manhattan-bound M train at the Lorimer Street stop on July 15.

The victim told police that he boarded the train at Flushing Avenue at 1 am on July 15. He sat down in the first car near the exit door and started playing a game on his phone. When the train pulled up to the Lorimer Street stop, a weasel snatched the cellphone out of his hands and ran out of the car. The 34-year-old victim then got off the train at Hewes Street and called police.

Wild ride

A cold-hearted brute stabbed a man in the chest and back several times on the B62 bus while it rode through Williamsburg on July 16.

The victim refused to tell police much of anything about what happened to him.

"I didn't see anything. I had my eyes closed," the victim told police.

But two witnesses, including the bus driver, told cops that the victim was in the back of the bus when a man and woman got on at 8:50 am and immediately started arguing with the victim. The three started fighting, rolling around on the floor of the bus, and when it stopped at Keap Street and Wythe Avenue, the man and woman got off, and the man threw a gray metal knife under a parked car, police reported.

The woman ran away on foot towards the housing development on Wythe Avenue. The 26-year-old victim was taken to Kings County Hospital and is not likely to die.

Repeat offenders

A 19-year-old man and a 20-year-old man were arrested for trying to strong-arm phones out of victims' hands on Olive Street and Bushwick Avenue on July 17.

The 23-year-old victim told police he was near DeVeau Street at 12:05 am when the two toughs approached him and punched him several times in the face and tried to grab his phone out of his hand. The victim's glasses flew, but were recovered and returned him. The duo did not get the phone.

The two were also charged with an assault and robbery for stealing a cellphone from a guy waiting for a bus at the southeast corner of Bushwick Avenue and Grand Avenue. That victim was also beaten and suffered swelling to the face and head, cops said.

94TH PRECINCT

GREENPOINT-NORTHSIDE

Wrestlemania

Two thugs tackled a guy to the ground and threatened him with a knife on Manhattan Avenue on July 6.

The victim said he was near Metropolitan Avenue on his way home at 4 am when he was tackled from behind.

"I have a knife. Give me your wallet and phone," one of the bullies said to him.

Even though he did not see a knife, the victim handed over his iPod, wallet, and driver's license and the bullies ran off.

The victim suffered bruises on his elbow, hand, and left knee. He refused medical attention. The phone was traced to the West Village but has not been recovered.

The lone robber

A shady character punched a drunk man in the face and stole his stuff on Manhattan Avenue on July 6.

The 56-year-old victim told police that he was sitting near Huron Street at midnight when a dark figure punched him in the nose and then grabbed his driver's license, credit card, MetroCard, and cash out of his pocket.

Choked out

A two-legged constrictor choked a guy and then stole his cellphone on N. Sixth Street on July 14.

The 27-year-old victim told police he was between Driggs Avenue and Roebing

Street at 2:10 am when he felt someone grab him by the neck from behind. The bully choked the victim until he fell on the ground and then snatched the phone from his rear pants pocket.

The guy then ran off and the victim never saw which way he went.

Knife-point break

Two guys attacked a woman with a knife and ran off with her purse on Coneslyea Street on July 15.

The 44-year-old victim told police she was near Humboldt Street at 11:30 pm when a guy put a knife to her throat.

"I know you. You are from the hood," one of the guys said, while another one took her bag.

She said there also seemed to be another guy standing on the corner as a look out. The duo — or possible trio — ran off down Humboldt Street.

Bad boss

A shady character robbed a worker distributing newspapers on Graham Avenue on July 19 — while claiming to be his boss.

The victim told police he was passing out papers near Metropolitan Avenue at 7:40 am when a guy approached him.

"I'm your supervisor. You are not supposed to work with your backpack out here," the dude said before punching the victim in the back of the neck. The "boss" then grabbed the victim's backpack that he had hung on the handrail next to him and ran northbound on Graham Avenue.

— *Danielle Furfaro*

70TH PRECINCT

FLATBUSH-MIDWOOD

Shocked

A 23-year-old thug shocked a pedestrian with a stun gun on E. 19th Street on July 13, police say.

The victim was between Dorchester and Cortelyou roads at 5 am when the gunman zapped him, causing him to fall to the ground.

As a result of the zing, the pedestrian suffered a laceration to the elbow, bruising to the face, and shock damage. He was treated at a local hospital.

Tearaway

Police arrested a 26-year-old man who they say assaulted another man on Newkirk Avenue on July 23.

The victim was between E. Eighth Street and Coney Island Avenue at 1 am when the suspect allegedly ripped his shirt and punched him repeatedly in the face, causing swelling under his eye and to his cheek and a laceration on his face.

Power play

Police arrested a 45-year-old man for allegedly stealing another man's bicycle on Stratford Road on July 15.

The victim told cops he left his bicycle locked up between Caton and Church av-

enues and found the lock cut and the bicycle gone when he returned at 6:22 am.

A surveillance tape shows the suspect cutting the lock with a power saw and leaving with the bicycle, cops said.

— *Melissa Goldin*

68TH PRECINCT

BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

Stone cold

A burglar took out an elderly woman's air conditioner and raided her 73rd Street apartment for thousands in cash and jewelry on July 20, according to cops.

The victim said she left her home between Fourth and Fifth avenues at 10:30 am and returned at 1 pm to discover her cooling unit dislodged from her front window frame — and her necklace, ring, pair of earrings, and \$4,000 in cash gone.

Drawn and quartered

A crook ripped off a wallet and \$25 in change from a vehicle parked on 67th Street sometime between July 15 and July 17, police report.

The victim told cops he parked his car near Third Avenue at 5 pm on Monday and returned at the same hour two days later to discover his billfold and bag of quarters missing.

Stealer's wheels

A pair of punks pedaled off with a man's bicycle from his 87th Street apartment building on July 19, police state.

The victim said he chained his two-wheeler to the front stairs of the building between Fourth and Third avenues at 1:45 pm. When he returned 15 minutes later, he saw the shackle cut and the bike gone.

A neighbor claimed to have seen a pair of men running off with the single-seater.

Check, please

A lowlife heisted \$300 in cash from a 69th Street eatery on July 20, authorities allege.

The owner of the restaurant near the corner of Third Avenue said that he closed the kitchen at 2:30 am and went back to re-open four-and-a-half hours later — only to find the glass on the front door in shards, and the cash box in the back office empty.

Clean break

A burglar busted into a 13th Avenue deli and lifted \$500 and a carton of cigarettes — then proceeded to pour bleach all over the floor — on July 16, cops say.

The owner of the salumeria between 82nd and 83rd streets reported that he closed up shop at 8:30 pm, and returned the next day at 6:30 am. When he got there, he found the rear window forced open, the register raided, a carton of smokes missing — and the air filled with the reek of chlorine.

— *Will Bredderman*

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Grand Central Oyster coming to Park Slope

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI
Next stop, Park Slope!
The famed Grand Central Oyster Bar is opening a Park Slope outpost, a source close to the historic restaurant confirmed.

The iconic seafood eatery, known for its vaulted ceilings and mollusk selection, is moving into a triple-wide storefront on Fifth Avenue near Carroll Street, Gothamist reported. The space previously housed Fornino but it has been sitting empty since the Italian joint closed earlier this year.

The history-rich oyster bar is expected to open its Park Slope location later this year, the source said.

The space that the restaurant is slated to take



RAW: The iconic Grand Central Oyster Bar, which opened inside Grand Central Terminal in 1913, is expanding to Park Slope.

Associated Press / Kathy Willens

over is one of the largest storefronts in Park Slope.

The original oyster bar is a 450-seat landmark that

opened in 1913 along with Manhattan's Grand Central Terminal itself. The new restaurant will be the

company's first in Brooklyn — and its first to be housed some place other than a mass transit hub. The Oyster Bar already has a location inside Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey and two in Tokyo train stations.

Brooklyn-based actress and restaurateur Debi Mazar considered opening a restaurant in the old Fornino location but scrapped the plans because, as she tweeted in April, the "landlord tripled [the] rent and wants McDonald's or Olive Garden."

No word on whether the new oyster bar will recreate its namesake's vaulted ceilings or come with a massive inter-city train station.

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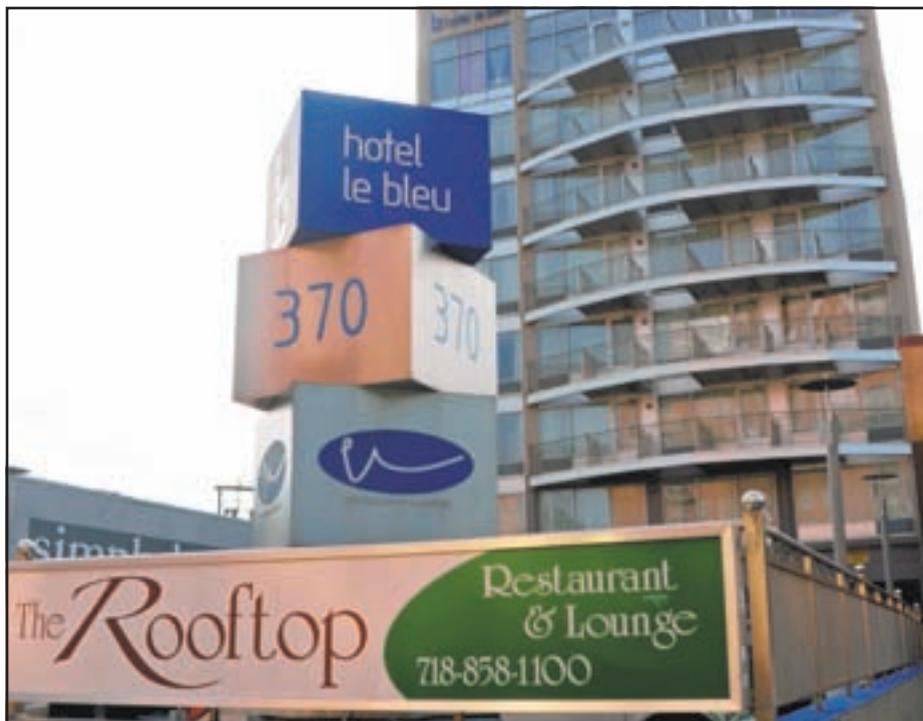


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ON THE MARKET: Park Slope's posh, indigo-hued Hotel Le Bleu, which features a game-changing rooftop lounge, is up for sale. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

LE BLEU ON LE BLOCK

Slope's indigo-hued hotel listed for \$12 million

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

Park Slope's posh Hotel Le Bleu has hit the real estate market.

The indigo-hued boutique hotel on gritty Fourth Avenue is being listed for a whopping \$12 million.

The chic glass-and-steel complex sandwiched between a taxi depot and a Staples office supply store opened in 2007. The hotel features 48 rooms on seven floors, with a rooftop restaurant and lounge that boasts panoramic views of Manhattan's skyline.

"For an investor, it's a stable, cash-flowing asset without a lot of risk," said Sean Kelly, a managing director for CPEX Real Estate, the brokerage firm that is exclusively handling the sale of Le Bleu.

Kelly said that the property's close proximity to the Barclays Center and the Atlantic Avenue Terminal transportation hub makes



GAME CHANGER: When the rooftop bar at Hotel Le Bleu opened it was hailed by some as a place where "everything you wish could have been had become."

File photo / Tom Callan

it a hot commodity.

"The hotel business in New York is booming," he said, "but Brooklyn is the most underserved in the hotel market per capita."

Kelly said that the crop of hotels that sprang up over the past few years in the area bordering Gowanus and Park Slope are "all reaching 90 percent oc-

cupancy."

The independent operator of the seven-story hotel has a 99-year lease. A different operator has a separate lease for the restaurant and lounge on the eighth and ninth floors.

Before it was the Rooftop Restaurant and Lounge, the rooftop bar was called the Vue. That bar didn't play well with nearby Park Slope residents who

were up in arms over loud noise late at night, but it was declared a "game changer" by this paper's staff.

The hotel, which is commercially zoned, has been on the market for about two weeks. CPEX has already received multiple offers from private investors and private equity funds, according to Kelly.

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MTA to boost G service

Starting next year, trains to come faster during rush hour

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

The changes to the G train are full speed ahead.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority announced on Monday that it has come up with the \$700,000 needed to increase G train service on weekday afternoons and evenings.

Starting in mid-2014, on weekdays between 3 pm and 9 pm, the beloved Brooklyn Local will come every eight minutes, instead of the every 10 to 11 minutes it takes now.

These changes will be a huge relief to riders who say they never know how long they will be left waiting for the only train that doesn't go into Manhattan.

"My neighbors in Bedford-Stuyvesant were skeptical that we could actually win improvements in service, and I'm happy to be able to report back to them that because of our efforts,



G MONEY: The beloved G train, which (thankfully) never enters Manhattan. File photo

G train service is getting better for everyone," said Tolani Adeboye, a member of the Riders Alliance who acted in the "G Train Workout" video released in May.

Last week, the MTA released its full review of the G. According to the document, the following train

changes are in store:

- Create a more streamlined timetable that will better interact with the F line schedule, allowing G trains to be better spaced at all 20 stations.

- Pick a standardized place on the platform where the four-car train will stop

every time, so riders don't have to guess where to wait for the four-car trains.

- Rearrange benches and trash cans on the platforms, so that they are near where trains stop.

- Add public announcement systems to the 12 G train stations that currently do not have them.

- Make changes to the way riders are ushered into the G train at both ends of the line — at Church Avenue in Kensington and at Court Square in Queens.

- Add additional signage to point riders in the right directions.

In other big MTA news, the agency plans to run the M shuttle train from Metropolitan Avenue in Queens all the way to Delancey Street in Manhattan on weekends, meaning that the M will go all the way through Williamsburg. This change will also happen in mid-2014.

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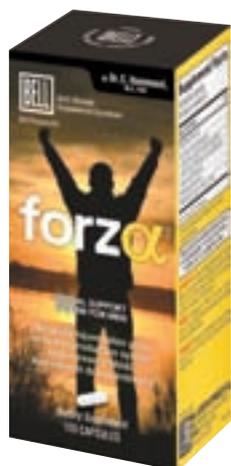


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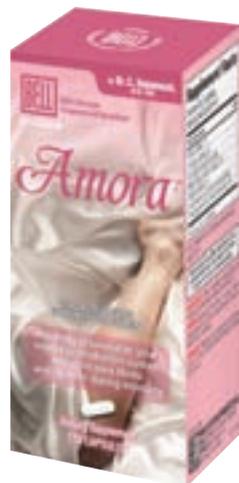


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Contest finds Brooklyn's least well-endowed man

BY MELISSA GOLDIN

It takes a big man to show off a tiny penis.

Six, brave, short-membered men defied cultural trends and put their small schmeckles to the test in the first "Smallest Penis in Brooklyn Pageant" at the King's County Bar in East Williamsburg on Saturday.

"We wanted to show that [having a small penis] is not such a big deal," said Aimee Arciuolo, the bar's manager.

And she was right — none of them were a big deal, and that was the cringe-worthy point.

The pageant was split into three segments — evening wear, talent, and swim wear — during which each contestant was scored on a scale of 1 to 10 — points, not inches. In each category, the crowd picked its favor-

ite, which was determined by who received the loudest cheers.

The winner was selected based on his total score and who the panel of judges — including Arciuolo, burlesque dancer Cherry Pitz, and Go-Go Harder, a boylesque dancer and aspiring porn star — believed had the most spirit.

During the evening wear and swim wear competitions, the contestants stood on the bar to show off their lack of endowment. Their shortcomings were dressed in specially made "tuxedos" during the former, and hidden only by a small swatch of fabric during the latter.

The talent portion featured a variety of acts, including interpretive dancing and stand-up comedy, plus a brief interview with each contestant. All con-

tenders went by pseudonyms — Perry Winkle, Sugar Daddy, Rip van Dinkle, The Delivery Man, *Zigounette*, and Flo-Rider.

The Delivery Man, also known as Nick Gilronan, a United Parcel Service employee from Queens and the crowd favorite in the talent competition and the swimwear portion, won the top spot and \$200. He was also presented with a crown and a "scepter" — a giant magnifying glass — as well as some surprise canoodling with a girl on stage.

His acceptance speech, like his penis, was short.

"Some people wouldn't advertise the fact that they won, but this was a lot of fun," said Gilronan. "The opportunity to do this will probably never come around again."

Arciuolo said that she

got the idea for an event like this after an unexpectedly fun romp with a guy who had a penis the size of an acorn.

"It was to have fun and also to show that it's no big deal," she said.

After the pageant was picked up by the media, the bar began receiving hundreds of responses (with pictures) from all over the world, according to Arciuolo. Rip van Dinkle flew in from Minnesota specifically for the pageant only to leave immediately following the competition.

"I thought it was going to be a really body positive event and overall I thought that it was," said Liz Sheridan, who came in from New Jersey to attend the pageant. "I think that it takes a lot of balls, no matter how tiny your penis is, to enter this."



SIZE MATTERS: Smallest penis in Brooklyn pageant winner Nick Gilronan (a.k.a. The Delivery Man) celebrates his victory with judge Cherry Pitz. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

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Shocker: State denies club a liquor license

For once, agency listens to community opposition

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

The State Liquor Authority shot down a bid for a liquor license from a planned controversial nightspot, called Kemistry Lounge, last Wednesday.

The agency rejected the liquor application due to overwhelming community opposition to the venue that is vying to open on Flatbush Avenue just blocks from the Barclays Center, said a spokesman for State Liquor Authority.

Neighbors have battled co-owner James Brown's push to open a restaurant and bar for more than a year, arguing that the venue would bring noise and ruckus to their community. Kemistry said it would feature live music, DJs, and dancing late into the night. Opponents feared that boozey revelers would spill out of the venue's glass-fronted exit on residential Prospect Place, disturbing the block's sleep.

Those fears were among the concerns that the liquor agency took into account at Wednesday's hearing, said Peter Adelman, the lawyer representing the group of nearly 100 alarmed neighbors.

"The community objection boiled down to the promoters' refusal to brick up the Prospect Place frontage, their late hours, and hard liquor bottle service,"



DENIED: The State Liquor Authority took into consideration neighbors' gripes about the planned Kemistry Lounge nightspot when it denied the establishment its liquor license on July 17. The back entrance (pictured) is on a residential block.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

said Adelman. "The State Liquor Authority really recognized the legitimacy of those three concerns and concluded that the establishment would not be in the public interest."

Another factor in the decision, according to State Liquor Authority spokesman William Crowley, was the March arrest of Brown's business partner, Leonard Bartletto, for allegedly selling marijuana.

Even though Kemistry Lounge representatives promised that the venue, which would accommodate more than 200 revelers in a grocery-store sized space, and not be a burden, and that they would only use the controversial doorway on Prospect Place during emergencies, Community

Board 6 agreed with the neighbors and voted to reject its liquor license request last year.

Kemistry's lawyer Jerome Sussman did not return calls for comment. But he did tell DNAinfo.com, "When I get the disapproval letter, I'll sit down with my client and we'll decide whether we want to go further, or whether we want to drop it."

"There are several avenues open to us," he said.

This appears to be a rare case where the State Liquor Authority sided with the no-vote of the community board.

A slew of Brooklyn nightspots, including the controversial 93 Lounge in Bay Ridge, received liquor licenses over objections from the community board.

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Ousted grocer vows to dress down J. Crew

A Cobble Hill grocer, facing eviction, is so cheesed off to learn that J. Crew's cashmere sweaters might be replacing his gourmet foods, that he is weighing a David-versus-Goliath court battle to stop the clothing giant from muscling in on his territory ("Court Street grocer gears up to fight J. Crew takeover," online July 22).

Billy Solmaz, co-owner of Pacific Green Gourmet Food, claims his ouster doesn't amount to a hill of beans because his landlord illegally broke their lease.

Neighbors created an online petition, while the online commentariat offered food for thought.

Wow. Starbucks, Trader Joe's, and now J. Crew? That part of Court Street is being destroyed by the chain stores of suburbia. What a shame.

Jim from Cobble Hill

As we live by the sword of cheap products made abroad, our neighborhoods will die by that sword as well. Corporations will eventually take and control everything the middle class cherishes, unless we re-prioritize what is important. Wake up people, or you will be living the suburban lifestyle-nightmare so many moved to the city to avoid. **Charles from Bklyn**

It's interesting that as Court Street becomes filled with more national chains, Fifth Avenue has become a hotbed of interesting mom-and-pop and independent stores. **Ed from BK**

I walk a neighborhood over, past multiple fruit-and-veg stores, to shop here. The grocers always have smiles and nice conversations with my young children. All that will change with the pushing-in of corporate-run boutiques. Sad and pathetic. Why doesn't J. Crew open on Flatbush? A strip trying to lure corporate boutiques? **Stephen Conti from Carroll Gardens**

It would fit in better on Flatbush Av-

SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

enue, with the other lame crap.

Elvis from Nawcostella

Even Atlantic Avenue would be better suited. But yes, Flatbush near to Barclays would make so much more sense! J. Crew is a terrible company though — cheap, overpriced clothing. The "crap" on Flatbush is infinitely better than most anything on Court Street, better known as the new mall of Brooklyn. **Lyn from cg**

I hope this guy moves to Bay Ridge to 95th Street and higher. There are no clean, small, grocers there with staples and fresh produce.

It would be interesting to go back to, say the mid-1800s and do a timeline of how many businesses were situated in that very location.

Times change, businesses change, it's a fact of life. Get over it.

Many of these quirky, unique, businesses usually have a limited shelf life. Not so for the guy in the article, but I can guarantee that he gets his produce at the same distributor that caters to hundreds of other businesses.

I mean, God bless him. A non-hipster business that actually serves the community. But this thing with petitioning J. Crew is nonsense.

It's not like they are opening a meth lab. Many of the protestors are NIMBYs and want it both ways.

They'll run to the J. Crew at some mall in NYC (probably hiding their purchases inside of their reusable, hemp, co-op bags).

But they also have the luxury of venting their spleen about "big sweater," all while sipping their Starbucks coffee, talking on their iPhones, getting their ankles whacked by designer strollers loaded with diapers from Duane Reade. There's a neighborhood not far from me called Manayunk.

In the 1980s, it was a war zone.

Then development started slowly, a few brave souls opening restaurants, to be followed by small, quirky boutiques and coffee shops, which have gone out of business or changed hands 50 times over. The 'hood took off and it was a thriving community.

Then the unthinkable happened. Pottery Barn wanted to open a store in what was essentially a neighborhood eyesore. Lots of screaming, protests, sabotage, pulling of hair, gnashing of teeth, etc. On grand opening day, the place was packed with locals.

Then came Starbucks, CVS, etc. No one complained.

Today Manayunk is a thriving, eclectic community, far more diverse than anything you'll find in Brooklyn.

What hipsters and militant yuppies fail to grasp is that when a company like J. Crew wants to open a store in your locale it means that the residents make a ton of money. J. Crew chose you because you have cash, a nice car, an expensive loft, and can afford to buy really nice things. When hipsters turn 40, and decide to grow up and start families, they'll begin to understand how much value a Duane Reade, Ace Hardware, Baby Gap, or Pottery Barn adds to the value of their property and to their quality of life. As far as the produce guy goes.

I feel bad for him. But my dad was a successful business man.

He started with nothing. His advice was you rent for a while, if you're successful and the block is changing, beg, borrow or steal to buy the property. That way no one will kick you out and you choose when to close shop.

Pat I. from 70's Brooklyn

Thanks, Courier

To the editor,

What a beautiful and touching article ("Gowanus Canal Community Development Corporation's Buffy Buffington dies peacefully at home," online July 15).

I wish our aunt was able to read it and appreciate it.

We don't know what to say. It is spot on and we are in tears. We are so proud to be her family. The family always learned so much by the life that she lived. She was a great example to us all. We're still shocked that she is no longer here.

Thank you for taking the time to do this, and for doing it in such a beautiful and well-thought-out way. You did a wonderful job.

Regina Visone and Geraldine Pizzo

The writers are the nieces of the late Lydia Buffington.

True-blue American

To the editor,

So while the nation was reeling this way and that over the Martin verdict, some of us were involved in other things that didn't get the attention of this two-sided tragedy, made so by the media and the race baiters.

Did anyone take notice that a neighbor, an American hero, was laid to rest last week? He was 18 years old, and he was

a Brooklyn American. He happened to be a young black man who wanted to serve his country, and in so doing he made the ultimate sacrifice when he was killed in action on the Fourth of July in Afghanistan.

We escorted his body from the airport to his community church, to the funeral home, and to his final resting place. There were no crowds, no media throng, and no so-called community leaders raising their voices about the sacrifice made by this young man. Nor did they come to offer condolences to his family and friends. Where were those big mouths?

We were there to honor and to remember. And by the way, it made no difference to me that PFC Errol Milliard was black and I know that his family didn't care that I am white. We are Americans.

God Bless PFC Milliard and his family. I am honored to have crossed paths with you.

**Charlie Gili
Marine Park**

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To the editor,

I've been wanting to comment on the George Zimmerman trial, but haven't gotten my thoughts together on it yet. So I share this story of something that happened to me when I was in my late teens.

I was driving in Philadelphia and a policeman pulled me over. As he approached my car, I rolled down my window.

"Give me your license and owner's card," he said.

With one quick motion, I opened up the glove compartment, pulled out my wallet and turned to face the policeman. I saw he was pointing a gun at me and had a scowl on his face.

In a shrill tone, he bellowed, "Don't you ever do that again!"

Confused, I said, "I only did what you told me."

The policeman answered, "I thought you were going for a gun. If you ever have to go into your glove compartment, please ask first and then do it slowly." Lesson learned.

Two weeks later, I read in the newspaper about a black motorist in Philadelphia who was shot dead by a policeman. He too had been stopped and had been asked for his license and owner's card. He too reached to open his glove compartment, but there was no lesson imparted here. The policeman's bullet saw to that.

They later opened his glove compartment and found that all he had in there was his wallet.

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Midwood**

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Grocery

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we will try to do our best. We are fighting," said co-owner Billy Solmaz, whose shop has been open for 13 years on the ground floor of the two-story building.

The grocer said that he was blindsided when he found out from customers — and not his landlord — that J. Crew is expected to move into the storefront. The clothing retailer signed a 10-year lease for the building, the Real Deal reported, and will take over 2,439-square-feet each on the ground floor, lower level, and second floor.

Solmaz said in 2000 that he signed a 15-year lease for the storefront. In May, the building's landlord told Solmaz that the gourmet store has until the end of the year to move out.

"He said he doesn't want us to stay anymore," said Solmaz, who added that he even offered to pay a higher rent so Pacific Green could remain. "He said that he's not negotiating. He wants to give the place to a big corporation."



J-SUE: Pacific Green owner Billy Solmaz says he is suing his landlord, claiming the owner of his building wants to break a lease to bring in clothing retailer J. Crew.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Solmaz said that even if he can't stay in his present location, he is on the hunt for another storefront nearby so that the grocery store can still serve the neighborhood.

"We love this neighborhood. We know that people want us to stay," said the owner, a native of Turkey.

Neighbors have banded together in support of the grocery store, setting up an online petition to stop J. Crew from coming to the location.

"Pacific Green is such a

big part of the neighborhood and the community," said Carl Foner, a Cobble Hill resident. Foner started a Change.org petition last month, after he got wind of the news. The petition currently has more than 4,000 signatures.

"It's a neighborhood institution," said Foner, who has been shopping at Pacific Green for 10 years. "It's a place where everyone comes to get great produce and really

good service from the people who work there."

Residents are concerned about big corporations taking over the dwindling mom-and-pop shops in their neighborhood, which will ultimately cause it to lose its appeal, Foner said.

J. Crew representatives and CPEX Real Estate, the brokerage firm handling the sale, did not return requests for comment.

The landlord of the Court Street building could not be reached.

Greenmarket

Continued from cover

town Brooklyn has," said Michael Hurwitz, the director of Greenmarket, which is run by the GrowNYC organization.

Vendors said they were hopeful for good business considering the heavy foot traffic around the area.

"We love it! It's an exciting opportunity for us," said market manager Jason Durham of Rick's Picks. He added that the farmers market gives new daytime purpose to the Barclays Center, where events are typically held at night.

"During the day it's like a big building that's just sitting here, so it's nice to give it a human touch during the day," he said.

The nine-vendor marketplace includes fish from American Seafood; honey from Apple State Hilltop Family Farm; breads and baked goods from Artisan Oven; vegan goodies from Body and Soul Bakery; vegetables and dairy products from Goodale Farm; veggies, fruit, and herbs from Jersey Farm Produce; produce from John D. Madura

Farm; artisanal pickles from Rick's Picks; and orchard fruit from Terhune Orchard.

The greenmarket will be open every Wednesday from 8 am to 4 pm through Nov. 27.

"It's another great thing that's piggybacking on the

Barclays Center," said Sam Forman of Bedford-Stuyvesant. "I'm excited it's here."

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Grading Mayor Bloomberg's city report card

Ok, class. It's near the end of 12 years of school (in this case, City Hall High), and now it's time you graduate and receive your final grades.

The Bloomberg era in New York is about to sunset in less than six months and a report card on different subjects will help define what worked, what worked less well, and what we want our next mayor to continue and build upon.

It is indisputable that Mike Bloomberg and his administration have changed New York in many ways — largely for the good — and his will be a tough act to follow.

It is very hard to imagine that any of his potential successors will wield as much power and influence on such wide-ranging policies as curbing obesity to gun control in quite the grandiose way he has.

We're going to give Bloomberg his grades now, however, knowing full well



MAYORAL SPIN CYCLE

Tom Allon

that this hard-working mayor and his team at City Hall will not slow down for a victory lap in the next six months, and still has time to come up with even more game-changing ideas.

SAFETY: A+ When Rudy Giuliani left office in 2001, could anyone have

imagined that his successor would continue to bring down crime so precipitously that New York is now the safest city in America? Metropolises like Philly, Chicago, and L.A. slid back during the last decade, while Mike Bloomberg and Ray Kelly kept New Yorkers safe from crime and terrorism. They deserve more than the highest grade: they deserve our eternal gratitude.

EDUCATION: B Even Mike Bloomberg, not generally a self critic, admitted that “we didn’t move the needle enough” in education in an interview with The Atlantic magazine earlier this year. But he did some very bold things. He won mayoral control of education, created hundreds of small high schools by breaking up big ones, expanded charter schools dramatically, and won a hard-earned and bloody fight over teacher evaluations. But there was little progress on teacher

training and recruitment of the “best and brightest” to our teacher corps. Testing became too heavily emphasized at the expense of true learning. Job readiness and vocational education, while expanding, has not been accelerated enough to help the 35 percent of high school dropouts who need job-skills training.

HEALTH: A+ This may be Mayor Bloomberg’s best subject. He has been visionary with his smoking ban, which those restaurant owners who originally opposed it now hail as a good move. Calorie counts on menus, expanding park space around the city, and even his seeming overreach on limiting big gulp sugary drinks will insure our citizens will be healthier and live longer and with a better quality of life. A revolutionary paradigm shift from a man criticized by some as “Nanny Bloomberg.”

CITY BUDGET: C Yes,

the mayor was able to balance the city budget each year without major cuts, but property taxes were mishandled and need to be re-calculated so they are charged more equitably, pensions have ballooned, and we likely have a structural problem with a \$70 billion annual budget, which has skyrocketed from 42 billion in 2002 when Bloomberg took over.

TRANSPORTATION: B The only two really big ideas here were the recent bike rental program and the hard-fought expansion of cabs to other boroughs. No significant capital improvements (although this is more MTA responsibility than mayoral) and the city needs to rapidly expand bus rapid transit and try mono-rail or light rail to get eight million people around more efficiently.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: B+ The mayor and his first-term deputy,

Dan Doctoroff, did some very bold and creative things to unlock waterfront development and re-zone parts of the city that are now thriving. New York suffered less than the rest of the country during the recession. But, inequality and poverty and homelessness increased during the past decade. The next mayor has to figure out how to lift the bottom quartile of New Yorkers, while ensuring job creators and entrepreneurs who keep this city great.

This is a good enough report card to earn the mayor a gold star. But will his successor be as good a student as the Johns Hopkins and Harvard graduate who has left his stamp on New York?

Tom Allon, a former public school teacher, is the president of City & State media and a former Liberal Party-backed candidate for mayor. Questions or comments? E-mail tallon@cityandstately.com.

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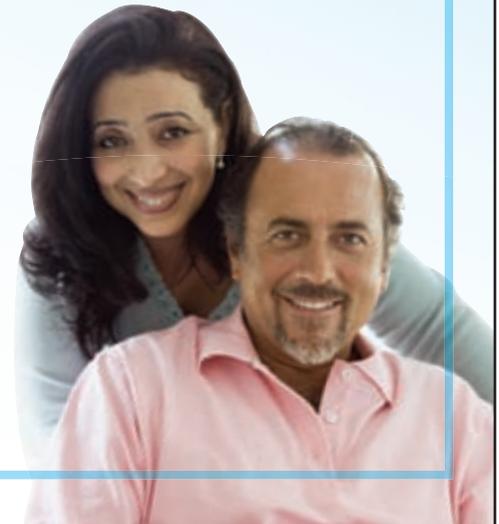
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Iconic Watchtower sign in limbo

Forty four-year-old beacon could disappear with sale of building

BY JAIME LUTZ

The iconic glowing “Watchtower” sign atop the Jehovah’s Witnesses headquarters in DUMBO has been a beacon welcoming people to Brooklyn — and giving them the time and temperature — for the past 44 years. But the sign may soon disappear from the skyline, and some residents who have gotten used to it say they want it to shine on.

The Witnesses are selling more than 30 of their properties in Brooklyn Heights and DUMBO and recently unloaded six for a combined price of \$375 million. Now the structure housing the constant reminder to Brooklynites of where they are, what time it is, and exactly how hot it is could be the next to go — and the sign’s possible demise has some concerned.

“It’s part of Brooklyn,” said proud Brooklynite Novella Gardner, who wants the sign to stay put. “When you’re crossing the Brooklyn Bridge in the summertime, you want to know the time and temperature!”

Others feared that it might be



IN JEOPARDY?: The Watchtower sign in Brooklyn Heights stands out — but it might not stay in the neighborhood for long, once a new developer takes over the space now occupied by the Jehovah’s Witnesses. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

replaced with something out of place or, worse, all too familiar.

“I don’t want to see a sign for Walmart,” said Bensonhurst resident Liz Maiorino.

Built in 1969, the same year a

Jehovah’s Witnesses newsletter told young people that the upcoming apocalypse made pursuing an education pointless, the sign is a classic example of New York neon signage. In 2009, the neon tubes

lighting the lettering got a subtle upgrade to more energy-efficient red light-emitting diodes.

And visitors to Brooklyn say the sign made an impression on them — even if they didn’t know what it was advertising.

“I took a picture of the sign from the other side of the bridge,” said a tourist named Matt, who figured the sign represented a “watchtower over the city.”

Of course, not everyone agreed the structure is an indispensable piece of the skyline.

“I’d prefer to see it gone,” said a Clinton Hill resident who gave his name as Joe M. “I don’t like what that organization stands for, and I do think it is an eyesore.”

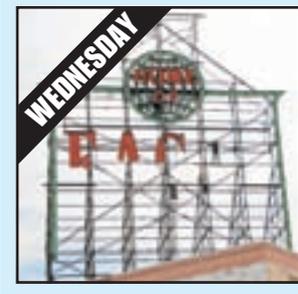
But the choice to rip it down or keep it up will be made by the building’s new landlords, and they are not saying what their plans are.

“Will the time-and-temperature sign be there for another 40 years? Probably not,” the Witnesses said in a statement late last year. “That decision will rest with the future owners of the building.”



‘Eagle’ sign comes down

The iconic Eagle Clothing sign, visible from Second Avenue in Gowanus, was dismantled on Wednesday because U-Haul, which owns the property on Sixth Street between Third and Fourth avenues, is adding two stories to the existing building. It had been there for 60 years. — Musumeci



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By Dr. Stephen Finger

When the late economist Alfred Kahn worked in the Carter administration, he was rebuked for using terms like ‘recession’ or ‘depression’ to describe the then-current economic downturn because it was felt that these terms would frighten the public.

So he started speaking about the economy as being in a ‘banana’ which had a calming effect on people (“So we have no money and no job but it’s alright because we’re only in a banana. We’ll be okay.”), until he was rebuked by the United Fruit Company.

Now we have Egypt. And the military just ousted a democratically elected government, i.e. they staged a coup.

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Syria, Iran? Poison bananas, nuclear bananas? What’s a couple of fruits between friends?

Sometimes it seems like it’s just all in how you say it. Have to be a little careful though because too many ‘bananas’ and, before you know it, it starts looking like you’re becoming a.....banana republic.

Dr. Finger practices medicine (Otolaryngology) in Brooklyn. He ran for Congress in ‘06 on Libertarian and Republican lines. Visit our blog at: www.ThePointingFinger.Blogspot.com



How to protect hair and skin from pool chemicals

A pool can provide a welcome respite from the heat and humidity. Taking a daily dip in a pool is great cardiovascular exercise and can help relieve stress. However, the chemicals used to keep pool water fresh and clean may wreak havoc on hair and skin.

Chlorine is one of the most widely used substances for water purification. It is often added to public water supplies to kill off pathogens that have the potential to cause illness. Variations of chlorine are used in pool filtration to ensure the water is clean and safe for swimming because it reduces bacteria and

other contaminants, and may also help keep algae growth under control.

Although chlorine is very good at purifying the water people drink and bathe in, too much of a good thing can prove troublesome. Oftentimes, chlorine — especially in high amounts — can affect the hair and skin of people who regularly use pools.

Hair

Chlorinated water that is also high in copper may form a chemical reaction that turns hair green. The chlorine reacts with the copper to form a compound that is green in hue. This can attach to the porous hair shaft

Hair that has turned green from pool water may need to be treated with special shampoos or strippers.

and give hair a green tinge. The green is especially obvious in light-colored hair.

Chlorine is harsh and caustic, while hair is porous. Dry hair that becomes satu-

rated with chlorine-treated water can eventually have salt crystals locked inside, which leads to breakage. Washing hair directly after swimming may help rinse off external chlorine, but it will not adequately remove chlorine locked inside follicles. Hair may need to be soaked for several minutes in fresh water. Hair that is prone to dryness may become more dry from chlorine.

Swimmers can wear a waterproof swimming cap to prevent against chlorine damage. If this option isn't available, soaking hair in fresh water to saturate hair

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NY Methodist Hospital offers support groups

Throughout the year, New York Methodist Hospital offers a wide range of support groups to help patients, community members, and families manage during periods of illness and find answers to the questions they have. The hospital's support groups are facilitated by trained leaders, and the goals of individual support groups depend on the situation that attendees face, whether it's a lifelong illness, taking care of a loved one, or a serious but curable medical condition.

With some types of conditions, a support group helps patients confront uncertainty. For example, an estimated six million Americans are currently living with unruptured brain aneurysms, which are blister-like swellings that may occur in the wall of a blood vessel in the brain.

"Aneurysms are often perceived as 'ticking time bombs,'" said Dr. Michael Ayad, a New York Methodist neurosurgeon who works with the aneurysm support group. "Since aneurysms can rupture without notice, there's a lot of anxiety associated with them. Our group includes members who have had aneurysms, both ruptured and unruptured, treated by various means. It can be very comforting for attendees to hear and learn from patients who have recovered from life-threatening aneurysms and hemorrhage."

"It's important to give patients the time and opportunity to relate to others with similar experiences, especially if their conditions are rare or permanent," added Tatiana Melero, a registered nurse in New York Methodist Hospital's Division of Pulmonary medicine, who leads the pulmonary hypertension support group. "Sharing experiences in a group helps patients overcome issues

such as isolation and self-consciousness, and can lower rates of depression as well."

Support groups aren't just for patients.

"A patient's illness can be very difficult for his or her caregiver, especially if that caregiver is a family member or close friend," said Nori Williams, coordinator of the Hospital's Parkinson's and Movement Disorders Program, and leader of the Parkinson's caregivers support group. "For degenerative illnesses like Parkinson's disease, caregivers often feel as though a patient's every need is their responsibility. Since no two cases are alike, caregivers often don't know what to expect or what their options are. That's why, in addition to talk therapy, the goal of this support group is also to provide information about education and resources."

The best medicine doesn't always require a prescription for medication. Sometimes, what's most helpful may simply be sharing and discussing experiences with others — empathy can also be a powerful medicine.

Support groups at New York Methodist Hospital are open to all who wish to attend. Illness support groups are offered for patients with brain aneurysms, cancer, hepatitis C, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and pulmonary hypertension. Other groups include those for people undergoing bereavement, learning to breastfeed, preparing or recovering from a deep brain stimulation procedure, caring for Parkinson's disease patients, embarking on a smoking cessation program, and considering or following up on surgical weight reduction.

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Facial care

One of the first things a person will notice about you is your face, so a well-groomed mug can go a long way toward making a strong first impression. Both men and women are susceptible to wrinkles, either from sun damage, heredity, or poor health habits like smoking.

Using a moisturizer every day can help keep the skin supple and hydrated. Instead of bar soaps, rely on

specialized facial cleansers, which can be gentler on the face.

Try to maintain a freshly shaven face. Use a sharp razor every time and lather up with a moisturizing shave cream to prevent skin irritation or nicks.

Sun protection is important, and both men and women should apply facial sun protection product daily.

Breakouts

Men who want to cover a pimple can dab a small amount of a concealing makeup on the pimple to camouflage the redness.

Oral health

In addition to keeping teeth clean by flossing, brushing, and avoiding foods notorious for staining teeth, you can turn to whitening products available at

the dentist or at the neighborhood store to brighten your pearly whites.

Hair care

Men may spend less time primping in the shower and afterward on their hair than women because women's cuts tend to be longer and more complex. However, that doesn't mean men should ignore hair care.

It is not necessary to wash hair every day, but do so when hair starts looking unkempt or oily.

Stick to shampoos that wash clean and don't leave behind any "shine enhancers" or residues that make your locks limp, particularly if you're thinning up top.

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Tips on protecting yourself from the heat

In these scorching days of summer, it's important to take all possible measures to prevent heat-related illness. Awareness of the dangers and ways to avoid illness are important because longer and more extreme weather is here to stay.

Dr. John Marshall, chair of Emergency Medicine at Maimonides Medical Center, says that the best way to deal with the oppressive summer heat is to take the proper precautions.

"The body has a way of keeping itself cool by letting heat escape through the skin, or perspiring," said Dr. Marshall. "If the body does not cool properly or does not cool enough, the person may suffer a heat-related illness."

Under some conditions, sweating just isn't enough. A person's body temperature can rise rapidly, potentially leading to damage of the vital organs. Summertime activity must be balanced with measures that aid the body's cooling mechanisms and prevent heat-related illness.

Dr. Marshall shared these tips for coping with summer heat safely:

- Drink more fluids (non-alcoholic) regardless of your activity level. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink.

- Avoid liquids that contain caffeine, alcohol, or large amounts of sugar — these actually cause you to lose more body fluid and can lead to dehydration. Avoid very cold drinks as they can cause stomach cramps.

- Stay indoors, and, if at all possible, stay in an air-conditioned place.

- Wear lightweight, light-colored and loose-fitting clothing, and a wide-brimmed hat to deflect the sun's harmful rays.

- Cut down on daily exercise. If you must exercise, remember to rehydrate and drink two to four glasses of cool fluids each hour. Sports beverages can replace the salt and minerals lost in sweat.

- Pay attention to weather reports. You are more at risk as the tempera-

ture or humidity rises and when an air pollution alert is in effect.

- Avoid hot foods and heavy meals — they add heat to the body.

- NEVER leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle.

- Develop a neighborhood prevention plan. Identify

those without air-conditioning and assign neighbors to check in on those who are at a higher risk of heat-illness.

According to Dr. Marshall, it's easy for people to overlook that they are at risk for heat-illness. Heat acts as an insidious killer.

Anyone can be susceptible to a heat-illness, which can become serious or even deadly if left untreated.

If you must be outdoors in the heat:

- Limit your outdoor activity to morning and evening hours.

- Use sunscreen with a

minimum of SPF 15.

- Take breaks.

To get relief from the heat, take a cool shower or move to an air-conditioned area. Electric fans may provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the 90s or above, fans will not prevent heat-related illness.

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Chlorine

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shafts and then applying a barrier, such as conditioner combed through the hair, can help repel some of the chlorinated water and protect against damage.

Hair that has turned green from pool water may need to be treated with special shampoos or strippers to remove the chlorine-copper compounds. Cutting off the green areas may be an easier solution.

Skin

Chlorine is caustic, and high concentrations can burn the skin. Individuals with sensitive skin may be even more susceptible to rashes and burns from chlorinated pools.

To prevent skin irritation, keep chlorine levels in pool water as low as possible. Applying a waterproof sunscreen or lotion to the skin

prior to swimming may also serve as an additional line of defense. There are commercially made products that are designed specifically for application prior to getting in the pool. Because they are waterproof, they will not wash off in the pool or foul up water.

Public pools with a high volume of swimmers tend to have more chlorine in them than backyard pools at private residences. This is evidenced by the strong and often overwhelming aroma of chlorine in the vicinity of the public pool. The effects of chlorine can be seen by the bleaching and wearing away of rope barriers and floats that are constantly in the pool. If this is what is occurring to plastic and vinyl, imagine what is being done to skin and hair. Covering up as much as possible can help protect the skin from the harmful effects of chlorine.



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by the 1990s, the hospital has fallen on hard times.

1998: Burdened with declining revenues, the hospital is taken over by Continuum Health Partners, a Manhattan-based management group.

2007: Continuum sells the historic limestone and brick building that housed its child neurology clinic. At the year's end, hospital bookkeepers are looking at \$21.7 million in losses.

2008: Continuum unloads three more hospital buildings for more than \$33 million. The sale isn't enough to staunch the financial bleeding. By mid-year, hospital administrators announce the closing of sex abuse and psychiatric programs. Management lays off some 100 staffers and the hospital's president and CEO resigns.

2010: The hospital announces a merger with SUNY Downstate Medical Center as part of a bailout plan by then-Gov. David Paterson. Despite this, the year ends with \$32 million in losses.



FIGHTING THE FIGHT: Long Island College Hospital nurses Leontha Williams and Helena Twumasi came out in support of Long Island College Hospital at a rally on July 22. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

2011: Gov. Andrew Cuomo withholds, then releases \$62 million in state grants promised by his predecessor, Paterson, to save the hospital. The state closes the hospital nursing school with six weeks notice, leaving dozens of medical students in the lurch.

2012: Management lays off 150 hospital workers.

June 2013: State University of New York administrators shut the emergency room to ambulances.

The move prompts a judge to rule that management is in contempt for violating a temporary restraining order prohibiting the hospital's closure. Doctors, nurses, and former patients rally in protest.

Late July 2013: The State Department of Health approves parts of the state's plan to close the hospital, telling hospital staff they'll get 30 days notice before being fired, but that the last patients will be out by July 29.

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For the children

By Sol Park

An upcoming street theater production is definitely for kids, with a giant hand-cranked screen moving the scenery, elaborate sets featuring fun trap doors and smoke machines, colorful costumes, and lovable puppets — but one of the puppets is an unmanned aerial drone, oil pipelines are a part of the landscape, and the bad guys are busy fracking for oil and invading our cyber-privacy.

“It’s a musical that’s for adults and children, so we hit a lot of whatever is going on in the world,” said the director Crystal Field.

“Our villains are sort of lovable villains because greed is really the main villain.”



Computer security: The New City company is bringing its latest fun-filled street theater, featuring Mark Marcante, Crystal Field, Lenin Alivante, to Brooklyn with shows in Coney Island, Bedford Stuyvesant, and Sunset Park.
Photo by Jingxi Zhang

The heroes of the show, on the other hand, are humble sanitation workers who just want a break. But every time they want to take a vacation, it seems like there’s some big mess they have to clean up.

According to Field, these regular working men have no shortage of heroism.

“We’re inspired by them, the sanitation workers,” said Field. “It’s a rough job and it takes its toll.”

The show will go to each of New York City’s five boroughs, including Brooklyn’s Coney Island, Bedford Stuyvesant, and Sunset Park.

“Every year we’ve chosen someone to be a hero,” said the director, who also wrote the musical. “It’s always a worker of some kind. One year it was a bus driver.”

“Sanitation, or Off the Grid,” at Herbert Von King Park, August 11, 2 pm, Coney Island Boardwalk at W. Tenth St., August 16, 6:30 pm, Sunset Park, Sixth Avenue and 44th Street, August 24, 2 pm, free.

JAMMING IN MY BOOTS

Park Slope pizza shop hosts blues night

By Samantha Lim

Songstress, Regina Bonelli, brings pizzazz to a pizza parlor in Park Slope.

Every third Thursday of the month, Bonelli, an award-winning vocalist and pianist, and Blues Hall Of Fame guitarist Michael Hill, host an open jam session at Two Boots restaurant — and everyone is welcomed to be a part of the band.

“Any musicians and vocalists can join in the jam,” said Bonelli. “There’s a signup sheet. We start up the house band so Michael and I can perform. After a little while, other musicians are called up to play, and they’re all anxious to get up there.”

Music runs in Bonelli’s blood. Her father, who was also a musician, ranks among her earliest inspirations. At the age of six, she was performing piano recitals at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Bonelli’s own children have received ample exposure to a life fueled by music.

“I’m a single mother raising my kids myself,” said Bonelli. “They are both very musically inclined.”

One of Bonelli’s strengths is her knack for songwriting. The Brooklyn born and bred musician writes the kind of lyrics you find yourself singing in the shower days later. One of her hits titled “Mystical Love” have catchy



On the keys: Join Regina Bonelli every third Thursday at Two Boots Pizza in Park Slope for a blues jam. Photo by Stefano Giovanni

verses like, “It’s voodoo, it’s juju, it’s oh my god, It’s pray on your knees, It’s a tarot card.”

Besides offering ample servings of soulful blues from the master songstress, the event features other perks; there is neither a cover nor a minimum charge to participate in the evening’s event. Furthermore, all participating musicians receive half priced

drinks all evening.

The restaurant makes the perfect location for the fun and casual jam session, what with its spacious interior, Cajun-Italian inspired menu and family friendly ambiance.

The end of this summer will see the release of Bonelli’s debut blues CD produced by Hill. In the mean time, catch her live at the

Two Boots Brooklyn Blues Jam. If you’re lucky, “Mystical Love” might come on as you tuck into an order of “Voodoo Southern Fried Chicken.”

“Two Boots Brooklyn Blues Jam” at Two Boots [514 Second St. (718) 419-3253, www.two-bootsbrooklyn.com] Every third Thursday of the month. 10 pm–12 am.

Lone Ranger: Army vet goes solo in novel

By Sol Park

They gave the six million dollar man a desk job.

A robotic prosthetic arm is the inspiration for a new spy novel, where a wounded Army Ranger is fitted with the technological marvel, but stuck pushing papers — until one day he’s called back into action.

“These new robotic arms are almost as good as the real thing,” said author David Wellington, who will introduce his new novel “Chimera” at the Bay Ridge Bookmark Shoppe.

“It’s amazing, they even have hair on them, and you’d never know seeing someone that they had a fake arm.”

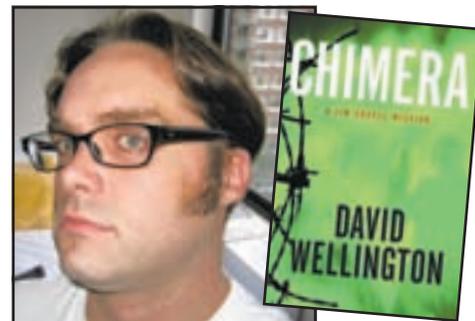
But despite his high-tech arm, the main character captain Jim Chapel is resigned to a life in a cubicle. When tasked with a

secret mission to hunt down a group of fugitives who endanger the lives of innocents, he’s not sure he’s the man for the job.

Fortunately for readers, Chapel is thrown into the fray quickly, and the plot engine kicks into top gear.

Wellington has a stacked resume of gripping novels. He got his start with the zombie apocalypse trilogy “Monster Island,” and went on to write a vampire series and a werewolf series. And even though “Chimera” has its share of science fiction monsters, it is a change of setting for the horror author. He said he drew his inspiration from not only the amazing advances in prosthetics, but also the people who stand to gain the most from such technologies — veterans.

“Many of them are never



Gowanus resident David Wellington is known for his zombie, vampire, and werewolf novels, but his latest is a spy thriller called “Chimera.”

going to be the same, either they were horribly wounded or they have PTSD, but they don’t complain when you see them in interviews, it’s their job, and they have this amazing dignity,” said Wellington. “That’s why I want-

ed to write this book.”

Though it’s unlike his previous offerings, the novel is going to please his horror fans as well as fans of spy thrillers. A fun and stylish novel that is crafted carefully but reads at

breakneck speeds, “Chimera” is really for anyone who wants to rip through something with complex plot, striking characters, and thrilling action.

David Wellington at Bookmark Shoppe [8415 Third Ave. between 84th and 85th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-5115, www.bookmarkshoppe.com]. July 2, 7:30 pm.

GOWANUS GOING GOURMET

Don't miss out on the culinary boom happening by the canal

By Natalie Musumeci

Delicious things have unappetizing beginnings. Whether it's a bakery, seafood restaurant, or barbecue spot, one of the Brooklyn's most gritty streets in the heart of historically industrial Gowanus is experiencing a culinary surge.

Third Avenue is the neighborhood's main thoroughfare just steps away from the Gowanus Canal and it was once a place where prostitutes were known to traipse through. But now the avenue is on its way to becoming a dining hotspot, with way more places to eat other than the old-school 1948 Two Toms red-sauce joint, back when they called the neighborhood South Brooklyn.

Here are some of our favorite eateries that are rapidly changing the culinary landscape by the canal:

1. The Pines

The eclectic menu at this new-American restaurant changes frequently, but creative staple dishes like the cappellacci pasta stuffed with oxtail, crab, and sheep's sorrel (\$24) and the wagyu culotte steak with abalone mushrooms, mibuna, and potatoes (\$34) are choice. The quaint eatery, which opened last year, even has backyard seating.

[284 Third Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Gowanus, (718) 596-6560, www.thepinesbrooklyn.com].

2. Littleneck

This classic New England-style seafood shack serves up fishy favorites like the Maine-style lobster roll (\$18), raw littleneck clams (\$1.50 each), and its much buzzed-about fried full belly Ipswich clam roll with tartar sauce and shredded romaine lettuce (\$16).

"There wasn't like a boom of restaurants that is starting to happen now," said owner Aaron Lefkove who opened the seafood joint in 2011 when there was not much commercial activity along the strip, adding that he really "took a chance" on the then-sleepy area.

[288 Third Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Gowanus, (718) 522-1921, www.littleneckbrooklyn.com].

3. Runner and Stone

This seven-month-old bakery, cafe, and restaurant dishes out homemade pastries and breads in the morning and plates such as roasted chicken cooked in mushroom broth with buckwheat dumplings (\$19) at night. The sky-lit restaurant's signature dish is the duck pastrami appetizer with beer mustard, pickled onions, and rye.

Co-owner and head baker Peter Endriss said that he and his partner chef Chris Pizulli opened on Third Avenue because of its unique architecture and low-key, but up-and-coming ambiance.

"The neighborhood has a nice feel being low-rise and having the big industrial buildings," he said. "Every month it seems another restaurant or some type of food service opens near us."

[285 Third Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Gowanus, (718) 576-3360, www.runnerandstone.com].

4. Fletcher's Brooklyn Barbecue

This barbecue hotspot, which opened right after Hurricane Sandy, churns out a range of all-natural, seasoned, and smoked meats cooked over a Texas-made wood-fired pit.

Go for the St. Louis-style ribs (\$22 for a half rack) with a side of pit-smoked baked beans (\$4), or the coriander pork steak (\$7) and the all-brisket chili (\$5).

[433 Third Ave. between Seventh and Eighth streets in Gowanus, (347) 763-2680, www.fletchersbklyn.com]

5. Four & Twenty Blackbirds

The Elsen sisters opened up this popular pie shop and café three years ago. The shop boasts homemade pies, tarts, and other desserts to quench your sweet tooth.

The 10-inch pies like the salted caramel apple, rhubarb crumble, and malted chocolate pecan go for \$38 to \$40. Pies can also be bought by the slice.

[439 Third Ave. between Seventh and Eighth streets in Gowanus, (718) 499-2917, www.birdsblack.com].



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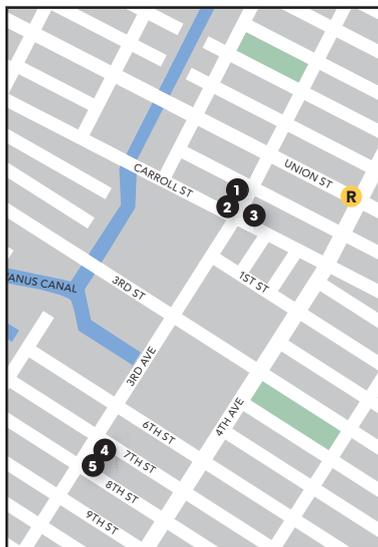


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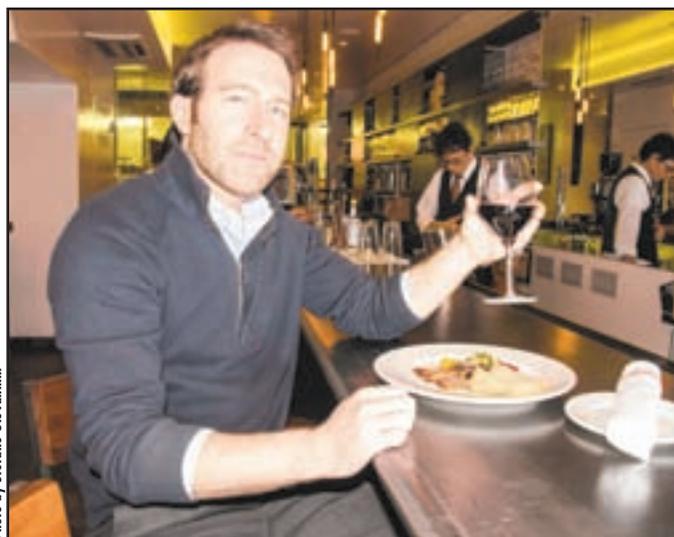


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Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Foodies welcome: (Counter clockwise from top) Morning baker, Marcin Cybula holding up a Salted Caramel Apple Pie at Four and Twenty Blackbirds. Elias Donovan enjoys the duck pastrami with beer mustard, pickled onions, and rye — the signature dish at the new bakery and cafe Runner and Stone. The Pines' bartender Kalyn Wadworth shows off the new-American eateries much-loved cappellacci pasta stuffed with oxtail, crab, and sheep's sorrel. The ribs at Fletcher's Brooklyn Barbeque in Gowanus are standouts among this Texas-style pit place. The fried full belly Ipswich clam roll with tartar sauce and shredded romaine lettuce is choice on the menu at the seafood restaurant Littleneck.



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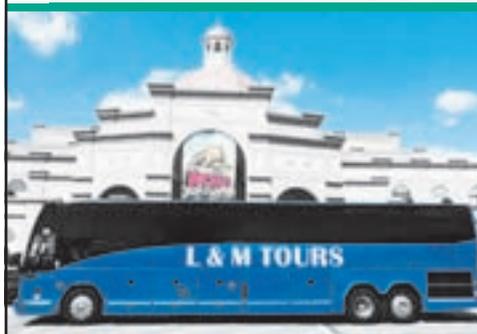
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STRIKING A POSE

New documentary tells story behind famous photos

By Sol Park

A picture is worth a thousand words — and one photographer really took this to heart.

Jamel Shabazz immortalized a generation of black and Latino teens in iconic street portraits during the 1970s and 1980s — but those pictures were taken quickly, in just a few short minutes of what would become a decades-long conversation between the photographer and the inhabitants of New York City.

“I learned to be more effective, because you want to be spontaneous and you’re swift when you know what you want,” said Shabazz, who is the focus of a documentary coming to the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

“The photography came secondary to the conversation. The photos were proof of the conversations.”

Shabazz said he wanted to engage young people in particular, especially after returning home from serving in the military to find that “there was a war going on in the streets.” The results of his efforts are a vibrant and colorful collection of photographs that have come to define a culture. The book “Back in the Days,” which was published in 2001, became an instant classic.

The documentary, “Jamel Shabazz Street Photographer” is the perfect companion piece to the book that gave Shabazz’s work the attention it deserves. Through inter-



Back in the days: Four boys pose in East Flatbush in an iconic Jamel Shabazz photograph.

views, the individuals in the pictures come alive, over twenty years later, revealing the stories behind the images — which are generally not captioned. The lack of information, said director Charlie Ahearn, inspired him to seek out Shabazz to learn more.

In 2002, Ahearn was celebrating the

20th anniversary of his own contribution to the lionizing of New York City youths in his film “Wild Style” when he discovered Shabazz’s photographs. The cover image, two teens standing in Times Square, caught his attention.

“They look like they’re carved in stone, and around them is the chaos of Forty Second Street,” Ahearn said.

“Whatever way possible I wanted to get to know Jamel Shabazz. I went to his openings for his book, and gradually we got to know each other, and one day ... Jamel said, ‘You should make a film about me.’ I said, ‘Yes I should.’

Ahearn’s understanding of Shabazz’s work resonated with the photographer. Shabazz said he found it difficult to explain his work, yet working with Ahearn had given him the unique opportunity to show the breadth of his material outside of Hip Hop culture and style, especially his documentary photography. In the film he discusses taking a photo of three men holding photos of the founder of the Five-Percent Nation.

“There was just something powerful about these young men,” Shabazz says in the film. “I knew at that point that this was a historic shot that needs to be captured.”

“*Jamel Shabazz Street Photographer*” at BAM Rose Cinemas [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street, (718) 636-4100, www.bam.org]. Opens Aug. 2, \$13.

Can do no Kong: Remake of the classic film is about record industry

By Colin Mixson

Who says you need a giant ape to pull off King Kong.

Two playwrights are producing an offbeat musical take on the classic film, “King Kong,” only Skull Island is replaced by a late 1970s Bronx and a sultry female rapper stands in for the iconic monster.

“She’s extremely beautiful and shapely,” said director and co-writer Alfred Preisser. “So, she’s not exactly a ringer for King Kong.”

Our story, which Preisser penned with his partner in theater, Randy Weiner, begins with three Jewish record producers, the Gold brothers, in desperate need of new talent to jump-start their failing label. Their only hope, it would seem, lay in bizarre tales of a mysterious, new talent, who commands an unprecedented sound and calls herself, Kong.

But there’s a problem. This Kong lives deep in a strange new world — at least, strange and new to the Jewish record producers — the Bronx.

“So these Jewish guys load up a Volvo and head to the Bronx,” said Preisser. “For them, it’s not much different than Skull Island.”

The form of the playwrights’ Kong may not be familiar to fans of the film, but the two productions share a similar spirit.

“Our show is about a clash of cultures, they’re trying to save their label by doing what they’ve always done, by getting out in



Jean shorts and suits: The cast of “King Kong” during a rehearsal at the Public Theater.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

front and find the newest sound and turning it into money,” said Preisser.

So go to King Kong expecting humor, music, and dance, just don’t go expecting any monkeys.

“This is a comedy, it’s handled in a very absurd and comical way,” said the director. “But there is no giant ape.”

“*King Kong*” at Herbert Von King Park [Lafayette Avenue between Tompkins and Marcy avenues in Bedford Stuyvesant]. July 30, 8 pm. Aug. 1, 8 pm. Free.



The best reads
— handpicked by
local bookstore
employees

WORD’s pick: “The Love Affairs of Nathaniel P.” by Adelle Waldman

This debut novel inspired by literary Brooklyn puts us inside the main character’s head as he finds himself stumbling through relationships, both platonic and romantic. Nate might seem familiar to many of us living here, but the book also takes on a curiously Victorian feel, and it was strangely fascinating to get inside this character’s psyche. At times I felt like it cleared up some confusion about male behavior, and at other times I wanted to shake him and tell him to get a clue. Waldman’s ability to convincingly present a character like Nate from the inside out made this a really exciting debut.

— Christine Onorati, WORD [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096, www.word-brooklyn.com].



The BookMark Shoppe’s pick: “Maine” by J. Courtney Sullivan

The novel spans three generations of Kellehers, told in alternating voices during the course of a month in a small beautiful cottage in Maine. Matriarch Alice, sharp tongued and beautiful as ever, begins to set her affairs in order while still running her children’s lives. Eldest daughter Kathleen returns home after being away nearly a decade to learn that not much changes. Daughter-in-law Ann Marie has always led a prim and proper life until events begin to literally unravel her. Grand-daughter Maggie escapes to the cottage to deal with an unplanned pregnancy. Beautifully written, you’ll be pulled in with the first glass of wine. Perfect summer read.

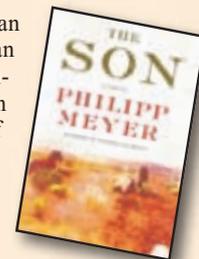
— Bina Valenzano, co-owner, The BookMark Shoppe [8415 Third Ave. between 84th and 85th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-5115, www.bookmarkshoppe.com].



Greenlight Bookstore’s pick: “The Son” by Philip Meyer

A sweeping epic of the American West from the author of “American Rust,” “The Son” is an ambitious masterpiece. Told through the eyes of three generations of McCullough family members, the novel tells a vivid story of the early days in the western U.S., a dangerous landscape filled with bloody raids, betrayals, passion, greed, but above all, a fierce spirit and the drive to live.

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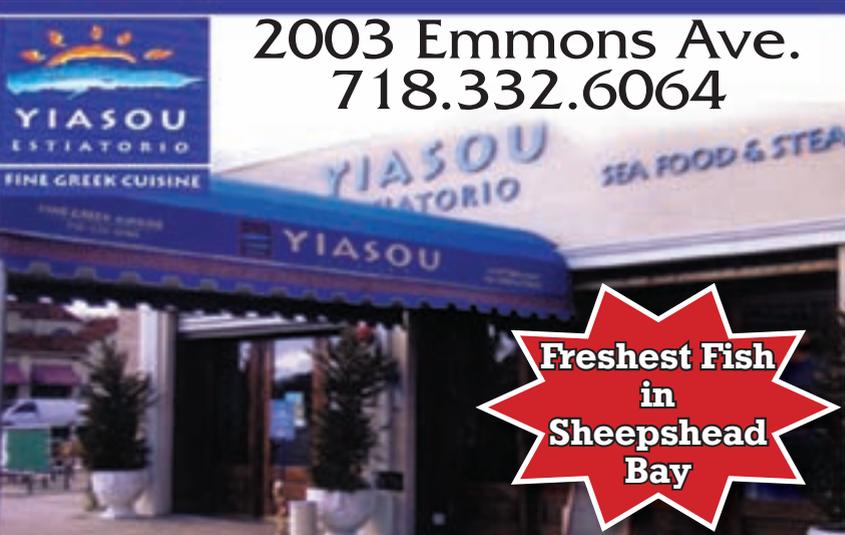
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SAT, JULY 27

TOUR, EPIC BIKE RIDE: Join Brooklyn Greenway Initiative for a 40-mile bike ride from Williamsburg to Rockaway Beach, showcasing the potential of a fully completed Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway combined with a completed Jamaica Bay Greenway. Members \$25; General \$35; Teams of four \$120. 8 am-2 am. N 6th Street in Brooklyn [27 N. Sixth St. in Williamsburg, (718) 522-0193], www.brooklyngreenway.org/event/the-5th-annual-brooklyn-waterfront-epic-ride.

THEATER, GAME PLAY FESTIVAL: A novel play inspired by the post-apocalyptic "Fallout" and dystopian "BioShock" video game franchises, which is coming to the Brick Theater in July, as a part of the Game Play Festival, sticks to its dark source material and has a morbid sense of humor. \$15. 5:30 pm. Brick Theater [579 Metropolitan Ave. between Lorimer Street and Union Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 285-3863].

ART, ART SCAPING: Exhibit called "Scapes" is a part of Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition's summer show. **Free.** 1-6 pm. Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition [499 Van Brunt St., near Reed Street in Red Hook, (718) 596-2506], www.bwac.org.

WORKSHOP, GARDEN WORKSHOPS: Get outdoors and connect with nature in your community at City Parks Foundation's new Learning Gardens



Hot summer night: David Ostwald's Louis Armstrong Centennial Band plays at Kingsborough Community College on July 27. Photo by Jim Eigo

public workshops, from Herbal Tea Making to Companion Planting and even Aerobic and Anaerobic Composting. 1 pm. Umoja Learning Garden (Corner of Broadway and Putnam Ave in Bushwick), www.cityparksfoundation.com.

FILMS, ROOFTOP FILMS, 'BLACK OUT': Hanging on to old habits, hoping for new means, humanity begets change through technology and industry, labor and artistry. A striking program of short films, including Eva Weber's illuminating documentary "Black Out." \$13. 8 pm. The Old American Can Factory [232 Third St. in Gowanus, (718) 417-7362], rooftopfilms.com/2013/schedule/industrial--black-out-short-films.

CONCERT, DAVID OSTWALD'S LOUIS ARMSTRONG CENTENNIAL BAND: Inspired by jazz pioneers, the Grammy Award nominated band breathes life and passion into America's own great art form. **Free.** 8 pm. Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5000], www.onstageatkingsborough.org.

FAMILY

PINOCCHIO: For children ages 3 years old and up. The classic story comes to life on the puppet stage. \$9 (\$8 children). 12:30 and 2:30 pm. Puppetworks [338 Sixth Ave. at Fourth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-3391], www.puppetworks.org.

SALES AND MARKETS

BAY RIDGE GREENMARKET: Shop, share recipes and meet the neighbors. And a great selection of produce, seafood baked goods, seasonal fruit, veggies, and flowers. This year the market is adding dairy, eggs, pickles, and cured meats. **Free.** 8 am-3 pm. Walgreens parking lot (Third Ave. at 95th Street in Bay Ridge), www.grownyc.org/greenmarket-site/brooklyn/bay-ridge-greenmarket.

ETSY POP-UP SHOP: West Elm partnered up with Tina Roth Eisenberg of the popular design blog swissmiss to curate a collection of 12 Brooklyn-based Etsy artists. **Free.** 1 pm. West Elm (75 Front St. at Main Street in DUMBO), westelm.com.

SUN, JULY 28

FREE YOGA: Enjoy the summer weather with some free yoga at Prospect Park with YogaSole. Enter at the Bartel Pritchard

Lot, 15th St. (adjacent to 15th St F train station), just across from the Pavilion Movie Theater. Walk straight ahead, down the drive to the main loop. **Free.** 10-11 am. Propect Park [15th Street Bartle Pritchard Square, (718) 541-1382], yogasole.com.

ART, ART SCAPING: 1-6 pm. See Saturday, July 27.

SINGLES, FRIEND GROUP: Group forming for women 48 to 65 to go to movies, lunch, dinner, shows and trips. Meet each week. No walk-ins - Reservations a must. 2 pm. El Greco Dinner [Sheepshead Bay Rd. and Emmons Avenue in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 336-7908].

FAMILY

UNDERWATER ADVENTURE: Author Melanie Hope Greenberg presents a story and craft musical entertainment by Amelia Robinson of Mill's Trills. **Free.** Noon to 3 pm. Greenwood Park (555 Seventh Ave. between 19th and 20th streets in Park Slope), www.greenwoodparkbk.com.

MON, JULY 29

FREE BEACH PARTIES ALL SUMMER LONG: Noon. See Friday, July 26.

FAMILY

PLAY STREETS: 9 am-5 pm. See Friday, July 26.

CITYPARKS GOLF: Children 6 to 16 learn how to play golf. **Free.** 9:30 am-noon. Herbert Von King Park (Marcy Ave. and Highland Blvd. in Bushwick).

BAY RIDGE TENNIS LESSONS: Chase, sponsor of CityParks Tennis and Lacoste provide lessons to children 6 to 16. The lessons promote physical fitness, and make the sport freely available in a fun relaxed atmosphere. **Free.** 1-4 pm. McKinley Park (Ft. Hamilton Ave. and Bay Ridge Parkway in Bay Ridge).

TUES, JULY 30

FAMILY

PLAY STREETS: 9 am-5 pm. See Friday, July 26.

CITYPARKS GOLF: Children 6 to 16 learn how to play golf. **Free.** 9:30 am-noon. Marine Park (Ave. S and E. 32nd Street in Marine Park).

TRACK AND FIELD: Cityparks provides children 5-16 learn the basics of the sports from hurdles to relay races to long jump, shot put and javelin throw. **Free.** 9:30 am to noon. Kaiser Park (Neptune Ave. and W. 29th

Street in Coney Island).

BPL KIDSMOBILE: The library provides its colorful truck filled with books. **Free.** 10 am - 1 pm. Pier 6 (Pier 6 and Columbia Street in Red Hook), www.nycgovparks.org.

STRAPHANGERS HANGOUT: Program for special needs children 3 to 5 years old. \$10 each session. 10:15 - 11:15 am. New York Transit Museum [Boerum Place at Schermerhorn Street in Downtown, (718) 694-1600], www.mta.info/mta/museum.

TRY-IT-TUESDAYS!: Children 5 years and under learn about art, science and language in fun ways. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

SALES AND MARKETS

SIDEWALK SALE: New and used items. Flea Market. **Free.** 10 am-4 pm. Guardian Angel Church [Ocean Parkway and Oceanview Avenue in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 907-3478].

WED, JULY 31

WORKSHOP, INTERPRETATION OF DREAMS: For seniors. **Free.** 10 am. Carmine Carro Community Center [3000 Fillmore Ave. in Marine Park, (718) 869-0100].

RADIO JAROCHO: Music fashioned after the towns of Veracruz Mexico, with original and standard songs. **Free.** 10:30 am-11:30 am. Sunset Park (Fifth Ave. at 39th Street in Sunset Park), http://nycgovparks.org.

WORKSHOP, UPHOLSTERY CLASS: Bring that chair you've been wanting to make better to this four-week class and Annie Evelyn will show you how to give it new life. Over the course you will completely re-upholster a chair from start to finish. \$275. 6:30-8:30 pm. BIG!NYC Gowanus [69 Ninth St. in Gowanus, (718) 725-8925], www.bignyc.org/workshop.

SALES AND MARKETS

GREENMARKET: Local grown produce, cooking demonstrations, recipes, family friendly activities. **Free.** 8 am-4 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights, (917) 618-6100], https://www.barclayscenter.com.

BAY RIDGE TENNIS LESSONS: 1-4 pm. See Monday, July 29.

THURS, AUG. 1

FILMS, SYFY MOVIES WITH A VIEW: Check out this free, outdoor film series. This year's theme, "With Love From..." includes "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," "Enter the Dragon," "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," "8 Mile," "Roman Holiday," "Rocky," and "Vertigo." **Free.** 6 pm. Brooklyn Bridge Park [Pier 1; Old Fulton Street, (718) 802-0603], www.brooklynbridgepark.org.

WORKSHOP, UPHOLSTERY CLASS: 6:30-8:30 pm. See Wednesday, July 31.

FREE BEACH PARTIES ALL SUMMER LONG: Noon. See Friday, July 26.

WORKSHOP, PHOTOGRAPHY: For seniors. Study basic to advanced photo shop. **Free.** 11 am. Carmine Carro Community Center [3000 Fillmore Ave. in

Marine Park, (718) 869-0100].

READING, DAVID GORDON: The author launches his new book "Mystery Girl: A Novel." Cocktails served. **Free.** 7-9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhouse-arena.com.

FAMILY

SENSORY ROOM: Swing and rock and explore the museum's newest space. The setting is a welcoming environment for children with Autism Spectrum disorders. Space is limited. Free with museum admission. 10 am. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

SALES AND MARKETS

SALES/MARKET, FARMER'S MARKET: Seasonal fruits and vegetables, organic baked goods. Sponsored by Lutheran Health Care and Harvst home Farmer's Market, Inc. **Free.** 8 am-4 pm. Sidewalk (Lutheran Lane, between 55th Street and First Avenue in Sunset Park).

FRI, AUG. 2

ART AT THE FARMHOUSE: The first contemporary art exhibition at the Wycoff House Museum opens on Aug. 2, and features artist Yukako Kondo, a Seoul and Osaka-based artist. Wycoff Farm House [5816 Clarendon Rd. at Ralph Avenue, (718) 629-5400], www.wycoff-museum.org.

FAMILY

BLOOMING BABIES: Children 18 months and 2 and 1/2 years learn about patterns. 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.

DJ KAKEZ IN THE CAFE: Enjoy the sounds of Brooklyn hottest female artists. Then children can creative and work with the Big Blocks in the museum's Block Party, enjoy objects in the cultural collection and then end the night with a performance of Dance and Drums of Africa with Iris Wilson. **Free.** 4:30-6:45 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

SAT, AUG. 3

WORKSHOP, LEARN HOW TO GARDEN: The City Parks Foundation is sponsoring courses where you can learn about planting different techniques for a variety of plants, how to prevent pest problems and increase crop productivity. \$10 (materials fee. 1 pm. Umoja Learning Garden (Broadway and Putnam Avenue in Bushwick), www.cityparksfoundation.org.

FREE BEACH PARTIES ALL SUMMER LONG: Noon. See Friday, July 26.

TALK, HINDU AWARENESS DAY: Theme: "Live and Preserve Hinduism" with speakers and entertainment. 1:15 pm. The Hindu Temple Society of North America [45-57 Bowne St. in Flushing, (718) 460-8484].

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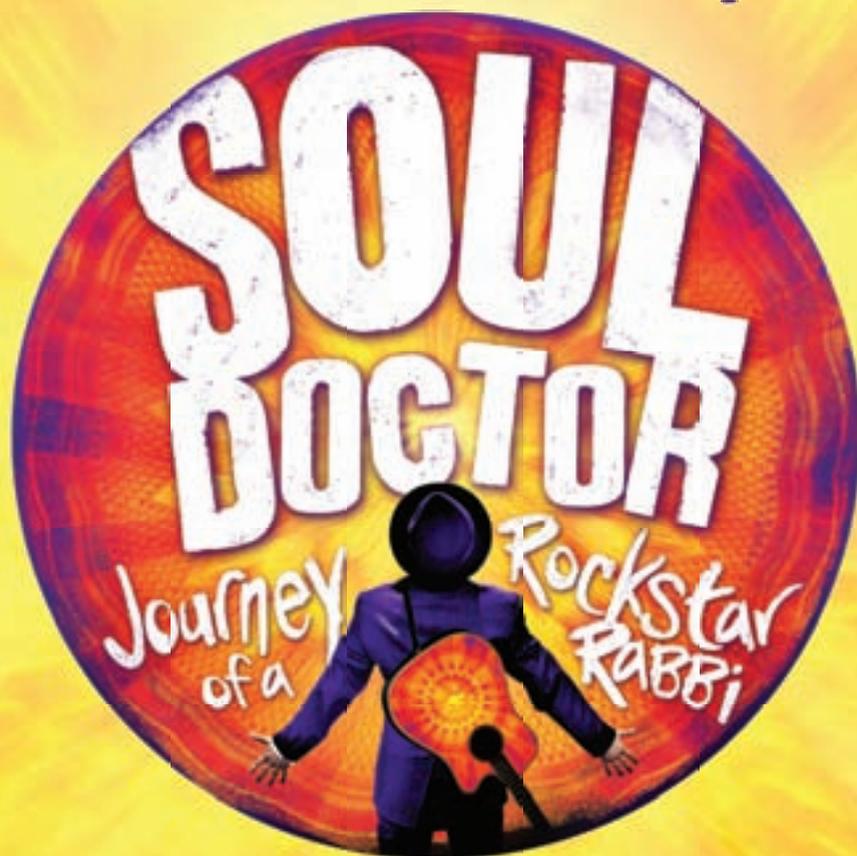
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This Eagle Scout is a church savior



MARINE PARK

Hats off to aspiring Eagle Scout **Michael Migdal** for diligently beautifying **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church** as part of his Eagle Service Project. The good Samaritan removed weeds and trimmed shrubbery, in addition to painting fences, to spruce up the grounds and transform the house of worship into a sight for sore eyes.

Standing O also dispatches a shout-out to **Doody Home Center** in Sheepshead Bay for donating the items Michael needed to complete the uplifting makeover.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church [4118 Avenue R between Coleman and Hendrickson streets in Marine Park (718) 375-8184].

BAY RIDGE

More soaring 'Eagles'

Standing O congratulates a newly minted flock of Eagle Scouts from Xaverian High School: **Anthony Mecca**, **Peter Mosconi**, **Robert Buzzard**, **Raj Patel**, **Robert Rowley**, **Peter DiSalvo**, **Matthew Cappiello**, and **Peter Acquafredda**.

Each of them had to earn at least 21 merit badges, demonstrate scouting spirit,



SAY HEY: Bridge Street Development Corp. celebrated its branching out to Canarsie with, from left, Warren Hu, Ettice Womble, Roxanne Persaud, Alice Gilgeours, Rabbi Avrohom Hecht, Emilio Dorcelly, David Louis, Imelba Rodriguez, Edward Odom, Joy Riley, and Mercedes Narcisse.

Demar Watson

Economic boost for Canarsie homeowners

BEDFORD-STUYVESANT

Standing O to **Bridge Street Development Corp.**, for coming to the aid of fiscally distraught homeowners in Canarsie. The leader in foreclosure prevention counseling, long of Bedford-Stuyvesant, is spreading its protective wings to embrace dwellers of one- and two-family homes that suffered back-to-back losses from predatory lenders and the ravages of Hurricane Sandy.

Bridge Street will offer home ownership education and counseling, economic development, affordable housing, and civic engagements.

The community welcomed the group at last month's kick-off at the Citibank on Ralph Avenue. Attendees included: **Emilio Dorcelly**, Bridge Street presi-

dent and C.E.O.; **Edward Odom**, chairman; and members **Warren Hu**, **Ettice Womble**, and **Imelba Rodriguez**. Also attending were: **Roxanne Persaud** president of the 69th Precinct Council; **Alice Gilgeours** from Visiting Nurse Service, N.Y.; **Rabbi Avrohom Hecht**, of the Jewish Community Council of Canarsie; **David Louis** from Canarsie Recovery Coalition; **Joy Riley** of Canarsie Informed; and **Mercedes Narcisse**, of the Avenue L Merchants Association.

"Canarsie residents, run, don't walk to Bridge Street, if you are facing foreclosure," says Standing O. "Help is at hand."

Bridge Street Development Corporation [460 Nostrand Ave. at Jefferson Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (718) 399-0146].

and organize, plan, and manage a variety of service events, in order to earn their organization's highest honor.

Anthony collected food for his parish food pantry. Peter helped to renovate a soup kitchen. Robert established a fruit and vegetable stand. Raj coordinated with fellow Staten Islanders to fold and package 911 pocket-sized American flags to send to American troops. Robert created a prayer garden. Peter restored a Greenbelt Trail on Staten Is-

land. Matthew coordinated a restoration of the outdoor gardens at Lutheran Augustana Center. Peter catalogued artifacts for the **Noble Maritime Collection** at historic Snug Harbor Cultural Center.

Standing O is in awe, and says, "Congratulations and fly high, Eagles."

Xaverian High School [7100 Shore Rd. at 71st Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 759-5700].

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EAST NEW YORK

'Miss Susie' now 114

Electricity in every home was just a bright idea, telegraphs were the mode of communication, and Henry Ford had yet to invent the assembly line, when **Susannah "Miss Susie" Mushatt Jones** was born on July 12, 1899.

This special lady — currently the world's third-oldest person — has seen it all, including men on the moon and the arrival of cyber space. She is also no stranger to Standing O. We were there with a shout-out in 2011, when Miss Susie turned 112 years young.

She spent this year's awesome milestone with friends, relatives, and elected officials, displaying remarkable energy and zest, said staff at the Vandalia Senior Center, where the centennarian-plus is a resident.

Miss Susie continues to stay hip, current, and in the know, thanks to her fellow residents, and more than 100 nieces and nephews who keep her in the loop.

She has attributed her longevity to a simple life, free of smoking, drinking, and partying. Standing O is taking note!

We wish Miss Susie a very happy birthday, and many, many more, because the sky is the limit for this spirited soul.

Vandalia Senior Center [47 Vandalia Ave. at Louisiana Avenue in East New York, (718) 272-3905].

The patient was rushed to the Trauma Center on June 5. Within minutes the stroke team evaluated, and treated the 73 year old with the latest treatment, saving his life.

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Newest Nets driven to bring title to Brooklyn

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce, and Jason Terry are in Brooklyn for only one reason — to bring the Nets a championship.

The former Boston Celtics were not shy about throwing the C-word around at their introductory press conference alongside coach Jason Kidd and general manager Billy King at the Barclays Center last Thursday afternoon. They feel the Nets are ready to win now.

"At this point in our careers, we are championship driven," Pierce said. "We made a lot of money in our careers. We have won a number of awards. At this point right now, we are about winning a championship. Brooklyn gives us the best opportunity."

Garnett, Pierce, and Terry all bring a championship pedigree to Brooklyn. The first two won a title for Boston in 2008 and Terry earned a ring with the Dallas Mavericks in 2011. They feel that experience will help bring the Nets' young core to another level this season.

"You have to like the direction they were headed in prior to us joining the roster," Terry said. "This just keeps going in the right direction. The talent is there."

They talked about the sacrifice and day in and day out work it takes to get to that level. The potential for less playing time and shots didn't appear to be a problem for guys used to being either their team's go-to guy or a top scorer. In their minds and Kidd's, they are in



THREE BASKETEERS: Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce, and Jason Terry hold up their new Nets jerseys at a July 18 news conference at the Barclays Center.

AP / Mary Altaffer

Brooklyn to help the Nets' youthful trio of Deron Williams, Joe Johnson, and Brook Lopez mature into one of the league's upper-echelon teams.

"I think it's a great opportunity for the young guys to learn when you talk about these guys who have won championships," Kidd said.

The three veterans join the Nets after King completed a draft-day trade that sent Kris Humphries, Gerald Wallace, MarShon Brooks, Keith Bogans and Kris Joseph — along with the team's first-round picks in 2014, 2016 and 2018 — to Boston. The Nets also signed former Utah Jazz forward Andrei Kirilenko to a two-year deal.

They are added to a Nets team that went 49-33 last

season and lost in the opening round of the playoffs to the Chicago Bulls. Garnett believes the only thing left is for the current roster to mesh together.

"The biggest question mark should be how well are we able to gel and how quickly are we able to gel?" he said.

The players avoided answering questions about taking the city from the Knicks and the rivalry between the two franchises. Kidd just said getting the better of the Knicks is just a step toward winning a title. Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov, who made a surprise appearance, believes his new roster will appeal to fans across the five boroughs and has already generated buzz.

"I am very lucky that

my new players are familiar to the New York public," he said. "I think that there will be a great anticipation for them to do good."

Just "good" won't be enough, though. The Nets made the trade to put the team on an elite level in the league. Even with Garnett, Pierce, and Terry in the back ends of their careers, being 35 and older, King believes that their intangibles and toughness are just as important as their skills.

"The three players sitting here are all champions," King said. "What they bring here is not just basketball. They will bring knowledge, they will bring experience, they will bring competitiveness, they will bring toughness."

They hope to bring a championship, as well.



REACHING HIGH: Samson Usilo verbally committed to play men's basketball at Manhattan College with his Nazareth teammate Samson Akilo.

Photo by Ken Maldonado

The Samsons take Manhattan

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Samson Usilo's college choice was made a lot easier by Nazareth teammate Samson Akilo.

Manhattan College was already on the top of Usilo's list of suitors even before Akilo received a scholarship offer from the Bronx school after the Hoop Group Elite Camp. That made the choice clearer for the two close friends and fellow Nigerian immigrants, who had always hoped to go to college together.

Both rising seniors verbally committed to play basketball at Manhattan last week. They wanted to continue playing together and were impressed with Jaspers head coach Steve Masiello and his staff.

"When I heard they offered him and Manhattan was on the top of my list, I was like, 'Ok. I don't think we should wait,'" said Usilo, an athletic 6-foot-4 wing.

He picked the Jaspers over Hofstra and Quinnipiac, and Akilo, a 6-foot-8 forward, also had an offer from Long Island University. The two, who both play their travel ball with Riverside, didn't think they would get to take the court together again after their senior season with Nazareth. Now their bond won't have to be broken.

"Very close, not just close as a friend, but like a brother," Usilo, 17, said. "Anytime any of us is down we always try to encourage each other."

Usilo, a first-team All-Brooklyn selection by the Courier, came to America a year earlier than Akilo. He initially enrolled in a school in North Carolina before coming to live with his aunt in Brooklyn and picking Nazareth. Usilo and Akilo had met just once at a Nigerian basketball camp as youngsters before being reunited in

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Clones take Muckdogs to the pound

Cyclones 7 Mahoning Valley 5

July 17 at MCU Park

The Cyclones scored the first six runs and then held off a furious rally to preserve the win at MCU Park last Wednesday.

Already up 1-0 in the third, Brooklyn's Boys of Summer had their best inning of the year, sending 10 batters to the plate, recording five hits and five runs, and earning their largest lead of the season.

Cyclones manager Rich Donnelly said it was a relief to get that kind of a lead because of the way the later innings went.

"It was good to have a little cushion," he said. "Thank goodness we had one, because the second half of the game, we didn't do too well."

The Scrappers scored four runs in the next four innings, but the Clones' cushion and a timely home run by Juan Gamboa in the sixth proved too much for Mahoning Valley to overcome.

Gamboa's homer was the first hit by the Cyclones at home this season.

Mahoning Valley 6 Cyclones 2

July 18 at MCU Park

The Mahoning Valley Scrappers used a three-run sixth inning to snatch the win from the Clones.

Down 2-0 in the fifth, Cyclones outfielder Julio Concepcion had just the second hit of the night for Brooklyn. Outfielder James "Papa" Roche then blasted one off the top of the wall. Initially ruled a two-run homer, umpires changed the call to an RBI double.

Concepcion added another run in the ninth, but it only put a dent in the final scoreboard.

Mahoning Valley 2 Cyclones 1

July 19 at MCU Park

Mahoning Valley's Martin Cervenka hit a two-run double to left field in the seventh inning and the Cyclones came up short, losing



JUSTIN TIME: Cyclones shortstop Justin Turner fields a ball and prepares to throw the runner out at first base during the home win over Batavia on Sunday. Photo by Steve Schnibbe

ing a second straight game to the Scrappers.

Cyclones pitcher Robert "Not-so-silent G" Gsellman pitched a solid seven innings, striking out five batters, but the seventh in-

ning turned into a disaster. With two already on, Cervenka hit his shot to left field, where Jared King misplayed the ball, allowing the two runners to score.

Brooklyn cut the deficit

in half in the eighth, when L.J. "Mini-Maz" Mazzilli hit an RBI ground out to allow Patrick "To Infinity and" Biondi to score from third.

Cyclones 3 Batavia 0

July 20 at MCU Park

The Clones scored three first-inning runs and the pitchers earned their paychecks as the team cruised to its third shutout of the year.

Batavia was coming off two straight sweeps of Vermont and Staten Island, but couldn't get anything going against Brooklyn's hurlers. Miller Diaz started the game and struck out nine Muckdogs in five innings.

The only scoring of the game came in the first inning, when leadoff man Biondi doubled up the third base line, and Justin "The Machine" Turner walked. Mazzilli and Jared King then hit back-to-back RBIs, and Matt "Bright Eyes" Oberste later cleaned it up with an RBI single.

Cyclones 3 Batavia 2

July 21 at MCU Park

Julio Concepcion's 10th-inning RBI single with the bases loaded let Justin Turner score the walk-off run at MCU Park.

The Cyclones took an early lead when Roche hit an RBI double in the second to allow Jared King to score the first of two runs on the day, and the Clones' pitching backed up the offense.

The hurlers allowed only two hits the entire night, but a nightmare eighth inning began when Yefri Perez reached on a fielding error. The Clones' pitchers went on to walk three straight Batavia batters to let Perez score and take the brief lead, but Jared King tied it again in the bottom half.

Turner and Mazzilli started the inning off with a base hit each, and the Muckdogs intentionally walked Oberste, loading the bases. Concepcion then hit his walk-off single to end the game.

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Bare beams at Barclays

Pierce vows to bring some banners to Brooklyn's rafters

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

As Paul Pierce entered the Barclays Center for the first time as a Brooklyn Net he looked up at the rafters.

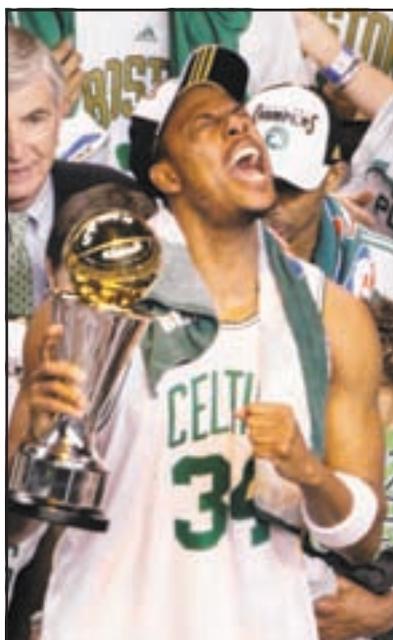
He didn't see much, just two ABA crowns and two trips to the NBA Finals, alongside six retired jerseys. After playing 15 seasons with the Boston Celtics, he's used to seeing the 17 NBA championships and 21 retired numbers that hang from the ceiling at the TD Garden in Boston.

The Barclays' lack of banners will take some getting used to, but Pierce has made it his mission to make sure the Nets have more banners by the time he leaves.

"That's what I always did when I walked into the Garden," said Pierce at a press conference last Thursday. "The first thing would be to look up and see the banners. Now I look up and say how can I help put one up."

It took Pierce a while to warm up to the idea of leaving Boston. But, he saw the writing on the wall when Celtics' Coach Doc Rivers was traded to the Los Angeles Clippers. Talking to Jason Kidd, the Nets' first-year head coach, helped him get comfortable with the eventual trade, so did the knowledge he would again be playing with Kevin Garnett and Jason Terry.

Garnett needed some convincing



GLORY DAYS: Paul Pierce celebrates with his MVP trophy after the Celtics won the 2008 NBA Championship on his then-home court in Boston. AP / Charles Krupa

too, so Pierce picked up the phone to do some recruiting of his own.

He said he had an hour-and-a-half conversation with the 18-year veteran, who was concerned with who the Nets would have left when the deal was

done. Garnett would need to waive his no-trade clause to make it all happen.

"Sometimes you just have to tell Kevin, 'Sit back and think about it,'" Pierce said. "His initial reaction to everything is no."

The chance to play with and mentor Nets center Brook Lopez, join a talented core, and play with Pierce and Terry was enough to bring Garnett back for another season. Also, Garnett wanted one more shot at another NBA title. He will wear No. 51 in honor of former Timberwolves teammate, and Bronx native, Malik Sealy, who died in a car crash in 2000.

"I don't know anyone who loves change, but change has to happen for things to be better," he said.

Pierce, who wanted to finish his career as a Celtic, is still coping with the switch from Boston to Brooklyn. Seeing his new Nets jersey being sold outside the arena, as well as his locker, made him finally realize he had a new home.

He joked about seeing his old five-minute commute to practice in Boston being extended to an hour, and a trip to the game being two. Still he was beginning to feel good in his new home.

"It's really starting to sink in now," Pierce said. "It's become real. I'm no longer a Boston Celtic. I'm a Brooklyn Net."

Broughton could be city's next track star

Medgar Evers is losing one of the nation's top track and field athletes in the country in Kadecia Baird. Luckily, as the Nebraska-bound sprinter exits, a new star has emerged, in rising sophomore Shayla Broughton.

Broughton's coming out party was also Baird's New York City swan song. Baird won three gold medals in the Public School Athletic League outdoor championships to help the school win its first-ever city title. Broughton, meanwhile, won the pentathlon with 3,273 points and the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 6 inches. She also narrowly finished second in the 100-meter hurdles. Baird said Broughton is going to be "fantastic," and Medgar Evers coach Shaun Dietz has already set lofty expectations for the talented Broughton.

"I think she has the talent to be one of the best ever for any event that she wants to compete in, to be honest," he said. "She's that kind of kid."

Broughton has already proven she can overcome adversity. She fell over a hurdle at the league's indoor city championship meet causing her to place seventh in the 55-meter hurdles. It cost her a trip to the state championships in the event. Broughton was disappointed, but didn't dwell on it, and just set her sights on the next competition.

"I knew there was going to be outdoors," she said. "So I just got over it and trained even harder."

Her early success in the pentathlon also makes her special. It is usually an event people have to grow into and



JOE KNOWS

by Joe Staszewski

try later in their careers. Broughton said she started competing in the pentathlon (hurdles, long jump, shot put, high jump and an 800-meter run) since she was in middle school. She placed second in the pentathlon in the outdoor state meet and enjoys the versatility competing in the event shows.

"It makes me feel unique because you do all those events in one day," Broughton said. "I'm doing a lot of events. Not everybody can do that."

Her best event is still the high jump, in which she was already the best in the state both indoors and outdoors. Her personal best was 5-8 indoors — good enough for seventh in the nation. She won the high jump, hurdles, and long jump at the Junior Olympics in June.

"You have to have a lot of skills to do high jump," Broughton said. "It's not that easy, and it's challenging."

Broughton has the skills and demeanor to take on any challenge. I'm eager to see how far she will go and how much she will accomplish. All the early indications point to "pretty far" and "plenty."

Cyclones

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Batavia 2 Cyclones 0

July 22 at MCU Park

Jared King had the only two hits of the game for the Cyclones and the Batavia pitchers constantly frustrated the home team for a 2-0 shutout at MCU Park.

Things looked good early for the Clones as King got his first hit during his first at-bat, but he got no help from the rest of the team. He added his second hit as the leadoff man in the fourth inning, but the Clones went down in order after that.

The shortage of hits did not mean the Cyclones didn't have its chances. Mazzilli blasted a shot over the left field wall in the third inning, but it was just barely foul. The Muckdog pitchers held up their end as well, retiring 14 straight



SLIMED!: Two Cyclones' fans got doused during Sunday's Nickelodeon Day at MCU Park.

Photo by Steve Schnibbe

Cyclones from the fifth inning on to end the game.

Batavia's runs came in the second inning, when first baseman Scott Carcaise found home plate off an RBI groundout, and in the fifth after outfielder Austin Dean hit an RBI single to send Carlos Lopez home.

Carlos Valdez was the hard-luck loser, as he and Akeel "The Cat" Morris gave up just seven hits over nine innings.

Samsons

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Brooklyn. Earning college scholarships was a dream come true for both.

"My parents are happy right now. I made them very proud," Akilo said. "It really means a lot to me as a Nigerian."

The duo has helped the Kingsmen reach new heights. They led Nazareth to the Catholic Class B city title as sophomores and this year the Kingsmen claimed the league's Class A crown. By doing so it became the first school to win a consecutive catholic city championship after moving up a classification.

Usilo averaged 20 points per game last season to lead the team. He possesses tremendous leaping ability and has

improved his ball handling and shooting each year. Akilo was a presence in the paint on both ends, averaging 11 rebounds per contest. Nazareth coach Todd Jamison believes the two Samsons chose wisely with Manhattan and are in good hands with the staff.

"I think they will be fine," he said. "It's not too high, it's not too low. I expect them to play really well."

Jamison couldn't be happier to see two great kids and players get the situation they hoped for and continue their bond on and off the court.

"I don't think they thought it was going to happen, but Akilo started playing really well over the last couple of weeks and it happened," Jamison said. "It became real."

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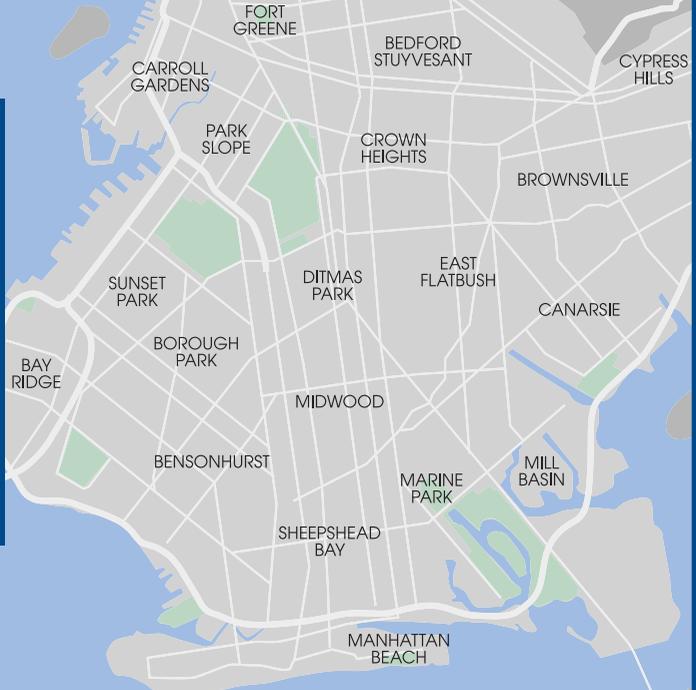
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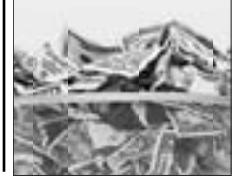
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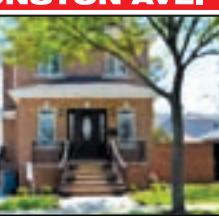
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