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## Former DA could face larceny rap

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Brooklyn's former top lawman could end up spending his retirement behind bars.

The city's Department of Investigations dropped a report claiming that 23-year district attorney Charles "Joe" Hynes illegally paid a political consultant more than \$1.1 million in public funds between 2003 and 2013, including almost \$220,000 in cash

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## Presidential power

Mike Grillo, dressed as George Washington, shows off an impressive 1863 Civil War cannon at New Utrecht Reformed Church's Liberty Weekend from May 31 to June 1. The annual event at the Bensonhurst church featured cannon firing, costumed reenactors, lectures, and a band concert.

Photo by Arthur De Gaeta

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# SHADY WORK ZONE

## Locals: Illegal home conversions

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Residents along 75th Street in Dyker Heights complain that homes on their block are being illegally chopped up into cramped apartments — and local leaders say the problem is happening across the neighborhood.

Neighbors between 10th Avenue and Fort Hamilton Parkway say that a pair of two-family residences on their street have undergone extensive gut renovation, and one now appears to be sheltering numerous residents.

"Every day, somebody sees another mattress coming in. Nobody knows how many people are living there," said Michelle Scotto,

who has lived on the block for more than 60 years.

The neighbors said work on the properties began at the end of last year, as dozens of dumpsters appeared in front of both houses, constantly being refilled. Tenants began moving into one of the buildings a few months later, and never stopped. The longtime residents reported walking by at night and noticing that what had been the living room had been cut up into tiny bedrooms.

"There's a bed there, and a closet, it's like a college dorm room, and there's at least two people living in there," said Frank

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## HATCH-TAGGED!

Newborn peregrine falcon chicks banded by city atop local bridges

BY BILL EGBERT

They're the hottest chicks on Flatbush Avenue, but to see them you have to go all the way to the southern end — and then straight up.

Three recently hatched peregrine falcon chicks nesting atop the Rockaway-side tower of the Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Memorial bridge got a visit from staff of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and city Department of Environmental Protection last weekend in an annual ritual of the state's nesting program.

The authority has maintained nesting boxes atop three of the city's bridges since 1983 and each spring sends wildlife experts climbing up to the lofty reaches to tag the newborn chicks so they can be tracked.

Peregrine falcons were nearly wiped out in the 1960s because of pesticides in their food supply, and remain on the state's endangered birds list.

The three Marine Park chicks were tagged by wildlife expert Chris Nadareski, as were four chicks atop the Brooklyn tower of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, and four nesting at the Throgs Neck Bridge in the Bronx.

The Marine Parkway Bridge nesting box was Nadareski's shortest commute, located just 215 feet above Jamaica Bay.

The nesting box on the Throgs Neck Bridge is 360 feet up, and the Verrazano-Narrows box looms a vertigo-inducing 693 feet above the bay.

Throughout the year the authority tries not to disturb the raptor residences,



**PICKING UP CHICKS:** (Above) These peregrine falcon chicks nesting atop the the Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Memorial Bridge were tagged on May 28 by Chris Nadareski, (far right) a wildlife expert for the city Department of Environmental Protection. (Right) The mother of the newly tagged peregrine falcon chicks comes home to enjoy her fabulous view of Brooklyn from the Rockaway tower of the bridge.

Photos by Patrick Cashin



but especially during the nesting season — except for the annual tagging mission. “We frequently have to go to the top of the towers for maintenance work but we are very respectful of the falcons during nesting season and while the chicks are learning to fly,” said Verrazano-Narrows Maintenance Superintendent Daniel Fortunato. “The mama bird in particular is very protective so for the safety of our employees and the birds, we do our best to keep out of their way.”



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**ROCKET AND ROLL:** The iconic Astroland Rocket has landed next to the landmark Wonder Wheel in Coney Island.

Charles Denson

# Rocket returns!

## Coney spacecraft to become star at Wonder Wheel Park

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

The rocket has touched down again in the People's Playground!

The Astroland Rocket Ship — beloved symbol of the bygone amusement park of the same name — re-entered Coney Island's atmosphere on June 4 after spending six years crashed on the strange planet of Staten Island.

The ship is now being prepped for its next mission as an attraction at Wonder Wheel Park.

"The Rocket has finally landed back home in Coney Island where it belongs," said Wonder Wheel Park co-owner Steve Vourderis, who will do the extensive repairs and refurbishments to restore the craft in preparation for his fun-zone's annual History Day on Aug. 9.

The Rocket was first commissioned as the Star Flyer when Astroland Park opened in 1962. It is the only surviving model of the popular "simulators" of the Space Age, which combined lift-off films and rocking motions to re-create extraterrestrial travel for thrill-seeking riders.

Later, it served as an advertisement atop Boardwalk restaurant Gregory

and Paul's, pointing visitors to the Astroland Park gate.

When Astroland shuttered in 2008, park owners Carol and Jerry Albert donated the rocket to the city on behalf of the Coney Island History Project — with the understanding that the city would maintain the craft and restore it to active service as a People's Playground icon.

But despite numerous vows to fulfill its promise, the city left the ship behind old Navy buildings at the Staten Island Homeport in Stapleton. And when Hurricane Sandy struck in 2012, the rocket went under water.

This paper broke last year that the Alberts, the Coney Island History Project, and Deno's Wonder Wheel Park would bring the rocket back home from outer orbit — and they marked its return on Wednesday as a historic occasion.

"The Astroland Rocket has now returned to a place of honor beside the landmark Wonder Wheel," said History Project director Charles Denson.

The rocket will now serve as an exhibit documenting the history of space-themed Coney amusements.



**CRASHED:** The Rocket spent six years rotting on the Rock.

Community Newspaper Group / Vince DiMiceli

# Cold water on coal ovens

## New law would require \$10,000 air filters for pizzerias

BY MATTHEW PERLMAN

Big government is going after little pizza.

A new law backed by Mayor DeBlasio that demands some of Brooklyn's most popular old-school pizzerias upgrade their coal-burning ovens with \$10,000 air filters has borough pizzaiolos heated.

"We've been here 90 years," said Louise Ciminieri, co-owner of Totonno's in Coney Island, the borough's oldest parlor. "We didn't kill anybody yet."

The legislation, introduced by Queens Councilman Donovan Richards, aims to cut down on air pollution by requiring all non-gas ovens, including coal and wood-burners, to install the pricey emission-control gadgets by 2020. And the law contains no grandfather clause, meaning existing ovens would not be exempt, though they would qualify for deadline extensions. A city environmental honcho told the Council the move would save city residents' lives while preserving its gastronomic heritage.

"This will ultimately reduce localized residential exposure to particulate matter generated by wood- and coal-burning ovens while still allowing the food service industry to cook all the foods that New Yorkers love," said commissioner Emily Lloyd.

But restaurant industry advocates say solid-fuel ovens only kick up a tiny amount of carbon and that the city should change the rules so as not to punish Brooklyn's pie-slinging stalwarts, including the world-famous Grimaldi's in Dumbo, for their longevity.

"These are minor polluters," said Rob Bookman, counsel for the New York City Hospitality Alliance, a trade group, questioning why the city cannot give the long-timers more rope. "Why not do it over time and phase out the old stuff?"

Ten grand is the minimum for the filtration gear, according to an executive for Wood Stone, a Washington-based oven manufacturer that makes it. The out-



**COALICIOUS:** (Above) Thomas Cucco owns Table 87, which has locations in Brooklyn Heights and Gowanus, and holds a Brooklyn-style margherita pizza made in a coal oven. (Right) The old-school cookers burn hotter than regular ovens and cause a charring on the crust.

Photos by Jason Speakman



is that when coal is burning with full combustion it burns rather clean."

The coal does not burn clean enough for Mayor DeBlasio, who in a statement acknowledged the unprecedented nature of the rule and said it would help city residents who have respiratory problems.

"[The] reforms — the biggest in a generation — will make a fundamental difference for thousands of New Yorkers living with asthma," DeBlasio said.

The pizza purveyors we talked to said the new rules are just another way for the city to squeeze small businesses.

"New York is a big numbers game," said Grimaldi's. "These ovens don't emit much pollution at all. There's worse pollution if you just stand under the Brooklyn Bridge."

If the new law does pass,

owners said they would have no choice but to make the investment.

"I want to bring people coal oven pizza by the slice," said Thomas Cucco, who owns Table 87 and claims his are the only coal pizzerias in the city that are not pie-only.

"If that's what it takes, we'll do it," he said about installing the pricey piece.

The bill also calls for banning the construction of new residential fireplaces after July 1 and retrofitting charbroilers with filtration devices.

Brooklyn pizza parlors first started opening in former bakeries, many of which contained coal ovens, in the early 1900s.

But as cheaper alternative fuels became popular, many of the black-gold-powered ovens went cold. The fact that there are so few left in operation is part of the

reason many people believe new ones to be illegal, according to a borough pizza expert.

"There are a lot of misconceptions about coal-fired ovens," said Scott Wiener, who runs tours of pizza parlors and gave a lecture about the staple last month at the Brooklyn Historical Society. "The fact is there's really no laws saying you can't have one."

It's not the first time Mayor DeBlasio has been involved in a pizza-fed controversy.

The mayor was spotted eating the delicious cheese, sauce, and bread concoction that is designed to be devoured by hand with a knife and fork at a Staten Island restaurant in January.

DeBlasio defended his eating style on the Rock using the "When in Rome" defense, claiming that was how it was eaten in Italy.





## Crowds cram 5th Avenue for festival

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Summer's here, and the time is right for festivals in the streets!

The Fifth Avenue Festival signalled the change of season with a warm afternoon and a bumper turnout between 69th and 85th streets.

"It was one of the best crowds we had in years," said organizer Chip "Fes-

tival Guy" Cafiero. "The zeppole lines were halfway around the block!"

On top of the usual sausage and peppers and sunglasses sellers, one vendor hand-painted T-shirts on site, while another sold handmade leather wallets.

Local bands kept the attendees grooving to classic tunes, with beloved groups like Head and South, Prod-

igal Child, Radio Daze, and Holla Back taking the stages. Car clubs were out in force to participate in "The Challenge" — a dare to get a bucket of ice water dumped over their heads, or to donate \$100 to the charity of another club's choice.

"Guys were getting drenched," said Cafiero.

But the highlight of the fair was the 10th annual

pizza-eating contest at Rocco's Pizzeria between 78th and 79th streets. Last year's champ, Connecticut visitor Jamie "The Bear" McDonald, came just shy of matching his record last year of 29 slices. In second place was Philly native Dave Brunelli with 26 slices, and in third was Bay Ridge's hometown contender Will "The Champ" Millender with 14.

**BIG FUN:** (Left) Six-year-old Lola Coleman cuddles a prize she won at the Fifth Avenue Festival. (Center) Rocco's Pizzeria owner Danny Loccisano stands with pizza-eating contest winner Jamie McDonald and second-place finisher Dave Brunelli. (Above) Bay Ridge's hometown competitive eater Will Millender came in third after eating 14 slices.

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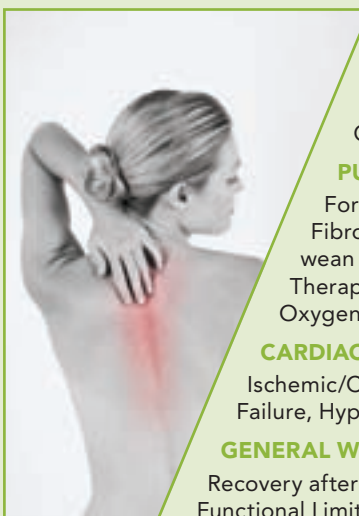
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# Ed Eisenberg lives on

## Award posthumously honors Manhattan Beach activist

BY MAX JAEGER

A Manhattan Beach man who passed away earlier this year is living on in the hearts of his neighbors — and in an award memorializing his longtime community service.

The Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Association presented the first Ed Eisenberg Community Service Award to Eisenberg's wife, Eileen, on June 2. Eisenberg passed away on March 1 at the age of 79, and the civic's president said the award will keep the neighborhood firebrand's memory alive.

"He was a fixture in the community and a tremendous community activist," said Alan Ditchek, president of the association. "We thought this is one way of memorializing Ed because of the tremendous amount of energy he put into community problems and trying to solve them."

Former Councilman Lew Fidler presented the award on behalf of the civic.

"Ed left an indelible impression on us all," Fidler said of the activ-



**WINNING WOMAN:** Eileen Eisenberg proudly displays the first community service award named for her late husband Ed at the Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Association meeting on June 2.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

ist who often ruffled feathers but always spoke his mind. "And for the people he annoyed — tough on them."

Ditchek said the neighborhood association plans to bestow the award to civic hotshots every June. The inaugural plaque went to Eileen for sharing her life with Ed, he said.

"We always think that a spouse is partner in everything the other person does," Ditchek said.

The salute to Eisenberg came as a surprise to Eileen, who said she left the activism to her husband.

"I never realized how many lives he touched," said the wife of nearly 50 years as she fought back tears. "I didn't go to meetings — he was the meeting guy."

She said Eisenberg would be remembered for his tenacity and his dedication to Manhattan Beach, where the pair lived since the mid-1960s.

"If I would ever talk about moving — fugheddaboudit," she said. "Even after hurricane Sandy he wouldn't budge."

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**FLIP THIS LOT:** Neighbors say a property owner flipped over this “For Sale” sign to hide his intentions to sell a long-derelict lot on Avenue S in order to convince the city to grant him a variance that would make the lot worth a bundle.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

# A WHOLE LOT OF NOTHING

## Locals oppose variance for derelict plot

BY MAX JAEGER

Residents in Homecrest say a foot-dragging developer is trying to pull a fast one.

The owners of a long-blighted lot on Avenue S are asking the city for a second extension of a variance first granted in 2006 with promises that they'll finally build on the land — but after a “For Sale” sign popped up on the lot, locals say the extension will simply help the owner sell the land at a premium.

“The Board of Standards and Appeals is being asked to be a marketing tool and a purveyor of blight,” said Ed Jaworski, president of the Madison-Marine-Homecrest Civic Association.

The developer, Samuel Kahan, is seeking the second four-year extension of a 2006 variance that would allow him to build a six-story condo on the plot, which would otherwise be zoned for two-story homes.

The lot between E. 16th and E. 17th streets has sat empty over the last eight years — first because the city slapped the site with a stop-work order, and later

because Kahan did not want to build during the Great Recession. In the interim, the site accumulated trash and racked up dozens of building-code violations, and the sidewalk went unshoveled and fell into disrepair — leaving neighbors in the lurch.

“It's been a hell of an eight years with these people, and we feel abused,” said Dr. Budd Heyman, who owns a house a few doors down from the site.

Jaworski said granting the variance would reward bad behavior, setting Kahan up to sit on the land for another four years or make a mint off it in a sale.

Kahan's attorney told the city he plans to build on the site, but the “For Sale” sign on the property portends otherwise.

The sign appeared on the lot in March, but a week before the developer went to the board, someone flipped the sign so it was not legible from Avenue S, Jaworski said.

A city spokesman said the board is aware of the for sale sign, but did not say whether the presence of such a sign would affect

the panel's decision. Kahan's attorneys sent a letter to the city promising he had the financial backing to start construction once the extension was granted, but Jaworski pointed out that testimony and evidence presented to the Board of Standards and Appeals don't have to meet the same legal standard as sworn testimony — though he put it more bluntly.

“Unless they take you to court, you can just lie to the BSA,” he said.

Indeed, the developer fudged the numbers when he applied for the original variance in 2006. An engineer working for Kahan self-certified that the foundation was done by the deadline even though the city later found swaths of the slab were missing.

A phone number on the “For Sale” sign rings to Kahan's office, but he has not returned requests for comment. The attorney filing for the extension on behalf of Kahan would not comment on whether he planned to flip the parcel.

The Board of Standards and Appeals is set to rule on the issue June 10.



# Big Screecher's big sister passes away at the age of 93

BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO

Assunta Santa Maria — big sister of Courier Life columnist Carmine Santa Maria and a lively family elder who took the “Big Screecher” to Coney Island during his youth and taught him how to swim — passed away from pneumonia at Maimonides Medical Center on June 4. She was 93 and had been admitted two days earlier with breathing problems.

The dark-haired beauty was a ringer for '30s Hollywood star Ida Lupino and grew up in the Depression on Manhattan's Lower East Side before moving to Bensonhurst with her parents and three younger siblings in the early 1950s. Widely known as “Aunt Sue,” she never married, and continued to live in the neighborhood, where she served as a member of the rosary society at Most Precious Blood Church.



**MISSED:** Assunta Santa Maria died on June 4.

Assunta left school to work as a coat finisher in the garment district and toiled up to 10 hours a day for 44 years before retiring, said her brother.

“She was extremely hard-working and she took care of everybody,” said Carmine Santa Maria, 78, the youngest of her siblings, one of whom is deceased. “She be-

came the family matriarch after our parents died.”

Assunta's abundant spirit was a magnet for children and manifested itself in her good deeds, he added. She often paid for family vacations without being asked, and once footed the entire bill for a large family trip to Disney World when a relative bowed out after promising to pay.

The Santa Marias were regulars at the popular Ravenhall Baths in Coney Island, where the big sis taught her little brother how to swim — and later how to cut the rug.

“She was a good swimmer, and a great dancer who taught me how to do the rhumba,” said Santa Maria, a former life guard and dance teacher.

His sister's high spirits were infectious, and she will be sorely missed, he said.

“She was the most gen-  
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**Under the gun**

Two goons held a woman up with a semi-automatic pistol on 62nd Street on May 28, police say.

The victim said the two hooded thugs came up to her between Fort Hamilton Parkway and 10th Avenue at 3:40 am and drew their lethal weapon.

The duo demanded cash, and the woman surrendered \$280 and the villains fled.

**Off the pipe**

A raider made off with tools and copper piping from a 74th Street construction site sometime between May 23 and May 26, police report.

The workers told cops they left the job between 13th and 14th avenues at 6 pm and returned three days later at 8:30 am — to discover their equipment and tubing stolen.

**Screen fiend**

A lowlife tore through a screen door and pillaged a 77th Street home on May 28, according to cops.

The victim reported leaving the residence between 11th and 12th avenues at 7:30 am. When he got back at 4 pm, he found the screen of the back door in tatters and \$900 missing from the home.

**Doorbusters**

A burglar pried his way into a home at the corner of 77th Street and 10th Avenue and made off with a stash of cash and jewelry on May 29, authorities say.

The victim told police he left his home at 8 am and came back at 5 pm — and saw that somebody had forced open the back door and stolen the baubles and \$1,000 in currency.

**Bruised apple**

A pair of punks punched a man for his iPhone at the corner of 69th Street and 12th Avenue on May 31, cops state.

The victim told police he was walking home at 11:20 am when the crooks came up and struck him in the face. The dastardly duo then grabbed his mobile device and fled.

**62ND PRECINCT**

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

**What a waste**

Cops collared a suspect who they say

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BY MATTHEW PERLMAN

It's a busy corner all right.

A minivan and a sedan slammed into each other on Monday afternoon at Flushing and Classon avenues where a Brooklyn-Queens Expressway exit ramp crosses a truck- and bicycle-route. The intersection sees nearly one crash every two weeks, according to city data, and the workers at the aptly named Busy Corner deli, which sits on the Williamsburg corner, have a front-row view of all the mayhem. One said that the rate of collisions is even higher than police re-

ports indicate.

"There's an accident here like every week," said Jimmy Lou, who works in the deli and said the 1:30 pm Monday crash was the second of the day. "It's definitely dangerous."

The latter smash-up sent the sedan careening onto a sidewalk and snarled car and bike traffic.

Fire and police officials said they had no record of the earlier crash.

The crossroads saw 23 collisions in 2013, according to NYPD data compiled by the website New York City Crashmapper.

**Man with sack of weapons  
is arrested in Bay Ridge**

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Police arrested a man in the 86th Street R station on May 27 who they say was carrying a shotgun, ammo, a laser sight, and a machete.

Cops say they got a call minutes before noon about a passenger riding the S53 bus near the corner of 86th Street and Fourth Avenue — with a large gun sticking out of his duffel bag.

Authorities arrived at the scene to discover the man was no longer on the bus, and canvassed the area, including the R stop.

In the subway, police found a 27-year-old Manhattan man who reportedly

matched the description in the report — and had a the butt of a powerful firearm protruding from his luggage. Cops requested to search the bag, and said they found the shells and guide for the weapon, along with a large machete. The officers then arrested the man without incident.

According to television news reports, the man in custody is a former United States Marine and may suffer from mental illness. He was arraigned on three charges of criminal possession of a weapon on May 28. Authorities said an investigation in the incident is still ongoing.

belt at 5 am inside the residence between 65th and 66th streets. The man in custody allegedly became enraged over the price the victim asked for the strap, and reportedly cracked him on the braincase with the glass container.

**Dolla bill y'all**

A brute battered a man for a single dollar on Cropsy Avenue on May 28, police report.

The victim told cops that the attacker — an acquaintance of his — came up to him near Bay 28th Street at 10:30 pm and asked for money. When the victim took out his wallet, with the one buck inside, the assailant reportedly grabbed it away from him — then shoved him to the ground and began punching him. The perp then scrambled in an unknown direction.

**Cutthroat**

A thug held a knife to a woman's neck and stole her bag on 67th Street on May 29, according to cops.

The victim said she was near 18th Avenue at 3:20 am on her way home when the thug grabbed her from behind and held a blade to her windpipe — and ordered her to drop her purse.

The woman told him she had no money and managed to pull away, and ran down 18th Avenue with the goon in pursuit. A driver spotted the pair and got out of his car, forcing the fiend to flee.

**Eye for an eye**

Authorities arrested a woman who they say poked her 97-year-old mother in the eye and twisted her arm inside a Bay 19th Street apartment on May 23.

The victim told police that her 59-year-old daughter jabbed her in the pupil and twisted her arm inside the residence between 86th Street and Benson Avenue at 10 am, causing pain, redness, and a slight abrasion.

**Bat-mobile**

A crazy couple attacked a man and his car with a baseball bat and threatened him with a gun after a honking dispute at the corner of Bath and 14th avenues on May 27, police state.

The victim said he honked his horn at the pair while they were inside their vehicle ahead of him for not moving fast enough at 12:10 am. The pair got out — the woman carrying a Louisville Slugger, and the man holding a black firearm.

The femme fatale struck the victim on the back, then hit his driver's-side door and smashed his mirror. The male then reportedly threatened him with a firearm before the two got back in their car and drove off.

— Will Bredderman

smashed a beer bottle over another man's head inside a 14th Avenue apartment during a dispute over the sale of a belt on May

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# Zombtree attacks!

BY MAX JAEGER

There has been another casualty in the long-fought battle between humans and trees.

A Sheepshead Bay woman was injured when a massive branch fell and hit her in the head while she was walking a dog in Manhattan Beach Park earlier this month.

"I heard a crack above me and the branch came down" said Tatyana Gubina. "I thought I was dead."

The falling limb left Gubina with a large knot on her noggin.

"My head swelled up to three times its size," she said.

After police arrived, they sent Gubina to Coney Island Hospital, where doctors diagnosed her with minor injuries and handed her a \$3,000 bill. Gubina, who does not have health insurance, considered suing the city, but she couldn't con-

vince a lawyer to go out on a limb to take the case.

"Since I am not on a wheelchair and — thank God — can talk and walk, they won't try my case," she said.

She has filed a personal injury claim with the comptroller's office, which compensates people for injuries or property damage caused by city-owned trees.

In the last five years, 14 people have filed claims with the city for injury as a result of falling tree limbs, according to the comptroller's office. The highest number of claims was in 2013, when five people sought compensation. Since 2009, the city has doled out nearly \$332,000 to claimants for tree-related injuries.

Gubina reached out to the this paper after reading about Manhattan Beach residents' struggle to get the city to address danger-



**UN-BOUGHED:** Tatyana Gubina raises her fist in defiance at the Manhattan Beach Park tree that dropped a massive limb on her head two weeks ago.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

ous trees on their block.

Briny flood waters from Hurricane Sandy killed many trees across Southern Brooklyn, which have since been attacking unsuspecting citizens with falling branches, creating a zombtree apocalypse that the city is still working to address.

The Parks Department is investigating Gubina's incident, a spokeswoman said.

The department did not respond to questions about when it last pruned the trees in Manhattan Beach or when the next zombtree cull is planned.

# Greenmarkets get greener

BY BILL EGBERT

Greenmarkets keep people healthy by providing a source of fresh vegetables, but the weekly summer veggie-fests put on across the city by GrowNYC are helping keep the planet healthy, too — by collecting refuse that would otherwise pile up in city landfills.

The Bay Ridge Greenmarket has accepted food scraps such as vegetable scraps, stale bread and coffee grounds since 2012, in partnership with the Department of Sanitation, to be transformed into compost for local farming and gardening projects.

When it starts up this year on June 7, the Ridge's Saturday market at 95th Street and Third Avenue will start taking textiles such as clothing, shoes and towels as well. The materials will be sorted for reuse or recycled into new rags or insulation.

The weekly Bay Ridge Greenmarket also accepts rechargeable batteries for recycling.

Collection will take place every Saturday, taking textiles and batteries from 8 am to 2 pm, and food scraps from 8 am to 1 pm.

The nearby Bensonhurst Greenmarket doesn't collect recycling, but it kicks off



**GOOD EARTH:** Starting this weekend, greenmarkets in Bay Ridge and Bensonhurst will help keep the planet healthy by accepting recycling.

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this weekend as well, on Sunday, June 8.

*The Bay Ridge Greenmarket.* [Walgreens Parking Lot, 95th Street and 3rd Avenue in Bay Ridge, (212) 788-7964, [www.grownyc.org](http://www.grownyc.org)]. Saturdays, June 7–Nov. 22.

*The Bensonhurst Greenmarket.* [18th Avenue and 81st Street in Bensonhurst, (212) 788-7964, [www.grownyc.org](http://www.grownyc.org)]. Sundays, June 8–Nov. 23.

# City to repave 86th Street in Dyker

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

The city is finally going to 86 the potholes along 86th Street in Dyker Heights.

The Department of Transportation announced on June 2 that it would repave the thoroughfare from 14th Avenue to Gatling Place this summer, to erase the ugly potholes left behind by the bitter winter.

"Right now, 86th Street looks more like the surface of the moon than one of our most popular commercial corridors," said Councilman Vincent Gentile (D-Dyker Heights), who made the announcement. "This street has been damaging cars and causing headaches for drivers for months."

The pol's words echoed longtime complaints from residents along the Bay Ridge-to-Gravesend strip.

"Thanks to the winter we just had, the condition of this avenue has deteriorated badly. It is so bad in some places that the constant rattling shakes you to the bone. I do not know how bus and truck drivers do not end up with herniated disks in their



**POT STICKER:** The city will repave the scarred stretch of 86th Street that runs between 14th Avenue and Gatling Place.

Photo by Steve Schnibbe

spines," said Gravesend resident Ronald Cohen.

Work is scheduled to begin next month, and will wrap up in August.

The announcement comes bumper-to-bumper with word last month from

Councilman Mark Treyger (D-Gravesend) and Assemblyman Bill Colton (D-Bensonhurst) last month that the city would repave the stretch of the thoroughfare between 14th and Stillwell avenues.

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# Saving the swans

## New law may spare Sheepshead Bay birds

BY MAX JAEGER

Sheepshead Bay's swans may not be headed for the gas chamber anytime soon, after all.

A bill that would delay for at least two years a plan to shoot or gas the state's Mute Swan population passed the Assembly last week and is poised to glide through the Senate later this month.

Assemblyman Steve Cymbrowitz (D-Sheepshead Bay) has been pushing the bill though Albany since he learned that the state Department of Environmental Conservation deems the swans a "prohibited invasive species" and wants to exterminate the elegant birds that are so common in his district.

Companion legislation to his Cymbrowitz's Assembly bill is expected to pass the state Senate soon, according to a spokeswoman

for its sponsor, state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Queens).

"The senator has every confidence the bill will pass before the legislative session ends in three weeks," said Anna Aulvola, Avella's deputy chief of staff.

Mute swans — though a common sight in Sheepshead Bay — are not native to the United States and harm or displace native wildlife, the state contends.

The Assembly and state Senate bills would impose a two-year moratorium on the slaughter, and require the state to produce an environmental study proving the swans are causing harm. The legislation also compels the state to hold two public hearings on the matter and respond in writing to any substantial comments.

Swan advocates lauded the pols for sticking their

necks out for the swans.

"We're incredibly grateful that our elected officials have heard and responded to the public outcry against the extermination plan and stepped in to protect these beloved animals, and we hope to see the moratorium become law," said David Karopkin, who heads the bird advocacy group Goose-Watch NYC.

A management plan could still include non-lethal control measures like tampering with eggs or allowing private individuals to adopt and sterilize the birds, but some bird lovers worry that hunters and game preserves might try to adopt the swans to become sport-shooting targets.

Karopkin said any plan that could lead to killing swans should be dead in the water.

"We are tired of the DEC's kill-first mental-



### PER-SWAN-A NON GRATA:

The state wants to round up and gas all of the Mute Swans in New York, but Assemblyman Steve Cymbrowitz is pushing to save them.

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ity and policies. Whether it's geese, swans, turkeys, bears, or deer, slaughtering these animals is not the answer, especially when based on exaggerated threats and without serious consideration of non-lethal alternatives," he said.

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# May recap: Revisit the top stories from last month

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BY COURIER STAFF

*The body of a missing fashion designer bobbed up in the waters off a Sunset Park pier. A Dumbo restaurateur closed his popular gastropub and fled without warning, stranding staffers and bilking sweethearts out of deposits for their nuptials. And a pair of rookie councilmen battling the city to restore the Coney Island Boardwalk to its all-wood glory were a hit with our readers.*

*Month in Review recaps these and other top stories from May that headlined in our print and web editions.*

**Fatal fashion:** The body of missing Bushwick fashion designer James “Jay” Ott was found floating in the East River near Pier 4 off Second Avenue and 58th Street in Sunset Park, ending a two month search. Ott, who designed for Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen’s label The Row, was seen for the last time on a security camera heading for the Williamsburg Bridge. Friends and family claimed he suffered from depression and anxiety, and authorities ruled out foul play. An initial autopsy report was inconclusive.

**Whatta Dumbo:** Jason Stevens, owner of Rebar on Front Street in Dumbo, suddenly shuttered his popular establishment and took off, stiffing employees and several couples planning their wedding receptions at the popular gastropub. He surrendered to the Brooklyn DA’s office after angry altar-bounds hit the roof and big-hearted Rebar staffers worked a wedding for free. Stevens was slapped with grand larceny and several fraud counts linked to nearly \$1 million in unpaid taxes.

He was released after posting \$30,000 bail, but faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

**Wooden warriors:** We received enough mail to fill up our “Sound Off to the Editor” pages for two weeks from readers rallying to the side of freshman Councilmen Chaim Deutsch (D-Brighton Beach) and Mark Treyger (D-Coney Island), who fired off a letter to the city demanding it toss out its plan to replace the Coney Island Boardwalk with concrete. The pair argued that Hurricane Sandy proved wood’s superiority.

**Distinctive women:** Courier Life Publications’ and Community Newspaper Group’s Brooklyn Women of Distinction magazine highlighted the accomplishments of 25 honorees, nominated by their peers and selected by an independent panel. The women, chosen for their efforts to improve their communities and advance Brooklyn, were formally lauded at an awards gala at the El Caribe Country Club in Mill Basin.

**Simple pleasures:**

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

*the month in review*

Coney Island made a big splash with a rollicking block party that put the fun back into the storm-battered neighborhood.

Community Garden, with mom, dad, and the kids rolling up their sleeves to pitch in.

**Mob slog:** The Brook-

lyn Public Library’s Bike the Branches cycling trek took riders on a 39-mile trip through the mysterious haunts of the borough’s one-time mafia kingpins, stopping at their childhood homes, the sites of their former speakeasies, and the scenes of their infamous crimes. The jittery jaunt began at the Park Slope branch — a cement-boot toss away from

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**SMOOTH GETAWAY:** Noah Suppin was in the mood for the library’s Bike the Branches event. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

## A revolutionary non-surgical treatment for chronic knee and shoulder pain

**D**o you have chronic knee pain from arthritis or a torn meniscus? Do you have chronic shoulder pain from arthritis or a torn rotator cuff? Have you had medications, physical therapy or even surgery without any relief?

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below the knee. If it hurts a lot, then most likely, the tendons and ligaments are torn. You can do the same procedure in the front and back of the shoulder. If it really hurts when you press your knuckle on the knee and shoulder, then you are a good candidate for prolotherapy.

Prolotherapy is also used to treat chronic pain in the elbow, ankle and wrist (carpal tunnel). It is an excellent treatment for “whiplash” injuries and headaches following car accidents. Prolotherapy has been used extensively for chronic back and neck pain.

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lotherapy in 1939. Dr. Hackett, dubbed as the “Father of Prolotherapy”, had treated about 1,600 patients in a period of 19 years. Eighty two percent of these patients obtained good permanent relief.

A scientific study done at the Samsun Medical Clinic and University of California at San Diego was published in the Journal of Spinal Disorders in 1993. It showed prolotherapy to have an amazing 87% success rate.

Before you, your family and friends undergo surgery for chronic knee or shoulder pain, you should check out pro-

lotherapy. To learn more about prolotherapy, go on **www.yourprolo.com**, **Facebook/Dr.Castillo’s Pain Relief Center** or call **A.N.L. del Castillo, M.D. at 718-966-8120**.

Dr. Castillo is the most experienced board certified pain management specialist in Brooklyn and Staten Island with 33 years experience in this field.

**His office is located at 9731 4th Avenue, Brooklyn and 126 Wieland Avenue, Staten Island.**



**ON THE HOOK:** Jason Stevens, owner of Rebar on Front Street in Dumbo, suddenly shuttered his popular establishment and took off, stiffing employees and several couples planning their wedding receptions at the popular gastropub.



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# Homes

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Capodicasa. "It wasn't until the lights went on in the rooms, and we saw the beds, and all the people coming in and out, that we realized what was happening."

Capodicasa said he believes there are people also living in the cellar, and warned that the crowded conditions and insufficient exits could lead to disaster.

"They have bars welded to the firstfloor windows and the basement windows. God forbid if there was ever a fire there, it could be a catastrophe," Capodicasa said.

The second house remains under construction, but neighbors noted that laborers were removing tons of dirt and concrete from the lower floors — which they feared could destabilize the structure and endanger other houses nearby.

"If you go below the foundation, you put the house in danger of collapsing," said another resident, who asked



**DUMPSTER DIVING:** Dyker residents have complained of extensive, illegal excavations and other renovations on several houses in the neighborhood.

not to be named.

City records show that the Buildings Department issued a stop-work order on the second property for excavating without a permit in early May — but then decided to allow the digging to continue, and inspect once it is complete.

The Fire Department inspected the first property last week, and referred its findings — which it refused to specify — to the Department of Buildings. But Buildings said that, as

of last inspection, work on the building was up to code and consistent with zoning and permits. The agency's records indicate there have been 19 complaints about the site in the past three months.

Neighborhood leaders said that they have received similar complaints about building conversions from all corners of the neighborhood, and said they have urged the city to take action — recalling past tragedies resulting from

properties, such as the 2010 fire that took the lives of five Guatemalan immigrants living in a diced-up apartment building on 86th Street.

"A two-family house becomes subdivided to four five, six families," said Community Board 10 member Josephine Beckmann. "Illegal subdivisions can lead to things that are tragic."

Elected officials agreed that such conversions are widespread and potentially lethal, and called on residents to report any suspected instances of illegal conversion.

"Buying a house and then dividing it up into many small apartments is not only illegal but incredibly dangerous. Landlords looking to maximize their rent roll are creating hazardous conditions that put lives at risk," said Councilman Vincent Gentile (D-Bay Ridge).

Capodicasa said he has tried to organize residents of other blocks, and said he was surprised at the extent of the problem.

# Hynes

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seized from criminals diverted to his unsuccessful re-election campaign last year.

The agency says that Hynes, who lost his longtime office to now-District Attorney Ken Thompson in 2013, doled out the city's dough to consultant Mortimer Matz at a rate of \$536.40 a day.

Investigators also claim that Hynes used his office e-mail account and the

office e-mail accounts of his staffers to help in his failed reelection bid. The law prohibits the use of public resources for political purposes and the former prosecutor could face charges of larceny.

The investigation also found that Hynes had sought political advice from Judge Barry Kamins, in violation of laws prohibiting sitting judges from getting involved in elections, and improperly discussed cases with him.

An attorney for Kamins

told the New York Post his client was guilty of nothing but having friendly conversations.

"Joe Hynes and Barry Kamins have known each other for 40 years and have talked politics most of that time," lawyer Paul Shechtman told the Post. "Anyone who knows Barry knows that he would not abuse his judicial office."

Kamins has been relieved of duty because of the report.

Hynes could not be reached for comment, but his longtime critics ap-

plauded the report's findings.

"For decades, Hynes acted like he was above the law. That era has ended," said Brooklyn attorney John O'Hara.

O'Hara gained prominence in the 1990s after repeatedly running against Hynes's political allies — and after Hynes famously prosecuted him for voting in the wrong polling place.

The Department of Investigations has referred the matter to New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman.

A legal source told us that most investigations of this nature are prosecuted by the local district attorney, but suggested that the Department may have thought that improper due to the recent bitter campaign between Hynes and Thompson.

The source predicted a high-profile prosecution, as Schneiderman is seeking re-election.

"I think Schneiderman's going to take it and run with it," the insider said.

Schneiderman declined to comment.

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# Traffic agents come to hazardous intersection

BY MAX JAEGER

A pair of traffic agents are now directing cars and guiding pedestrians along the chaotic intersection of Guider and Coney Island avenues in Sheepshead Bay.

The move comes ahead of a Department of Transportation study to make more permanent safety improvements at the massive junction — also the nexus of Banner Avenue,

a service road, and an on-ramp for the Belt Parkway. Area pedestrians say the traffic agents and possible improvements can't come soon enough.

"There's always some kind of traffic coming from every side, even when there's a walk signal," said Jhanna Fedotemko, a Homecrest resident who said she walks the intersection a couple times a week.

Cars ramping up speed to get onto the Belt Parkway pose an additional hazard, locals say.

"You're looking at exits and entrances — you're looking at four different ways to cross," said Bobby Asad, a community leader.

The improvements came less than a week after Councilman Chaim Deutsch (D-Sheepshead Bay) took Department of

Transportation big wigs on a tour of the tangled intersection on May 27. As a result of the field trip, the agency is exploring additional traffic safety and control measures like medians and turn signals, a spokeswoman said.

In the meantime the councilman worked with the 60th and 61st precincts — which share jurisdiction of the intersection — and the New York Police De-

partment Traffic division to bring the interim agents, which will direct cars and pedestrians during weekday rush hours until new safety measures can be implemented, a spokesman for Deutsch said.

There have already been 11 crashes there so far this year, with three injuries and two pedestrians struck, according to data from the 60th Precinct. The intersection saw 24 accidents in 2013, with three pedestrians and a bicyclist struck, and one injury reported, the data shows.

Local politicians have sought safety improvements at the junction for years with mixed results. Since he took office in January, Deutsch has prioritized Vision Zero — the



**AGENT OF SHIELD:** A traffic agent directs cars in the hairy five-way intersection.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

push to reduce traffic fatalities to zero through better street design and law enforcement — and constituents are crediting his efforts.

"He took rapid action," Asad said. "This is a relief, and it's going to save somebody's life."

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# Locals trash plan for waste transfer station

## Protesters ask new mayor to block project

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Gravesend activists are giving new meaning to the phrase “waste not, want not.”

Residents, elected officials, and environmental activists rallied at Shore Parkway and Bay 41st Street against a city garbage shipping terminal proposed for the site.

A who's who of local elects teamed up with Pledge 2 Protect, a clean air and water advocacy to group, to organize the demonstration — and to argue that the planned waste transfer station, where garbage trucks will dump off residential trash to be packed and loaded onto barges, poses a threat to the communities along Gravesend Bay.

Opponents of the trash depot have long argued that construction of the garbage terminal would stir up toxic residues — including carcinogenic pesticides — left behind from a trash incinerator that formerly operated on the site.

“This project will exacerbate contaminated conditions in Gravesend Bay,” said Councilman Mark Treyger (D-Coney Island). “The public has a right to have serious concerns and public officials have an obligation to act.”

Objectors also claim that the terminal will clog streets with fleets of garbage trucks, polluting the air over Southern Brooklyn. Residents claimed this would constitute a systemic injustice to people impacted by 2012's devastating hurricane.

“People of Southern Brooklyn suffered a lot after Superstorm Sandy. Now they need a clean and safe envi-



**WHAT A WASTE:** (Above) Residents Ellen Tompkins and Peggy Diamond carried signs against the project at the end of Bay 41st Street at the June 1 rally against the proposed Gravesend Bay waste transfer station. (Right) Coney Island History Project director and Coney Island Creek activist Charles Denson was also rallying. Photos by Steve Solomonson

ronment more than ever,” argued activist Ben Akselrod. “The proposed Gravesend garbage transfer station creates an additional and unnecessary burden to families and small businesses that are still rebuilding after Sandy.”

The Manhattan-based Pledge 2 Protect claims that a greater emphasis on recycling, composting, and converting trash into energy would eliminate the need for waste transfer stations altogether. The group hopes that the new administration will reconsider the plans, which were laid under Mayor Bloomberg.

“We call on Mayor DeBlasio to hit the pause button on the outdated Bloomberg Solid Waste Management



Plan and conduct an audit of its ballooning costs, its negative health, safety, and environmental impacts, and the actual lack of relief it provides to overburdened communities,” said Kelly Nimmo-Guenther, president of Pledge2Protect. “We know there’s a better solution.”

The city has maintained that the claims of danger are spurious, and the project has passed all legal hurdles to going through — including a lawsuit last year.

There is no date set for construction to begin, but the Department of Sanitation said that the paperwork has already been forwarded to the Comptroller’s office, and work can begin as soon as the contract is registered.

## Screecher

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erous and kind person I knew, but don’t ever get her mad or she would confront you,” he chuckled.

Assunta Santa Maria is survived by her brother Carmine, her sister Giovanina, and several nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Her wake will be held at Peter C. Labella Funeral

Home, 2625 Harway Avenue in Bensonhurst, on June 7-8, and she will be laid to rest at Moravian Cemetery on Staten Island on June 9.

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# Brooklyn College graduates!

## Hometown school salutes its new class of elite alums

BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO

Flatlands emergency medical technician Kevin Marcellus almost didn't make it to his graduation at Brooklyn College, working right up to his big day.

"I had just about enough time to come home, take a shower, and get my suit on!" said the proud recipient of a bachelor's degree in natural and behavioral sciences.

Marcellus, 24, who plans on a career in emergency medicine, joined more than 4,000 other glowing grads in the Class of 2014, all of them sporting tasselled caps and gowns — and smiles as wide as the sun — as they strode to the podium to accept their diplomas from college president Karen Gould, later tossing their hats skyward in celebration.

Student speaker Shani Abrahams spoke on behalf of the graduating class, while the attendance of local luminaries for the May 28 and 29 commencements — some of them Brooklyn College alumni — added to the excitement.

Former Borough President Marty Markowitz (Class of '70), who received the Presidential Medal for his



**CON-GRAD-ULATIONS:** Cap-and-gowned Kevin Marcellus is all smiles after receiving his degree in Natural and Behavioral Sciences.  
Photo by Steve Solomonson

outstanding career in public service, urged the scholars to continue upwards and onwards.

"Never forget the determination

that got you here because it should take you further," he said. "Make sure to help others so that they, too, have a chance to succeed."

The keynote speakers were award-winning author Edwidge Danticat who was conferred an honorary Doctor of Letters, and economist and entrepreneur Richard Sandor (Class of '62), who accepted the Distinguished Alumni Award for creating the foundation for the U.S. futures market, and for pioneering the field of environmental finance.

Danticat deferred to the new alums.

"I must admit that I do feel a little bit guilty about being made a doctor of humane letters today," she said. "All I had to do was worry about what to say in the next few minutes, when some of you have been working really hard here for the last two, three, four years."

Marcellus couldn't agree more.

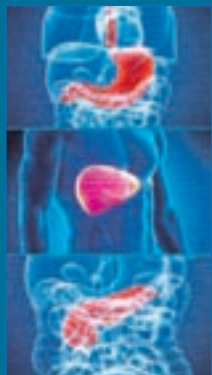
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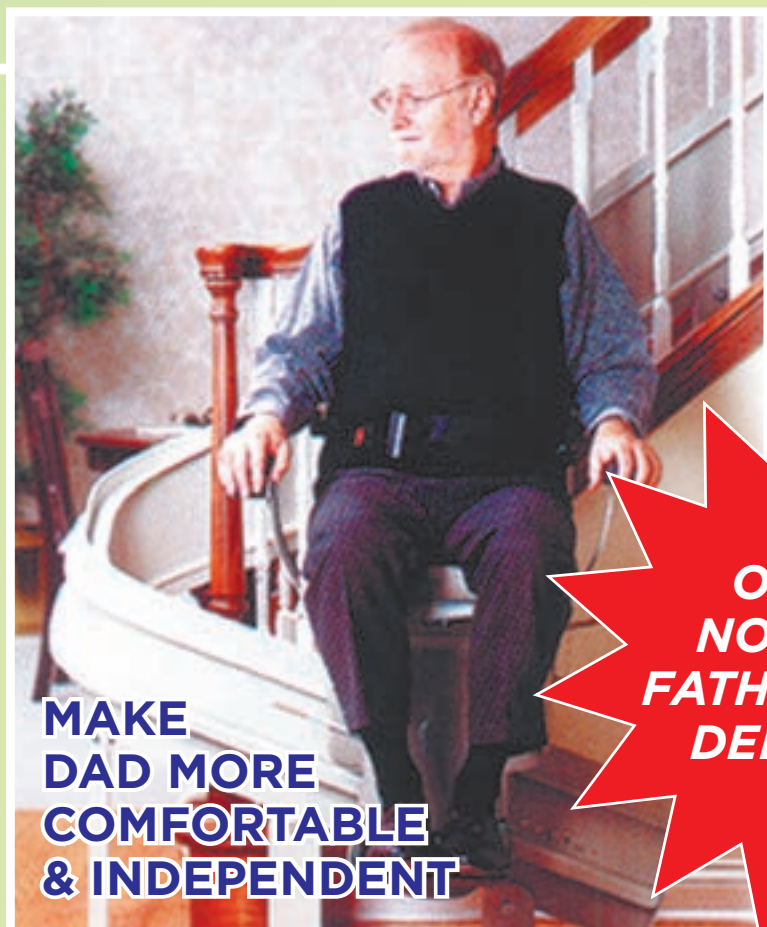
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# Review

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two childhood homes of Al Capone — and took in Grand Prospect Hall at Third and Prospect avenues, where “Scarface” allegedly fought the brawl that landed him his nickname.

**Bug-a-bar:** EeeeWOW! Ivy League vim-meister Gabi Lewis of Williamsburg and his business partner Greg Sewitz bugged out health nuts with their energy bars made from protein-packed

crickets. The entrepreneurs raised \$20,000 through Kickstarter, located a bug farmer in Louisiana, and hawked their first batch of the pep slabs in local gyms and specialty stores.

**Buzzworthy Hornets:** Midwood High School’s Hornets squad was in the running with the Public School Athletic League’s top baseball teams. The sluggers were on pace for their most league wins — 10–2 — since coach Charlie Barbieri took over seven years ago, sweeping two games against borough ri-



**ZIMMER-WIN!:** These Brooklyn musicians played “Bringing It All Back Home” in its entirety for Bob Dylan’s birthday bash at the Way Station.  
Photo by Stefano Giovannini

val James Madison, splitting with 2013 city champion Grand Street, and tying the 2012 title winner George Washington.  
**Fat ‘JCat’:** Billionaire

grocer and former Republican mayoral candidate John Catsimatidis is set to make a killing on a prime-sirloin block once known as “Murder Avenue,” making his property dreams come true more than 30 years after snapping up land along Myrtle Avenue for a four-building project. The tycoon says now is the right time to break ground on the trendy corridor between Ashland and Fleet places, where boutiques, bars, and high-rises are boosting the area’s desirability.

**Dylan-tologists:** A Traveling Wilburys of Brooklyn rockers revisited “The Voice of a Generation” when the Zimmymen and the Wimmymen celebrated Bob

Dylan’s 73rd birthday with a tribute show at the Way Station taproom in Prospect Heights. The crooners, whose name is a tweak on Dylan’s birth name Robert Zimmerman, performed songs from Zimbo’s 1965 album “Bringing It All Back Home” and plucked other hits from the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer’s 52-year recording career.

**Women’s football:** The New York Sharks women’s pro tackle football team came home to devour the Washington Prodigy at Aviator Sports Complex. The 41–24 win put the Sharks (3–1) in a tie with the Montreal Blitz (3–1) for first place in the Independent Women’s Football League’s North Atlantic Division.



**FACE OFF:** The New York Sharks women’s pro-tackle football team tied with Montreal for first place in the Independent Women’s Football League’s North Atlantic Division.  
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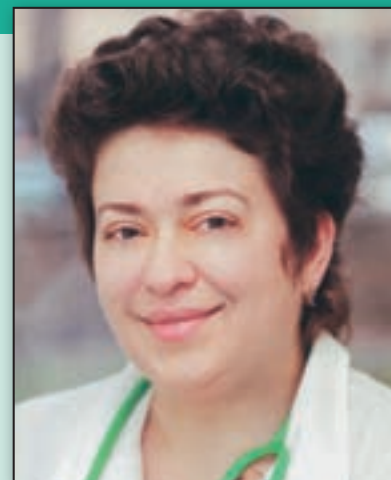
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# Dr. Gadi Avshalomov, an allergy specialist, can help

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Spring is one of the most beautiful seasons of the year — but not for those who suffer with allergies.

There are more than 100 different species of trees in the northeast United States that will be pollinating this spring, and many of them come from our area. These trees release tiny grains of pollen that become airborne. These stubborn tiny grains are the cause of great discomfort for millions of people who are allergic to them. Typical symptoms of spring pollen allergy are: red itchy eyes, nasal congestion, sneeze, cough, and wheeze. In the United States there are about 40 to 50 million people who suffer from allergy-related illnesses.

Dr. Gadi Avshalomov, an allergy specialist, can help.

“The allergic condition can take on many different forms,” says Dr. Avshalomov. “Allergies may be present as nasal or sinus problems, asthma, eczema, hives, or even a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction. Now more than ever, the patient’s battle with allergies has to be addressed on all fronts.”

To ease allergic symptoms, you first need to get to the root of the problem. Dr. Avshalomov performs the highest standards of testing and diagnosis, right at the office. A simple skin prick test, which is performed by pricking the skin with a bit of an allergen and waiting to see if a hive develops, can provide the answers in about 20 minutes, says the doctor.

The results will reveal what specific allergens you have, and what you may be allergic to: ragweed, pollen, dust mites, pets, mold, or foods. Being allergic can result in conditions



Dr. Avshalomov is board-certified to treat both adults and children at his E. 67th Street office. He can treat patients and perform the highest standards of testing and diagnosis, right on premises.



Photos by Steve Solomonson

such as chronic congestion, a runny nose, eczema, sinusitis, and even asthma.

Once the doctor has this information, a plan of attack can be implemented.

“It’s like detective work,” says Dr. Avshalomov. “You break it down to what is causing the problem, and formulate a treatment plan.”

Some patients can be treated with medication. Others may need immunotherapy, injections with a bit of the allergen to “desensitize them and stop the allergic reaction in their bodies,” says the doctor. This treatment allows patients to get on with their lives and be part

of the great outdoors. If you have a pet but develop an allergy to its dander, with injections, you may possibly be able to live with it again. The results are that good.

“The success rate is over 75 percent,” says the doctor.

Often people come to him after they have tried a variety of over-the-counter remedies, which have not been helpful. Dr. Avshalomov refers to these medications as “Band-Aids.”

“The only effective treatment is removal of allergen, when possible, and desensitization via allergy shots,” he says. “Nothing is ever generic or one-size-fits-all. Everyone has a unique

reaction to allergens, so everyone needs a unique treatment regimen.” Once he knows exactly what people are allergic to, he creates custom-made allergy shots to meet their specific needs.

There are many theories as to why allergies are so prevalent, says the doctor. Living in an urban environment, like Brooklyn, is one factor, he says, as we are exposed to large amounts of dust mites, cockroaches, mice, and molds. Other factors include genetics, human migration, and hygiene.

Interestingly, he says that modern medicine has also contributed to creating some condi-

tions.

“Once upon a time, people with asthma used to die,” he says. “Now, thank God, they’re living full lives, but they’re passing the problem down to the next generation.”

Dr. Avshalomov is board-certified to treat both adults and children. He specializes in the treatment of asthma and allergies. As a specialist in immunology, he deals with all disorders of the immune system, including sinus infections, pneumonia, and bronchitis.

“We offer the most current, scientifically-approved treatment in the field,” he says. Most major medical plans are

accepted.

The doctor studied medicine at Tel Aviv University Medical in Israel. He has done specialty training at North Shore Long Island Jewish Hospital and at Schneider’s Children’s Hospital. In addition to his private practice, he is an assistant professor at COHEN’S Children’s Hospital.

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A photograph of a physical therapist, a woman with short blonde hair wearing a white polo shirt, assisting an elderly woman with short brown hair and glasses. The elderly woman is wearing a bright blue t-shirt and white pants, and is sitting on a large blue exercise ball. She is holding a yellow resistance band with both hands, pulling it upwards. The therapist is standing behind her, holding the band with her hands to provide support and guidance. The background is plain white.

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**I**llnesses of the musculoskeletal system can result in temporary loss of mobility. But physical therapy can help to prevent those temporary problems from becoming permanent.

The American Physical Therapy Association says physical therapists diagnose and treat individuals of all ages who have conditions that limit their abilities to perform functional activities. Limitations in mobility may result from injury or illness or be present at birth. Many physical therapists develop a plan to reduce pain and restore function through various treatment techniques with the ultimate goal of restoring a patient's functional independence.

Physical therapists are licensed healthcare professionals who must receive a degree from an accredited physical therapist program before taking national licensure exams that enable them to open a practice or work in a facility. The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a 30 percent growth in physical therapy careers through

2018, which is a rate better than all other occupations. Unemployment rates for physical therapists are very low, and they are in high demand.

Physical therapists employ various physical modalities to help with certain conditions. For example, a patient may be asked to perform various range-of-motion exercises to restore function to an injured part of the body. Physical therapists also may use heat, cold and electrical impulses to reduce pain and stimulate muscle function. Physical therapy sessions frequently include some form of massage as well.

While athletes frequently rely on physical therapy as they recover from injuries, others can benefit from physical therapy as well. For example, physical therapy may work in conjunction with other treatments for cardiopulmonary disease. The cardiopulmonary system delivers oxygen to active tissues, which plays an important part in movement. When

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# Do seniors get same medical care as younger patients?

**BY JOANNA R. LEEFER**  
**A**n older man walked into his doctor's office.

"Doc," he said, "my right knee is killing me. The pain is shooting through my leg like a knife."

Without looking up from his desk, the doctor responded, "Sir, you are 86 years old; you must accept the fact that you will experience pain. It's part of the aging process."

The older man looked the doctor in the eye and responded, "I don't understand, Doctor, my left knee is 86 years old too and it has never bothered me."

This is a common conversation between physicians and their older patients far too often. Many physicians dismiss senior's complaints as a "normal" part of aging and feel they don't need to treat them with the same urgency as they would a younger per-

son's complaints.

Studies have shown that many physicians hold preconceived stereotypical opinions of the elderly. They assume aches and pains are a normal part of aging and do not treat it with seriousness or compassion. Other studies indicate that doctors often spend less time with older people, minimize their difficulties, and often do not take care of their condition as intently as they do younger patients because they are "getting on in years" and will die soon anyway.

Another generalization commonly held by medical professionals about older patients is that they all should be treated the same. This is despite the fact that the term "seniors" spans from the age of 55 to more than 90 years old. There is little acceptance that a 55-year-old person is different than a person who is 90-

plus. There is also little regard that many seniors are more fit than their younger counterparts; that many of them still are physically active, and participate in strenuous activities such as swimming, running, and tennis. This misconception often results in seniors not being considered for new and innovative treatments or for organ transplants even if they are healthier than younger candidates.

Other common evidence of this dismissive attitude can be seen in how often geriatric patients are not offered early appointments because their needs are not considered urgent or as important as a younger person's. Other studies show that seniors are given less time with their doctors and the physician spends less time exploring reasons for ailments because they are old and are expected to tolerate their age. Treating

patients based on their age means the doctor might miss a significant, treatable situation.

Another example of doctor's attitudes towards seniors is evident when an older patient is accompanied by an adult child. In such cases, the doctor often address his questions and comments to the adult child rather than to the patient and refers to the patient in the third person rather than addressing him directly. This behavior negates the patient and relegates him to an inferior role, almost like a person returning to childhood.

Fortunately, some doctors are beginning to question this behavior. Dr. Robert Butler, a pioneer in geriatric care and the first director of the National Institute on Aging, coined the term ageism to describe the systematic stereotyping of people over a certain age.

In his book, "Why Survive? Being Old in America," published in 1969, Dr. Butler compared this behavior to attitudes such as racism and sexism. He offered examples of how older people are routinely undervalued in all areas of life and compares this treatment to discrimination against older people.

Since Dr. Butler's writings more and more doctors are reconsidering their treatment toward senior patients. Some hospitals such as New York Presbyterian are beginning to offer training to doctors to make them more aware of these attitudes and how to work against them.

One big step is the acknowledgement that seniors are not one homogenous group. A 55-year-old person is quite different than one who is 95 years old and should be treated accordingly. Medical facilities are

now dividing the geriatric population into three broad age categories, the young old, the middle old, and the old old. Each grouping has its own distinct medical and social needs and treatment. Younger seniors in the 50 to 65 year old category are healthier and living longer than ever before. Older patients, on the other hand, often have psychological issues that impact them and should not be disregarded. Some medical facilities are teaching doctors to become more sensitive to major issues impacting seniors including personal losses — such as loss of job status, loss of friends, family members and spouses, social isolation — and sensory losses — such as hearing loss, loss of eye sight, and cognitive loss.

Doctors are being taught to take into considerations some of these sensory  
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There are treatment options available for aortic stenosis, which may help to extend and improve quality of life.

# Understanding aortic stenosis

"One day, my dad picked up the phone and I heard him breathing really hard on the other end," said Mary. "I asked him what was wrong and my dad said he was just out of breath these days. I knew something wasn't right."

When her father, 80-year-old Conrad, a typically vibrant and active person, began to experience a marked decrease in energy, he didn't think anything of it until Mary pointed out his shortness of breath. Conrad thought his symptoms were the normal signs of aging, but he soon discovered they were actually caused by a problem with one of the valves in his heart.

In your golden years, you've probably come to expect that your hair will turn gray and that you may lose a step or two in your tango. But did you know that feeling extremely tired or short of breath may signal a deeper, underlying problem? Aortic stenosis may be the culprit.

Up to 1.5 million people in the United States suffer from this progressive disease where the aortic valve in the heart narrows. This can be caused by a variety of reasons, including

the buildup of calcium in the heart valve, a birth defect, rheumatic fever, or radiation therapy. Approximately 250,000 people suffer from the most severe form of aortic stenosis.

*Aortic stenosis symptoms are often mistaken for signs of "normal" aging and may cause you to experience the following:*

- Chest pain or tightness.
- Fatigue.
- Shortness of breath.
- Lightheadedness
- Dizziness
- Fainting.
- Heart palpitations.
- Swollen ankles and feet.
- Difficulty walking short distances or exercising.
- Sensations of a rapid fluttering heartbeat.
- The need to sleep sitting upright instead of lying flat in bed.
- Unable or unfit to engage in physical activities that you used to enjoy.

If you experience any of these symptoms, talk to your doctor right away as they may be signs of a serious health issue.

The American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association guidelines recommend treatment quickly once a person is diagnosed with severe aortic stenosis. Once peo-

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ple begin experiencing symptoms, studies indicate that up to 50 percent of those with severe symptomatic aortic stenosis will not survive more than an average of two years. These are indeed sobering statistics.

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# Don't Panic When Your Family Member Needs Assistance to Remain At Home

BY ALLEN ROSEN, M.A.,  
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I am a member of the baby boomer generation who has been fortunate enough to have parents who lived long, relatively happy lives. My father passed away at age 87 and my mother, who is still with us but has severe dementia, is now approaching 97. Both of my parents' later years have been supported through personal care in their home. This care has been funded through long term care insurance, private funds and finally, Medicaid.

My career for the past 34 years has been focused in New York's Home Health Care Industry. Despite my expertise in the field, I and my younger sister have had to struggle with the emotional, financial and general stress of ensuring that our parents received the care they needed to safely remain in their home.

It's often difficult for us or our loved one to accept the fact they need assistance to remain at home. An unsteady gait, deterioration in hygiene, forgetfulness in taking prescribed medications, inability to purchase, prepare and eat nutritious meals are all signs that assistance may be needed to safely remain at home. A supportive, united family can help the loved one finally accept the fact that this assistance is necessary.

Once you have determined that help is needed, look for a Home Care Agency that is licensed and regulated by the New York State Department of Health. This ensures that the Aides sent to the home are appropriately trained, adequate-

ly supervised, legally approved to work in the US, checked for criminal backgrounds along with being properly insured and bonded. Additionally, they relieve the family of the responsibility of Government mandates to withhold taxes, pay into Social Security, Worker Compensation, and other requirements. Additionally, the family should choose Agencies that have NY State approved training programs and have earned accreditation status, a voluntary action that signifies the highest level of recognition of quality approval in the United States.

While most seniors have Medicare, it is important to understand that Medicare does not cover long term care, but Medicaid can cover this care. New York has one of the best Medicaid Home Care benefits of any state in the country. Even if the care recipient owns his or her home or has assets, they may still qualify for Medicaid. There are Elder Care Attorneys and other professionals who can assist in the Medicaid application process.

Each family's situation is unique. An important first step is to reach out and contact someone knowledgeable about accessing these services. Don't panic - quality help and peace of mind are available for you and your loved one.

For a referral to a quality Joint Commission Accredited Licensed Home Care Services Agency that specializes in both private pay and government funded services, you can call ProgressiveCare at 212.273.5678 or visit us on the web at [www.phhs.com/private](http://www.phhs.com/private).



## Therapy

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the cardiopulmonary system is compromised, muscles and other tissues may not function as they should, and certain exercises and mobility therapies may be needed. Physical thera-

pists also aid in improving physical ailments related to neurological diseases, such as cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injuries, Parkinson's disease, and Alzheimer's disease. Physical therapists may also help treat poor vision, poor balance and paralysis.

Children who have learning disabilities re-

lated to a neurological or physical condition may benefit from certain forms of physical therapy. For example, vision problems can compromise academic performance, so physical therapy that aims to enhance visual tracking skills and strengthen the eyes in conjunction with corrective lenses may help youngsters, or even adult students, perform better in the classroom.

Very often physical therapy will be recommended by a general doctor or an orthopedic surgeon as part of recovery from a surgery or a condition. The therapist may work in conjunction with another doctor to provide a program that helps foster a faster and safe recovery. Physical therapy tends to begin gradually and resistance is slowly built up as the body strengthens. The length of physical therapy will depend on the condition and the recommendation of the therapist and doctors overseeing the treatments.

## Ageism

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losses by sitting closer to patients, talking to them slowly and clearly without shouting, making sure the room is well lit and written information is presented in large print. Finally, doctors are becoming more aware of the richness of the experience they can gain from listening to their older patients. Doctors are learning to understand that older patients are entitled to the same respect and treatment as younger patients.

There is much that we as family members of seniors or seniors ourselves can do to make sure geriatric patients get the proper medical attention:

- Demand the doctor gives each patient as much time as necessary. Don't let the doctor rush you.
- Ask plenty of questions; make sure all your concerns

are discussed thoroughly. •Don't settle for platitudes; insist the doctor take your complaints seriously. Ask yourself, "would he give the same answer to a younger patient?"

**Make sure you are seen in a timely manner. If the office won't give you a convenient appointment, consider going someplace else.**

- Make sure you are seen in a timely manner. If the office won't give you a convenient appointment, consider going someplace else.
- Insist the doctor talk directly to you. Do not let yourself be addressed in the third person. You might be older, but your mind is still good.

Ageist attitudes would be more understandable in the early 20th century when

the average life expectancy was 61 years old. Now that a person can live into her 90s or even 100, this attitude about an individual's care seems ludicrous.

Have you or a loved one experienced any form of ageism with your doctor? If so, I'd like to hear about it. Please share your experience by posting a comment on my website, [www.joannaleefer.com](http://www.joannaleefer.com), or e-mailing it to me at [jleefer@gmail.com](mailto:jleefer@gmail.com).

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three times a week, on average. So what happens when a patient on dialysis requires an inpatient hospital stay for an unrelated issue, such as post-surgical care or a medical emergency? Dialysis experts in a standalone unit can administer that patient's dialysis, but each treatment would require six hours away from the area of the hospital that is charged with his or her inpatient care. To that end, NYM is pioneering a new model for inpatients on hemodialysis, beginning with a wholly renovated unit that occupies the fifth floor of the Miner Pavilion. At first glance,

the 31 beds in the unit resemble those in many other inpatient areas of the Hospital. However, housed behind the walls, cutting-edge technology gives every bedside the same functionality as a standalone dialysis unit, which keeps the patient's care all in one place, around the clock. "Whether a patient who requires dialysis is here for surgery or for any other condition that requires an overnight stay, the ability to receive all his or her care in the same unit—the same bed, even—is a great benefit," said Peggy Nugent, R.N., nursing care coordinator. "From a clinical perspective, the nurse

who administers the dialysis and nephrologist (kidney specialist) who monitors kidney function can work together seamlessly with the medical/surgical nurse, the overnight nurse, attending physicians, and all others charged with the patient's care." Added Andrea Salesman, R.N., nurse manager for the hemodialysis unit, "For patients and their families, keeping as much care as possible in the same place adds stability during what can be a stressful time. It's truly a leap forward in patient-centered dialysis, and we're proud to be leading the way." For more information about dialysis



Left to right, Peggy Nugent, R.N., nursing care coordinator and Andrea Salesman, R.N., nurse manager of NYM's hemodialysis unit. *treatment at New York Methodist Hospital, call 718-780-5800. New York Methodist has a partnership with the Rogosin Institute, the premier not-for-profit medical treatment and research institution for kidney disease in New York City. The Institute provides outpatient dialysis treatment for patients with chronic kidney disease.*



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# New York Harbor Watch



**GETTING TO THE BOTTOM:** An R and D excavator on Afghanistan terrain illustrates soil layers. Dignitas Technologies

## Next generation of construction

### HARBOR WATCH

U.S. Army researchers are developing technologies to enable the next generation of simulators for training uniformed construction and combat engineers at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

Virtual training and simulation experts from the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, known as RDECOM, along with industry partners, have made significant progress in dynamic-terrain research, officials said.

Julio De La Cruz, chief engineer of synthetic natural environments for RDECOM's Simulation and Training Technology Center, or STTC, in Orlando, Fla., said the results of the team's work will improve soldiers' training effectiveness by providing a much more realistic experience. STTC is part of the command's Army Research Laboratory.

Requirements for construction-equipment training are shifting in

order to support complex terrain interactions, De La Cruz said. The new simulations help soldiers learn about soil resistance when digging and plowing; moving objects such as boulders, steel pipes, logs and crates; and supporting improvised explosive device detection and defeat.

"It gives soldiers more realism by training in an environment they would be deployed to," De La Cruz said. "By bringing in the physics-based realism, when they dig into different types of soil, you can capture that information."

"We're happy to see this trainer as realistic and accurate [compared to] the actual equipment. It's a step up by bringing dynamic terrain into this capability."

The simulation advancements are geared toward enlisted soldiers with the military occupation specialty of horizontal construction engineer. They use bulldozers, cranes, excavators, graders and other

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# These colors don't run!

## Field of Flags returns to raise funds for families of fallen

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

The Star Spangled Banner yet waves — thanks to them.

A Brooklyn-based charity for the families of fallen soldiers planted its annual Field of Flags in John Jones Park on May 26 — 307 small standards for each person from New York state to die in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I found in doing it, the stories of the individuals and their families, each was unique and important. I wanted a way to share that information," said Charlie Gili, founder of U.S. Hockey Players Support Our Troops.

Gili — a youth hockey coach and Brooklyn chief of operations for the Parks Department — and his family started the charity of 2007 in remembrance of his World War II veteran father and of Mike Murphy, a Navy SEAL killed in Afghanistan. Murphy, a Long Island native whose death is portrayed in the 2013 film "Lone Survivor," was wearing a Fire Department patch at the time of his killing. His story inspired Gili to sell patches to raise money for "Gold Star" families who have lost a loved one to the war — and to seek out those families himself.

"We decided we wanted to do something for the families that are losing their kids and their husbands," Gili said.

One of the very first New York victims whose family Gili donated to was a young hockey player from just outside Buffalo. Gili, who has now connected with some 1,300 families nationwide, said he found hockey to be



**TRUE COLORS:** (Above) More than 300 flags planted in John Paul Jones Park commemorate all those from New York State who died in Iraq and Afghanistan. (Right) John Windram explains the significance of the flags to his daughter Caitlin.

Photos by Steve Solomonson

a common denominator for many servicemembers.

"There are quite a few soldiers who grew up in youth sports in general, and there are quite a number of hockey players we've come across," Gili said.

Gili started the Memorial Day Field of Flags in 2009, to call greater attention to the individual lives sacrificed in the Middle Eastern conflicts. They now

attract not just civilians, but also veterans and active-duty members of the military.

"Every year we have someone who shows up who is an immediate family member or knew one of the people those flags represent," Gili said. "You'll see a soldier just kneel down by one of the flags and start crying."







# Quite a show at Fort Ham

## Annual 'Soldier Show' gives moving performance

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Fort Hamilton got to see some soldiers in action on May 28.

The United States Soldier Show rolled into the base with its dynamic song and dance act for service members, by service members.

"It's always a high-paced, high-energy, patriotic, music of all genres, performers from all ranks, all walks of life," said garrison spokes-

man Bruce Hill.

Hundreds of soldiers from bases around the globe try out to be part of the spectacle, but only a handful make the cut. And Fort Hamilton is one of the just 35 Army bases — out of more than 200 installations worldwide — that the show visits.

"They can only tour so many, and Fort Hamilton is among the chosen few," said Hill.

The theme of this year's show was "Stand Strong," recognizing the resiliency and resolve of America's troops. Hill noted that this year's show featured highly coordinated, dramatic contemporary dance sequences and skits that highlighted the struggles of the soldier.

"That was something in this year's performance I hadn't seen before," said Hill "It grabbed the audi-

ence's attention just a little bit more."

Hill said the audience responded especially strongly to a short, orchestrated sketch about a serviceman's death and his family's mourning, set to singer John Legend's "All of Me."

"It was really very touching," said Hill. "Not only was the singing very impressive, but the acting really made it stick out, too."

**GIVING IT THEIR ALL:** (Left) This year's Soldier Show featured high-intensity dance moves, as demonstrated here by Private First Class Kyra White. (Center) A team pulls off a fast-paced dance routine. (Above) Staff Sergeant Yvonne Collier starred in a moving skit about loss, to the tune of John Legend's "All of Me."

Photos by Steve Solomonson

# Sky soldiers receive recognition

HARBOR WATCH

Secretary of the Army John McHugh met with paratroopers from 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, on May 18 during an official visit to assess the results of the brigade's recent unscheduled deployment to the Baltic nations and Poland.

The paratroopers in Lithuania are participating in Exercise Black Arrow, a training event designed to improve interoperability between NATO land forces.

Paratroopers from the combined force conducted an airfield seizure the previous day as part of the tactical scenario.

"We are currently doing an exercise in which we are partnered with the Lithuanians," said Maj.



**TALKING TACTIC:** Secretary of the Army John McHugh discusses a mission with paratroopers in Lithuania. Staff Sgt. Kimberly Bratic

Anthony Costello, commander of the brigade's element here.

"One of our companies is integrated into one of their battalions. It's a phenomenal opportunity for us to work on increasing our NATO interoperability."

"Your participation in this mission is critical," said McHugh as he spoke with American and Lithuanian troops in the field. "This is a valuable opportunity to work with our allies and to learn from each other."

McHugh will also meet

with other elements of the brigade deployed to Latvia and Estonia, as well as the military leadership of those nations.

The 173rd Airborne Brigade, based in Vicenza, Italy, is the Army Contingency Response Force in Europe, and is capable of projecting forces to conduct the full of range of military operations across the United States European, Central and Africa Commands areas of responsibility.

Approximately 600 paratroopers from the brigade are in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, as part of an unscheduled land-forces exercise to demonstrate commitment to NATO obligations and sustain interoperability with allied forces.

# Construct

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heavy equipment to move tons of earth and material to complete construction projects for the Army.

The commercial off-

the-shelf systems used with currently fielded Construction Equipment Virtual Trainer, or CEVT, simulators do not include terrain and soil models customized to key Army locations, De La Cruz said.

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# Put security cameras in public housing

First came the news that is every parent's worst nightmare. Two children had been brutally attacked by a knife-wielding man on Sunday at the New York City Housing Authority's Boulevard Houses in East New York, claiming the life of 6-year-old Prince Joshua Avitto and leaving 7-year-old Mikayla Capers fighting for her young life. I first met with the family at the hospital, and then early Wednesday morning I attended a press conference to announce a reward for the apprehension of a suspect. The parents, family members, neighbors and others in the community are understandably heartbroken and angry. But when two young children are brutally attacked in the elevator of one of



## BOROUGH PRESIDENT

*Eric Adams*

their own homes in such a random and vicious way, we should all be outraged and moved to action.

According to several recent media reports, fewer than half of the buildings in public housing throughout the city have surveillance cameras in elevators, lobbies and other critical locations. The elevators at Boulevard Houses did not have security cameras, although the necessary funds had been allocated for cameras throughout the NYCHA system. Their absence has no doubt contributed to the fact that the alleged suspect is still at large. Also outrageous is the fact that federal dollars for items like security equipment were pulled and must now come from the state, city, and often from a Council member's discretionary funds.

Shouldn't something as basic as security equip-

ment have a dedicated revenue stream? Why is it that communities of need, like East New York, must continually plead for the basics?

Once again, we clearly see a tale of two cities playing out, horrifically, before us. One only need travel from East New York to Wall Street, a distance of about nine miles, to see the stark and inequitable contrast in security. Nearly every inch of Lower Manhattan is under the watch of sophisticated surveillance equipment, but in a housing facility filled with young children and senior citizens, no such protections were given priority. It is simply unconscionable that the installation of cameras, which certainly could have hastened a sus-

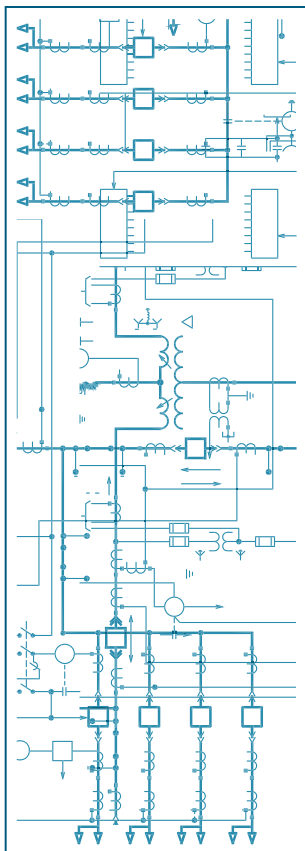
pect's arrest, fell into the black hole of city bureaucracy.

I applaud Mayor DeBlasio's assurance that camera installation in public housing, including Boulevard Houses, will now be accelerated. Of course, the delay in securing NYCHA facilities falls, in part, to the previous administration, and the endemic sluggishness of NYCHA maintenance and upkeep on its watch. My office will conduct our own investigation of NYCHA buildings throughout Brooklyn to ensure that these facilities are as secure as they can be and, at a minimum, are fully equipped with the camera equipment that not only helps prevent crime but helps the NYPD do its critical work

more efficiently.

Public safety — and especially safeguarding our children — should be our number-one priority, no matter where we live, no matter what color our skin. Here in Brooklyn, we all talk about empowering communities like East New York — from creating thriving new businesses, to building affordable housing, and from improving our schools to giving residents access to health care. But a community's foundation is safety: the ability for its residents, young and old, to feel safe in their homes and in their neighborhood. Let's not rest until our foundation is safe and sound.

*Eric L. Adams is the Brooklyn Borough President.*



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# Reader believes Shavana is a true-blue patriot

To the editor,  
Shavana Abruzzo's extraordinary intellectual assessment of how Memorial Day should be saluted was the best case ever put forth in defense of our military men and women, who have made sacrifices for our country. ("Everyday should be Memorial Day," A Britisher's View, May 23)

My parents were married on Memorial Day in 1955. They met each other at a Jewish dance and shared a slice of apple pie. Although, they are no longer around, I could visualize myself handing her editorial to them to read. Their spirits would have soared.

During my early childhood years one of my uncles, who had fought in World War II and survived a bullet wound, made a Memorial Day gathering in his family backyard that was dotted with pear and apple trees, and a beautiful cherry tree that stood by a side window.

Quite a few of my family members have taken part in the military, either in World War I or World War II. My father physically couldn't go into combat, but he contributed to the war effort. A deceased friend of his often complained about the inadequate care he received from the Veterans' Administration hospital.

It's difficult at times for me and perhaps many others to be patriotic to America when the criminals are allowed to roam free.

**Amy Kaye**  
Sheepshead Bay

## Brava and bravo!

To the editor,  
Brava, Shavana Abruzzo! Thank you for the beautiful, heartfelt tribute to our fallen military ("Every day should be Memorial Day," A Britisher's View, May 23). Every year you deliver for them.

Also, please tell Matthew Perlman that I love the first paragraph of his front-page story on Bishop Ford ("Out of time! Faith eroding among Bishop Ford activists," online May 20). I love that song and it's a very clever lead in! Thank you.

**Diane Hunt**  
Bay Ridge

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# SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

## LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

### Elder abusers

To the editor,  
It is a very sad that only one elected official in the city — a councilman from Park Slope — cares what happens to seniors in an assisted living home. Where is Mayor DeBlasio? This is the man who was arrested protesting the closing of Long Island College Hospital. Why hasn't he said one word about what is happening to seniors in his own neighborhood?

I know that they are not 4 year olds going to pre-k or horses he wants to chase out of Central Park or an election year for him.

Then we come to Public Advocate Letitia James, who is too busy with her lawsuit against charter schools that she does not have time for seniors. Why Borough President Adams hasn't tired to help in anyway I can't begin to guess. Maybe he just doesn't care. The same goes for our state senator and assemblyman. They haven't said one word to try and help these people. They must remember that one day they will be seniors, too. Do they want to be pushed into a coma and not heard from?

Elected to office means you do your best for all people. I know that this is not an election year, but they must remember that some seniors represent several generations of voters who will remember that some people did not care enough to try and help our elder community.

**Sharron Staton**  
Windsor Terrace

### Bugging out

To the editor,  
I think that killing those crickets for energy bars in pretty rotten ("Crickets, please! Williamsburg guys make protein bars from bugs," online May 1).

Their "singing" is very pleasant to listen to on summer evenings. Traditionally, crickets bring good luck. If the entrepreneurs behind this business are determined to continue manufacturing "bug" bars, how about they massacre roaches instead of crickets?

**Sarah Vogel**  
Sea Gate

### RIP, Jerry

To the editor,  
Jerry Vale, a wonderful singer and a wonderful man, has passed away. He was as good friend of mine. He sang for Columbia Records and I worked there doing promotion. We went to many Yankee games

together, and I visited him and his wife Rita when they lived in New Jersey.

Jerry Vale, born Gennaro Valino, was what Jews call a "mensch." Listen to his recordings of "You Don't Know Me," "Mama," "Al-Di-La," and "Two Purple Shadows" and you'll hear a beautiful voice. Great guy! Rest In Peace, Jerry.

**John Jay Sonners**  
Coney Island

### Beachy keen

To the editor,  
The Parks Department opened 14 miles of beaches on Memorial Day until Labor Day. The Atlantic Ocean's water temperature currently is a bone-chilling 57 degrees Fahrenheit. The cold shock of the ocean's water can cause a massive increase in blood pressure and cardiac strain, plus hypothermia. Those with a history of heart problems should avoid entering very cold water which causes the heart to stop.

It is unwise to open our city beaches on Memorial Day when the ocean is unsafe, or at the least very uncomfortable to swim in, and only a few hardy souls daring to venture in. It is also stupid to close the beaches on Labor Day when the ocean's temperatures are in the upper 60s or low 70s and the beaches are packed with people enjoying the fine September and early October weather.

A longer beach season would be a boon to the local economy. All the businesses would stay crowded. Chow hounds would continue to delight in Brighton Beach's exotic Russian restaurants. Free run of the beach would encourage New Yorkers to get healthier, build up an appetite, work out playing volleyball, wrestle in the sand, jog by the sparkling ocean, and swim in the deep blue waters.

Our quotient of happiness will not decrease if the people have their playground. It is dollars and sense to keep our beaches open longer because the city is a hot-spot destination.

**Justine Swartz**  
Brooklyn Heights

### Where's the ramp?

To the editor,  
Last summer someone decided to replace the ramp leading up to the Boardwalk on Brighton Second Street. The ramp served a purpose for the handicapped with a walker or wheelchair, or a parent with a stroller.

After Hurricane Sandy destroyed a two-story apartment house on West End Ave across the street from the Manhattan Beach temple, the property stayed vacant until a developer brought it and decided to build a condo. Since last year the area between Brightwater Avenue on Brighton Second Street is fenced off. Not only that, there's a large hole near the fenced-in playground.

Now go take a look at the condo being build on West End Avenue, it's almost finished. As we go into the second summer there still is no ramp on Brighton Second Street. Why take down something that serves a valuable purpose? How in the world do you start a project and just walk away leaving a big hole in the ground?

I find this unacceptable. Are we the residents of Brighton Beach second-class citizens?

**Jerry Sattler**  
Brighton Beach

### Art-smart

To the editor,  
I applaud how PS 192 was able to recreate a stage rendition of the classic film "The Wizard of Oz" with their third-grade students ("Grammar school has an Oz-fest," May 30).

It's wonderful how the teachers worked together and integrated the visual arts and dance components into their literacy lesson.

As an educator and community education advocate in Coney Island, I know that the arts have a profound ability to enrich the lives of our students. The arts, in combination with reading, writing, speaking, and listening, can open doors for high levels of analysis, and challenge students to explore themselves and their surroundings. The arts convey what it means to be human, challenge the intellect, and provide rich experiences in analysis, exploration, reflection, observation, imagination, experimentation, and communication.

Let's talk about collaborating with other schools and neighboring districts. Remember, it's all about sharing and learning about best practices for empowering students. When you are an educator, you are on a winning team. Our students are counting on us for their future. We have to win for them.

**Scott Krivitsky**  
*The writer is a teacher at PS 188 in Coney Island.*

# Stan has questions and good news!

Here are a few more thoughts about this and that.

With anger in the air, President Obama said, "Whether it's allegations of VA staff covering up long wait times or cooking the books, I will not stand for it."

Okay, Mr. President. Besides speeches, and more hearings, and investigations, what are you doing about it? There are those who want heads to roll. Some who do not. They point to baseball teams with losing records and say that unless the team is rebuilt with new players, it does no good to fire the manager. That may be true. On the other hand, when a corporation doesn't do well financially, the CEO and upper-level management is replaced. If nothing else, change shows good intent. Keeping the same Veterans Affairs staffs filled with political buddies will accomplish nothing. That's only my opinion. What's yours?

... With the midterm elections just a few months away, what is the most important issue that will affect your vote? According to the wise men over at Gallop, the top issue going into the next congressional election is the economy! Eighty-nine percent of voters say the economy is "extremely" or "very important" to their votes. Also asked was, "Which party would do a better job on the economy?" Forty-eight percent say the Republicans compared to 43 percent for the Democrats. I wonder why?

... Who did we fight in the Revolutionary War? France? Who fought in the Civil War? France? Who bombed Pearl Harbor? And again the response was ... France?

Does Jesse Watters of Fox go out of his way to find the dumbest people to interview? So many college students are clueless.

... Where are you going on your next vacation? I hope



## IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

Stanley P. Gershbein

it's not Mexico. There are so many beautiful islands in the Caribbean. For the way Sgt. Andrew Tahmoores of the Marines is being treated, I am one American who will not spend a nickel in Mexico, nor will I knowingly buy a product made there. Who is with me?

... John Stossel is very unhappy that most of the things he hears from the media is bad news. I did my own research and learned that he is correct. Whether the discussion is about President Obama, the Brooklyn Nets, the economy, or the complaints in Sound Off to the Editor, almost everything is a bit depressing. Okay, folks. Cheer up. Show me a smile because here it is — a bit of good news.

Congratulations to **Matthew Glenn** on his bar mitzvah, **Samantha Pratts** on her bat mitzvah, and the baby shower honoring soon-to-be mommy **Rachel Sarafjanovic**. Here's wishing a very happy birthday to **Sam Natman** on No. 95! Best wishes to dear friend **Melissa Gordon** on her engagement to **Josh** and good luck to **Amy Schulman** and **Seth Earn** on their marriage next week. I am **StanGershbein@BellsSouth.net** shouting a great *big mazeltov* to you all.

# First Kids Dante and Chiara should hound pop about B'walk

Entitled First Sprouts Dante and Chiara DeBlasio are set for more self-importance when they don crowns, take up scepters, and plunk their royal keisters on a floating throne as king and queen of the Coney Island Mermaid Parade.

The siblings "will hold the highest position of honor" in the June 21 jaunt, said event organizers at Coney Island USA, humoring Mayor DeBlasio's "tale of two cities" yarn in which nepotism is clearly King Neptune. Why else would they give the tall honors to a pair whose successes amount to sporting a 'fro seen around the world, and dramatizing teen depression and substance abuse issues for pop's political gain?

Coney Island USA's bootlicking — well, isn't it? — who would be worth it, if Mayor DeBlasio reciprocated the favor and restored the Boardwalk to its all-wood glory in what would be a small price to pay to see his offspring crowned king and queen in front of adoring masses. Dante and Chiara should get on dad's case, right away, because the Boardwalk is a living legend that is dying.

Any seaside town worth its weight in soft, white sand should have a solid



## A BRITISHER'S VIEW

and appealing wooden walkway, but our stumbling block is nothing to write home about. Yet, the great footpath, also known as the Riegelmann Boardwalk, was not always a rotting carcass. It was functional and easy on the eye and foot, accommodating the overflow of travelers from the new BMT subway line that brought in a tidal wave of seasonal visitors who crammed the beach, after Brooklyn Borough President Edward Riegelmann commissioned its construction in the early 1900s as part of a \$3-million beach improvement project.

Its engineering plan was colossal: 1.7 million cubic yards of sand expanded the beach to the size of nearly 8,000 football fields; 120,000 tons of stone and 7,700 cubic yards of concrete were poured to reinforce it; and 3.6 million feet — longer than Hong Kong International Airport Terminal — of smooth wood, including long-leaf yellow pine for the floor covering, was

laid to beautify it.

The 80-foot-wide Boardwalk, nicknamed "Coney Island's Fifth Avenue," held court from 14 feet above the beach and yawned from West 37<sup>th</sup> Street to Ocean Parkway when it opened to an eager public on May 15, 1923 — just two years after breaking ground. By 1938, then-New York Parks Commissioner Robert Moses had placed the beach and the Boardwalk under his agency's care, given it a \$3 million makeover, and extended it to Brighton Beach.

These days visitors continue to flock to the sickly behemoth, but how long can a ghost keep up the allure?

Coney Island USA should have invited Councilmen Chaim Deutsch (D-Brighton Beach) and Mark Treyger (D-Coney Island) to lead the festive trek for their royal efforts in demanding that the city dispense with its concrete bandages and wood-up the Boardwalk.

But the damage is done. So, go on, Dante and Chiara, hound dad to fix up the wooden warrior once and for all. Then the DeBlasios can truly have an accomplishment to parade about. In the meantime, be sure not to trip on a jutting nail or wobbly plank on June 21.

## Telegram to DeBlasio: Stop sending

Fitnessgram my butt. In a May 22 article in the New York Post, a third grader at PS 29 in Staten Island was told "she was too fat" because she was one point over the "appropriate" "Body Mass Index." The Department of Education weighed students and "Fitnessgrams" were sent home to students that exceeded the so-called BMI for their height and weight.

The healthy, active 9-year-old who is 4-feet-1 and weighs 66 pounds, said, "Oh my God! Why did I get this?"

Really?

Maybe the Department of Education should be more concerned with the fat, over-bloated bureaucracy it has become rather than healthy normal children who are growing, happy, active, and fine just the way they are.

Along with the bloated salaries that incompetent teachers, union representatives, and useless principals earn, Fitnessgrams should be filed in the circular pile at the door.

Teachers should be teaching children how to read, write, balance a checkbook, and history. Leave fitness and weight issues up to the parents and pediatricians.



## NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

If a child is unable to participate in sports, cannot fit in a seat, or is so obese that he is unable to function in the classroom, then the teacher should contact the parent and have a conference to work out a plan, but to unilaterally send out a Fitnessgram to students who are otherwise healthy and thriving is just plain irresponsible —

not to mention highly detrimental to a young child's self-esteem.

As it is, our young girls starve themselves to meet some ridiculous standard set by anorexic models, parading in impractical and outrageous ensembles, created by designers who are only concerned with fattening their pockets. And now the Department of Education, which is supposed to educate our children, sees fit to destroy self-esteem, and add to the insanity perpetrated by advertisers and the fashion industry by using outdated, antiquated parameters.

Body Mass Index is supported by the Center of Disease Control, but should not be used for individuals, it was, "Designed by the insurance industry as a way of assessing the health of groups of people, not individuals," said Chevese Turner of the Binge Eating Disorder Association.

Not for Nuthin™, but Mayor DeBlasio, the Department of Education, and Chancellor Farina should be putting the Department of Education on a diet by getting rid of all the dead wood and incompetency that reigns in the system. Follow me on Twitter @JDelBuono.



# Carmine's pals are upset with his old boss

I'm madder than a TV Guide subscriber with a broken clicker over the fact that I simply can't have things both ways no matter how hard I try, and there doesn't seem to be anybody or thing that can make exactly the things I want to do to get done by me or anybody else!

Look, you all know the ol'Screecher wants things just right, and that means I don't gain weight or get agita or suffer from gout by overeating, I can get up and go to the bathroom in the middle of the night without issue, and that I never, ever, almost lose my life while taking a bath.

But as I stated in the lede, you can't have it both ways, and that sage advice is especially true when it comes to my former employer, the Post Office.

Now, obviously, I'm not going to stop cashing the stipends I still get for my years delivering letters, bills, packages, and other junk to the beautiful people of Brooklyn for the absolute minimum amount of time before I qualified for a pension.

But that doesn't mean I can't screech about the poor service some of those very Brooklynites



**BIG SCREECHER**  
*Carmine Santa Maria*

are presently receiving — and I would if it wasn't for one thing!

Facts are facts, and the fact is everyone at last week's meeting of my civic association with the worst acronym on the planet — BWECC! — is so upset with the non-existent service they are getting from the Postal "Service" that they could practically throw up. And they

would probably start a petition or something if it wasn't for one thing!

Now, I know exactly what you are thinking: "Carmine, you keep mentioning this 'one thing,' but you won't tell us what it is. What could possibly keep you from screeching about your former employer?"

Well the answer is simple. Everybody at that meeting agreed that there were major problems with their Post Office, but that — and I'm not making a pun here — everybody loves Raymond, their beloved postal delivery man. And nobody wants to get anybody in any trouble.

Still, that doesn't mean they weren't "P.O.'d" with the "P.O.," if you know what I mean. Wink wink.

Most of the people complained that they were mad about the fact that upon their return from the state of Florida after a winter avoiding the cold, they got a sack full of mail that included W-2 forms from the IRS, notices of unpaid bills, notices of cancellation of credit cards for non-payment of bills, notices of delivery of items never ordered (using credit cards never received), thank-you notices from chari-

table organizations, junk mail, six months of magazines and TV Guides, etc., etc., ad infinitum.

And frankly, some of these snowbirds were a tad rude, not wanting to hear the representatives of Councilman Mark Treyger, state Sen. Diane Savino, and the Chairman of Community Board 13 Eddie Mark give their reports on what was happening in the community, what was available from their offices, and coming events for the summer in Coney Island. Each distributed literature that was chock full of exciting info (the Screecher's pro tip: a White Castle is coming to the Boardwalk!). Some of them didn't even enjoy the fine coffee brewed by Erica, or the donuts provided by our pals at Entenmann's.

I succumbed to their dirty looks, and opened the meeting having Linda, BWECC's secretary, read three letters I received from the Post Office explaining a new service instituted when mail is retrieved that was partially shredded by I don't know what. They send the copy of the contents (in this case checks, that they white out info for security reasons) back to the sender. Then having opened

Pandora's box, a tsunami of complaints overwhelmed the room. Too bad the Post Office Customer Service Lady (I believe that is an official title) who gave us the complaint forms couldn't be there, being a staff of one. However, I mentioned that she would scrutinize each complaint form and answer it.

Of course, I don't know how she going to respond to the complaint of lack of postal etiquette, or a complaint of not receiving a "Hello" back from the postman after a courteous resident offered a "Good morning!" (Well, she may be right, a friendly hello and a smile could brighten up day, to we who are about to be deluged with bills).

At Harway Terrace, management has cleverly put underneath the residents' directory a circular filing system, where they can forward their junk mail, circulars, solicitations, bills and unopened first class mail straight into the garbage. It's always overflowing. Two sisters who usually order online from Amazon.com were very upset that their orders not only did not only arrive on time, but never arrived at all!

Screech at you next week!



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# Gov. Cuomo's latest checkmate — presidential race

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Once again, Gov. Cuomo has exhibited his highly superior political negotiating skills in securing the Working Families Party endorsement after a fascinating kabuki dance in with the left-leaning — and important — group. That party threatened to run another candidate on its line — a very compelling professor named Zephyr Teachout — until Cuomo and his political machine negotiated a last-minute deal to gain the coveted position in November.

The major concession extracted from Cuomo — one that may be hard to enforce — is that he will now work hard and campaign to restore a Democratic majority in the state Senate (something many think he should have done years ago as the titular leader of the Democratic Party around the state). But now, with the Working Family line hanging in the balance, Cuomo has vowed to turn his back on the state Senate's



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co-leaders — Long Island state Sen. Dean Skelos and Bronx Independent Democratic Conference Leader Jeff Klein, and will help the full Democratic conference take over.

There is no guarantee that Cuomo can do this, but his vote-pulling power at the top of the ticket will

surely help Democrats with whom he campaigns. The Republican opponent, Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, is not expected to mount a very strong challenge to Cuomo because of the wide disparity in voter registration in the state and also because Cuomo's \$30-million-plus war chest will dwarf Astorino's.

Andrew Cuomo has had a very strong track record as governor the past four years, bringing mostly order to the dysfunction that has ruled Albany for a long time. He was elected in the wake of David Paterson's accidental governorship, when the latter succeeded Eliot Spitzer after he had his ignominious scandal and fall from grace. So, one could say that Cuomo did not have huge shoes to fill.

Cuomo is often compared to his widely praised father, Mario Cuomo, who survived three terms in Albany that were largely considered successful. The elder Cuomo is probably

best remembered for his incredibly elegant rhetorical skills and his brief dalliance with running for President. The oft-told tale is that a plane waited on the runway to take him to New Hampshire to campaign but that at the last minute he decided not to throw his hat in the ring.

Andrew Cuomo, who virtually grew up in the governor's mansion in Albany, learned much from his talented father and, while his oratory is impressive, he is most lauded for his tactical and strategic skills and his ability to use the levers of power to effect change. He did this masterfully early in his term when he got a few renegade Republicans to join the Democrats in the state Senate to pass a Same-Sex Marriage Bill. I once said to Cuomo that if he does nothing else in his political career (which is still ripe with potential), this will be written about in all his epitaphs and he will be known as the leader who got gay marriage passed

against long odds in New York.

But unlike his father, I believe that Cuomo has a burning desire to run for President, and this upcoming campaign and his strong push for the Working Families line and acceptance of the Independence Party line is an attempt to amass a huge margin of victory so that he has momentum going into the 2016 Presidential campaign.

Now, I know you're thinking "What about Hillary?" Yes, if she runs for President, then it is extremely unlikely that Cuomo challenges her in a primary; he learned that lesson from his 2002 challenge to Carl McCall for the Democratic nomination. But if Hillary decides, for whatever reason, that she does not want to once again endure the long, arduous campaign cycle, then Andrew Cuomo will be waiting in the wings, ready to wage battle on the national stage.

And even though it has

been a very long time since a New Yorker became a presidential nominee (the most recent failed example being Rudolph Giuliani), I would not bet against Cuomo's chances of being a viable candidate. He has the record, the drive, the fundraising skills, the family legacy, and the bully pulpit of New York's media to catapult him to the top tier of democratic presidential challengers.

Unlike his counterpart across the Hudson, Chris Christie, Cuomo has kept his record and his team clean for the past four years and he just has to pray now that Hillary Clinton decides that she'd rather spend her 70s playing in the park with her grandchildren, rather than giving speeches in the Rose Garden.

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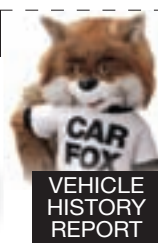
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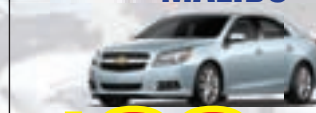
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**PRETTY PUPS:** (Above) Zini the toy poodle is all set for his lap around the track in Marine Park. (Center) Roseann Bolasny and her dolled-up service dog, Bella Mia, had a blast during the flash mob on Saturday. (Right) Folks marched around the track to raise awareness about the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on June 7.

Photos by Steve Solomonson



# Pups pack park for cancer benefit

**BY MAX JAEGER**  
The American Cancer Society held a “Doggie Flash Mob” in Marine Park on May 31 to drum up interest in the Relay For Life of Mill Basin, Bergen Beach, and Marine Park being held on June 7.  
Dozens of dog-lovers descended on the park’s track around noon on Saturday to walk with their four-legged friends. Organizers said they

wanted to put a spotlight on Spot, because dogs help cancer survivors and people undergoing treatment deal with pain and stress.  
“Canines are caregivers and companions,” said the Relay for Life’s Joe Gillette.  
One walker said her hound has a history helping the hospital-bound.  
“She donates a lot of her time,” said Rose Ann Bolasny, who owns a Maltese

named Bella Mia. “She goes to the Ronald McDonald House and nursing homes.”  
Attendees donated \$10 to the Society in exchange for a “Bark For Life” bandanna to put on their pups.  
The flash mob came a week before the Relay For Life’s major annual event — a massive American Cancer Society fund-raiser, which collects money for life-saving research, educa-

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## Who Are The 'Deniers?'

BY DR. STEPHEN FINGER

"Orville, Wilbur, what am I holding in my hand?"

"A butter knife, Ma."

"Right. Now, watch what happens when I drop it....

*Clang!...Did you see what happened when I dropped the butter knife, the heavier-than-air butter knife?*

*Did it fly? Did it go flying around the room singing, 'Fly Me To The Moon?'*

*No! It didn't fly because it's heavier than air. And if something is heavier than air it can't fly. Everybody knows that, everybody except you two. Couple of damn...deniers!"*

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And, before the Wright brothers, there was the 'denier' Copernicus. When anybody who was anybody 'knew' that the Sun revolved around the Earth, Copernicus said it was the other way around...and he was right.

And when Lister showed that the almost 50% surgical mortality of the day was due to preventable infections, how many decades was it before surgeons stopped sharpening their scalpels on their boots and began washing their hands and wearing rubber gloves? They all 'knew' that the germ theory was nonsense. Why listen to some upstart....denier?!

And schizophrenia is caused by 'poor parenting.' (It isn't.)

And stomach ulcers are caused by 'stress.' (Uh-uh, a bacteria, H. Pylori.)

And, until 1973, homosexuality was a 'mental illness' (try passing a background check for a gun permit

with that one) and, in boys at least, was caused by a domineering mother.

"Oh, doctor, my poor little Ru Paul. And it's all my fault."

"Yes it is, Mrs. Cohen. But cheer up. At least you'll have someone to give your old clothes to. You know what your husband's things look like by the time he's ready to get rid of them. Men!"

And now it's climate change...or is that global warming or global cooling or global drying or global wetting? Whatever...It's bad and it's our fault. All the experts agree. So don't be a damn...'denier.' Please, just shut up!!!

Well, science doesn't advance by getting the 'deniers' to 'just shut up'. Never. Not ever. Science advances by theories and experiments to prove or disprove the theories and by more experiments to challenge or confirm those experiments and so on.

And, most importantly, science advances by asking questions. Always questions. Questions, questions, and more questions. And it's the 'deniers' who are the ones asking the questions....and making the butter knives fly.

Condescendingly mocking 'deniers' as 'flat earthers' is not science. It's anti-science. We shouldn't do that, not even if 'we' is the President of the United States.

"The case is never closed." - Albert Einstein

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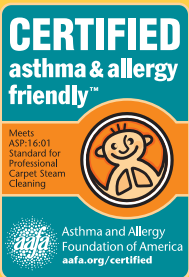


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**Cheers, evviva, salud:** To celebrate the World Cup, the soccer-mad owners of Hunter's Restaurant in Cobble Hill have created a drink menu with a specialty cocktail for every single team in the tournament.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

# KICKING THE HIGH BALLS

## Drink your way through the World Cup at Hunter's

By Matthew Perlman

**T**his restaurant is really pouring it on for the World Cup.

Hunter's Restaurant in Cobble Hill has created a specialty cocktail for every single team in the contest, and will also be giving away free drinks when their favorite teams score. Just make sure you are cheering for the right side if you want one.

"Anyone who roots against Argentina is getting kicked out," said the restaurant's Argentine-born co-owner Fernando Camberos.

The month-long international soccer tournament kicks off in Brazil on June 12, but the crew at Hunter's has had its head in the game for some time. They have spent the last two months creating a soccer-centric drink list that contains

a cocktail for each of the 32 teams playing. Some are complicated mixes with many ingredients, while others are simple and to the point. But each is an attempt to embody something about its country — or that country's soccer players — through booze. Except for the Iranian beverage, which is alcohol-free.

"They don't booze it up over there," Camberos said. "So we gave them a lemonade."

The specialty concoctions, which all cost around \$10, are named after a star from each team. The US drink, "Dempsey's Texan Wildfire," is named after team captain Clint Dempsey. It contains vodka, spiced honey, lemon juice, champagne, and strawberry.

"I'm a big Dempsey fan, and I think it impersonates him really well," Camberos said.

"He's grumpy and scrumpy."

The Argentine drink is a little simpler — Fernet, cola, and root beer. It is named after the team's captain Lionel "La Puga" Messi.

"Fernet's like our Budweiser," Camberos said about the Italian spirit, which is popular in Argentina. "And Messi is a meat-and-potatoes kind of guy."

The competing countries are split into groups of four, and all the drinks from that group will be available when any of those teams are playing. But once a team is eliminated, the drink is off the menu for good.

Free libations will also be handed out every time Italy, Argentina, or Mexico scores — Argentina for Camberos, Italy for the restaurant's other owner, Angelo Schifilliti, and

Mexico because they both spent time in the country. Hunter's kitchen staff also contains some serious fans of Mexico's team.

"We're setting up a TV for them in the back, so they can watch and work at the same time," Camberos said.

Camberos said he hopes the restaurant's special cocktails will attract some like-minded world game enthusiasts to the restaurant.

"We're incredibly excited about the World Cup," he said. "And we just want to nerd out with some big soccer fans."

*World Cup cocktails at Hunter's Restaurant [213 Smith St. between Baltic and Butler streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 246-2221, [www.huntersbrooklyn.com](http://www.huntersbrooklyn.com)]. June 12–July 13 at various times.*



# WORDS OF AGES

*Fans to celebrate Walt Whitman at marathon reading*



Dark mottling the tide of the river: If Walt Whitman ever stood on the ferry docks of “the walled city,” this is almost certainly what it looked like, as portrayed here by Whitman “personator” Darrel Blaine Ford. Photo by Karen Karbiener

By Max Jaeger

They’re celebrating themselves — and one of Brooklyn’s greatest poets. A group of self-described “Whitmaniacs” are gathering at Brooklyn Bridge Park on June 8 for a marathon reading of Walt Whitman’s “Song of Myself” — the free verse epic that constitutes a major chunk of the universally known poetry collection “Leaves of Grass.” The organizer said the event is a chance to celebrate Whitman, who penned and printed the poem’s first edition while living in the county of Kings.

“You can really say that the book was absolutely born in Brooklyn,” said organizer Karen Karbiener, a Whitman scholar teaching at New York University. “I just want to keep Walt Whitman on the streets and keep poetry alive.”

But Karbiener is not the only person drawing inspiration from the Bard of Brooklyn. Scores of people signed up to perform one of the poem’s 52 sections aloud this year — so many that she may have to turn some away, she said.

Now in its 11th year, the marathon reading attracts famous poets like Martin Espada, longtime literature lovers, and even a few Whitman impersonators, Karbiener said.

“People love personalizing the reading — they dress up, or set the poem to music, or perform it in another language,” she said.

One regular at the readings is the spitting image of Whitman himself.

“A few years ago — by that I mean about 40 — I started appearing as Walt,



Whitmaniacs: Darrel Blaine Ford, left, and John Farrell, dressed for a previous year’s “Song of Myself” reading channel Walt Whitman in different eras of his life. Photo by Karen Karbiener

and it was one of those things that just sort of evolved,” said Darrel Blaine Ford, a self-described Whitman “personator” who has spent decades cultivating Whitman’s mien and using the look to teach people about the bard.

But Karbiener said putting on a costume is not necessary to enjoy the poem that celebrates “the extraordinariness of ordinariness.”

And if a live performance of the 15,000-word magnum opus doesn’t leave you breathless, the views will.

“The location of Brooklyn Bridge Park is so perfect with the water there,” she said. “The amphitheater sort of tumbles down into the East River, and all the viewers get to see the sun set over the city.”

Failing to fetch the reading, keep encouraged — the celebration will be back next year, Karbiener said.

Walt Whitman’s “Song of Myself” at Brooklyn Bridge Park’s Granite Prospect (Old Fulton Street at Furman Street in Dumbo, [www.brooklynbridgepark.org](http://www.brooklynbridgepark.org)). June 8 from 4–6 pm. Free.

## Whitman sampler: How to dress like the Bard of Brooklyn

By Max Jaeger

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, so if you’re going to a marathon reading of Walt Whitman’s “Song of Myself,” you may as well look the part. And 24-Seven is here to help you do just that.

Examples abound for how to imitate the ink-slinger’s look — he is the most photographed early American poet, according to reading organizer Karen Kubiener — and we have combed through the beard and barley to bring you the definitive Walt Whitman look from three eras of his life.

A note on facial hair: Whitman didn’t seem to be a fan of the razor — and his mane may be his most iconic feature — but the self-proclaimed “poet of the woman the same as the man” probably wouldn’t hold it against anyone who couldn’t even muster some peach fuzz.

### Walt the newspaperman

The early Whitman was a dapper young firebrand with a liberal bent and bylines in more than one metro-area newspaper. You’ll want a crop of medium-length hair combed over to one side and a beard cut close by the cheeks and left longer at the chin. Wear a dress shirt with a Milton collar and a cravat, as well as some slacks, polished black shoes, and a topcoat. Complete the look with a copy of this newspaper (he never worked here, but we strongly believe he would have had we existed back then).



### ‘Leaves of Grass’-era Walt

This is Whitman at his most casual — when he spent much of his time leaning, lounging, loafing, and writing the definitive American poem. Keep your hair short with even shorter bangs, and aim for the “but I just shaved two weeks ago” look. At this stage the hat is optional but encouraged. Wear a puffy linen shirt with a big collar, but ignore the top couple buttons — you won’t need them where you’re going. Throw in a pair of roomy trousers and you’re done. Shoes are anathema.



### Civil War and beyond

Not for the faint of heart, the elder Whitman is the most intense look to pull off. First-timers are recommended to start with an earlier Walt and ease their way into this sagely style. At this point, the hat and beard are indispensable, so just let your coif and whiskers grow until you achieve a level of shag that puts Santa Claus to shame — then top it off with a Stetson or similarly broad-brimmed hat. Revisit the “Leaves of Grass”-era shirt, but throw in a stately waistcoat, because now you’re an elder statesman of American verse. Then slip on some slacks and boots and finish with an overcoat. Bonus points for a cane or walking stick.





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# STRANGER THAN SCIENCE FICTION

*Comic artist combines absurdist sci-fi with real history*

**By Danielle Furfaro**

Some comic artists envision history a little differently to the rest of us.

Comic book illustrator Nick Bertozzi has spent his career drawing studies of historical events, absurdist science fiction, and sometimes a combination of both.

"I am all over the map," said Bertozzi. "I am kind of a spaz, so that fits my genre. It is the spaz genre."

The artist, who has been drawing for 22 years, started his career with a book called "The Salon" about what would happen if Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque could climb inside famous paintings and have adventures. The book drew the attention of the big comic houses, who contracted him to write a comic book about the explorations of Lewis and Clark.

Now, Bertozzi concentrates mostly on sci-fi romps, such as his new book "Persimmon Cup," which he calls an amalgam of 1973 French stop-motion surrealist sci-fi film "Fantastic Planet" and "Casper the Friendly Ghost." The book, which began as a webcomic, chronicles the adventures of a weaver and a loom cleaner,

as they encounter pirates, drones, and other strange creatures.

Bertozzi, who lives in Queens, is one of more than 30 exhibitors who will show off their comic books at the Grand Comics Festival at Williamsburg's Bird River Studios on June 7.

The goal of the festival, now in its second year, is to showcase a smattering of local comic artists who create small press and handmade books. New York is hardly wanting for more comic fests, but the organizer says that one of the things that makes his event different is that the price to participate is more accessible for impoverished illustrators. Artists at Grand can get half a table of selling space for \$50 — far less than events such as New York Comic Con, where a half-table runs about \$400.

"I know how hard that is, especially when you are selling \$3 comics," said organizer Patrick Dorian, who is a comic artist himself. "That is a lot of comics to sell."

*Grand Comics Festival at Bird River Studios (343 Grand St. between Havemeyer Street and Marcy Avenue in Williamsburg, www.grandcomicsfestival.com). June 7 at 11 am. Free.*



Space race: Nick Bertozzi raised money on a Kickstarter campaign to publish his sci-fi webcomic, "Persimmon Cup," as a book. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

# Slope songster brings a new sound to old-timey styles

**By Max Jaeger**

This genre-bending multi-instrumentalist has more than one string to his fiddle.

Pete Lancot and his band will mix deep-seeded but disparate styles of American music at Union Hall on June 12 to create brooding and moving original numbers. Draped in an old-timey aesthetic, the tunes draw on jazz and new music influences to create something both new and old.

"These songs kind of straddle the generations," said Lancot. "We take skeletons of these old forms and reupholster them."

At Union Hall, Lancot will shuffle between guitar, violin, viola, and tenor banjo, but the tunesmith also plays the Stroh violin in New Orleans-style swing band Hot Sardines. The steam-punk-esque fiddle looks like a mash-up between a violin and a gramophone, sporting a trumpet-like horn that amplifies sound in place of a wooden body typically found on stringed instruments.

The musician said he wasn't always so steeped in roots ditties and



Dog days: Park Slope string specialist Pete Lancot practices his brand of jazzy Americana with a friend's pup. Photo by S. Charlie

obscure instruments.

Lancot started playing classical violin at the age of six, but got burned out on music by high school. However a chance encounter with the "Anthology of American Folk Music" — often described as the Bible of folk music — opened up

new sonic vistas for Lancot.

"That was a moment of — 'I didn't know you were allowed to do that,'" he said.

Now the Park Sloper is preaching the gospel of Americana from the stage and from the lectern. Lancot teaches music at Bantam Studios, a

Navy Yard workshop he shares with his partner Ginger Dolden.

The pair teaches group lessons to beginner adults who might otherwise think it's too late in life to pick up an instrument. Lancot said he throws in a little social lubricant at the so-called "booze guitar" and "booze violin" lessons to help newcomers feel more comfortable learning their lutes.

"The idea is going back to the social roots of music," he said.

Thursday's performance will bolster the unfolding folk revival that has found a nexus in Brooklyn over the last decade — something Lancot says has less to do with a prevailing fixation on nostalgia and more to do with the timeless quality of the music.

"What people connect to in roots is not antique-ness but the fact that they were written 100 years ago and are still relevant," he said.

*Pete Lancot at Union Hall [702 Union St. between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400, www.unionhallny.com]. June 12 at 8 pm. \$10.*

# Bay Ridge is heating up!

**By Will Bredderman**

Bay Ridge is on fire!

The weather is getting hotter, and so is the nightlife in the Ridge. So as the mercury flirts with 85, you will want to hang out at the coolest places in the 'hood.

Kick back and relax on Friday at **Circles Cafe** [310 69th Ave. at the corner of Third Avenue] to the original acoustic tuneage of singer-songwriter Tony Travis and Friends at 7:30 pm. Or bask in the warm evening at the **Lockyard** [9221 Fifth Ave. between 92nd and 94th streets] beer garden, to the accompaniment of unamplified cover tunes including the Beatles and the Black Keys, courtesy of Lords of the Fjords at 8 pm.

Get ready to dance on Saturday, when Dave Clive's Nawlins Funk Band arrives at **Red White & Brew** [8910 Fifth Ave. between 89th and 90th streets]. The band starts playing original tunes inspired by the sounds of the Big Easy at 4 pm. At 8:30, head on up to **Hunter's Steak & Ale House** [9404 Fourth Ave. between 94th and 95th streets] for an acoustic set of rock 'n' roll hits strummed by local favorites Frankie Marra and Tony Monier.

If you're ready to rock, hit the **Three Jolly Pigeons** [6801 Third Ave. at the corner of 68th Street] at 9 pm, when Those Guys triumphantly return with its eclectic and unique take on '60s and '70s heavy classics — followed by Command-Z with its mix of originals and rock and blues covers. At 10 pm, Radio Daze takes the stage at the **Schnitzel Haus** [7319 Fifth Ave. between 73rd and 74th streets] to play more of the hard rock hits you love.

Sunday you can head on out to Bensonhurst for the summertime 86th Street Festival between Bay Parkway and 19th Avenue, from 11 am to 5 pm. But cool off from a hot afternoon of shopping back in the neighborhood at the **Greenhouse** [7717 Third Ave. between 77th and 78th streets] at 6 pm to the sounds of Ol' Blue Eyes — courtesy of crooner Martin McQuade. McQuade's set will feature music by popular vaudeville pianist Jesse Gelber, and will focus on Sinatra's covers of Cole Porter classics.





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By Danielle Furfaro

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**ING:** Take a tour and learn about the 250 species of birds that call Prospect Park home with Brooklyn Bird Club. **Free.** Noon–1 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287–3400], www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

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**VAL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS:** A one day mini-festival of music, theater, and dance performances. **Free.** 1 pm. Old Stone House (Washington Park in Park Slope), www.spokethehub.org.

PERFORMANCE

DANCE, ABOVE AND BEYOND

**DANCE BENEFIT PARTY:** The evening includes drinks, light hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and a preview dance performance. \$40 (\$35 in advance). 7 pm. Soundance Studio (281 N. 7th St. between Havemeyer Street and Meeker Ave in Williamsburg).

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**BAND, SARA BOUGHARD & THE SALT PARADE, BRYAN NEBEL & FRIENDS, THEE**

**SHAMBELS:** \$10. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400], www.unionhallny.com.

MUSIC, RICE CULTIVATION

**SOCIETY, TOD MORAN, THE ADVENTURES OF THE SILVER SPACEMAN, SIX DICKS:** \$8 - \$10. 8 pm. Rock Shop [249 Fourth Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Park Slope, (718) 230–5740], www.therockshopny.com.

MUSIC, KING KHAN & THE

**SHRINES, RED MASS, VOMIT SQUAD:** \$25. 9 pm. Music Hall of Williamsburg (66 N. Sixth St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg), www.musicallhof-williamsburg.com.

MUSIC, WASHED OUT, WUN-

**DER WUNDER, ALEX LEMONADE DJ SETT:** \$15. 11:30 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963–3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

SALES AND MARKETS

GRAND ARMY PLAZA GREEN-

**MARKET:** Farm-fresh seasonal produce, meats, prepared foods, compost drop-off, and live performances. **Free.** 8 am–4 pm. Grand Army Plaza (Union Street between Flatbush Avenue and Prospect Park West in Park Slope).

FLEA MARKET: Clothing, com-

modities and refreshments. **Free.** 9 am–4 pm. Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit [8117 Bay Pkwy. at 82nd Street in Bensonhurst, (718) 837–0412], episcopalchurch-of-holyspirit.org.

ARTISTS & FLEAS: New design-

ers come in each weekend. Free admission. 10 am–7 pm. Artists & Fleas (70 N. Seventh St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg), www.artistsandfleas.com.

BROOKLYN FLEA- FORT

**GREENE:** 150 vendors selling crafts, antiques, food, and more. **Free.** 10 am–5 pm. [176 Lafayette Ave. between Clermont and Vanderbilt avenues in Fort Greene, (718) 928–6603], www.brooklyn-flea.com.

OTHER

ART, TARGET FIRST SATUR-

**DAY:** Target First Saturday kicks off Brooklyn Pride week. **Free.** 5 pm. Brooklyn Museum

[200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638–5000], www.brooklynmuseum.org.

ART, ALCHEMY AND METAPHYSICS ART SHOW: Sev-

enteen artists interpret the meaning of alchemy and metaphysics with paintings, photography, live performances, poetry, sculpture, mixed-media and multimedia works. **Free.** 7 pm. Trestle Gallery [400 Third Ave. at E. 29th Street in Gowanus, (347) 712–0042].

MUSIC, SING BACK BROOK-

**LYN:** Join with Lloyd Miller and welcome in summer. **Free.** 11 am. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222–4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

TOUCH TANK: Children of all

ages touch a starfish, a horse-shoe crab, or a sea snail. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am–12:30 pm and 2:30–3:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735–4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

SPROUTFEST: Children enjoy

100 years of the garden with music, storytelling, face-painting, workshops and games for all ages. Entertainment by the Ebony Hillbillies and Shine and the Moonbeams. \$10 (\$5 seniors and students; Free members and children under 12). Noon–4 pm. Brooklyn Botanic Garden [1000 Washington Ave., at Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 623–7220], www.bbg.org.

THE ART OF MATH: Children

learn all about shapes, triangles, squares. Free with museum admission. 12:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735–4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

THEATER, PUPPET THEATER:

Prokofiev's orchestral adventure. \$8 (\$9 adults; \$7 groups of 20 or more). 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm. Puppetworks [338 Sixth Ave. at Fourth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965–3391], www.puppetworks.org.

ART THERAPY: All ages are wel-

come to express their feelings through art. Every other Saturday. **Free.** 1–2:30 pm. The Carmine Carro Community [3000 Fillmore Ave. at Marine Parkway in Marine Park, (718) 869–0100].

WONDERFUL WARBLERS:

Young ones to explore the park and learn about birds. **Free.** 2 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287–3400], www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

HISTORY WORKSHOPS: Fleece

fun is offered weekly - children learn how to use wool and make a felt ball to take home. \$3. 2–4 pm. Lefferts Historic Homestead [452 Flatbush Ave. between Empire Boulevard and Eastern Parkway in Park Slope, (718) 789–2822], www.prospectpark.org.

MUSIC, MILS TRILLS: Amelia

Robinson plays her electric uke. Free with museum admission. 4 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn

Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735–4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

**CAMPING:** Have a night camping out under the stars. Tents are provided. **Free.** 6 pm. Salt Marsh Nature Center [3302 Avenue U in Marine Park, (718) 421–2021].

SUN, JUNE 8

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

WALK FOR AUTISM: Proceeds

from the walk will benefit current programs serving children with special needs in South Brooklyn. **Free.** 11 am–Noon. Shorefront Y [3300 Coney Island Avenue at Bridgewater Court in Brighton Beach, (718) 646–1444 x406], www.shorefronty.org/autism-walk.aspx.

TALK, TROLLEY TOUR: "The Far

Side of Green-Wood": See the graves of FAO Schwartz; Charles Ebbets; Frank Morgan ("The Wizard of Oz"), Johnny Torrio (Al Capone's guru) and other noteworthy Brooklynites. \$15 (\$10 members). 1 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Greenwood Heights, (718) 768–7300], www.green-wood.com.

FIX YOUR BIKE WORKSHOP:

Fix your own bike with advice and some assistance from experienced bike mechanics. Tools provided. **Free.** 6–8 pm. (99 South 6th St. near Bedford (Under Williamsburg bridge) in Williamsburg).

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, "SIMPLY UNEMPLOY-

**ABLE":** Improv and stand-up comedy with Matt Catanzano, Richie Moriarty, Nikki Glaser & friends. \$5. 7:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400], www.unionhallny.com.

MUSIC, SUZI SHELTON BAND:

Children's songstress performs songs from her latest album release, "Smile in My Heart." \$15. 11 am. Norman & Jules Toyshop [158 Seventh Ave. in Park Slope, (347) 987–3323], www.normanand-jules.com.

MUSIC, SONYA KITCHELL, THE

**BRIGHTON BEAT:** \$12. 8 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963–3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

SALES AND MARKETS

BROOKLYN FLEA- WILLIAMS-

**BURG:** 150 vendors selling crafts, antiques, and more. **Free.** 10 am–5 pm. [50 Kent Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 928–6603], www.brooklynflea.com.

RENEGADE CRAFT FAIR

**POP-UP SHOP:** One-off event offering up local goods and other festivities from independent designers and craftspeople. **Free.** Noon–6 pm. Brooklyn Night Bazaar [165 Banker St. at Norman Avenue in Greenpoint], bkba-zaar.com.

UNDERGROUND THRIFT

**STORE:** Browse a curated collection of upscale and designer clothing and accessories as well as collectibles for the home. A percentage of proceeds benefits organi-



zations that fight human trafficking. **Free.** 12:30–4:30 pm. Plymouth Church [65 Hicks St. between Orange and Cranberry streets in Brooklyn Heights, (212) 829–4923].

## OTHER

**PIER KIDS:** Sing, act, dance, and draw. Each week activities will be accompanied by an outdoor pop-up reading room presented by the Uni Project. **Free.** 11 am. Pier 6 [Joralemon Street at Columbia Street in Brooklyn Heights, (347) 268–0023], [www.brooklynbridgepark.org](http://www.brooklynbridgepark.org).

**READING, STORY TIME:** Author Tad Hills hosts a reading of “Duck and Goose go to the Beach.” **Free.** 11:30 am. PowerHouse on 8th [1111 Eighth Ave. between 11th and 12th streets in Park Slope, (718) 666–3049], [www.powerhousearena.com](http://www.powerhousearena.com).

**KITE FESTIVAL:** Live music, games and crafts, and kite flying. \$1-5 for rides and craft food (\$5 kites or bring your own). Noon–5 pm. CitiStorage (5 N. 11th St. at Kent Avenue in Williamsburg), [www.ps132pta.org](http://www.ps132pta.org).

**FESTA JUNINA DO BROOKLYN (BRAZILIAN JUNE FESTIVAL):** Delicacies, forró, quadrilha, games, raffles, and more. \$10–\$25. 12:30–4:30 pm. Saint Saviour Parish Hall, (611 Eighth Ave. between Sixth and Seventh streets in Park Slope), [festajuninado-brooklyn.blogspot.com](http://festajuninado-brooklyn.blogspot.com).

**FILM, PUPPET SHORTS:** A selection of short films for kids. \$9 (\$8 club members; \$7 children under 12). 2 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636–4129], [www.bam.org](http://www.bam.org).

**READING, BOOK LAUNCH:** “Wreck This Journal Everywhere” by Keri Smith makes it debut and asks guests to scribble, doodle, write, color, stomp and destroy a gigantic book. **Free.** 3–5 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666–3049], [www.powerhousearena.com](http://www.powerhousearena.com).

**COMEDY, COMEDY NIGHT:** Hosted by Hannibal Burrers. First come, first serve. **Free.** 9 pm. Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg, (347) 529–6696], [bk.knittingfactory.com](http://bk.knittingfactory.com).

**ART, DRINK & DRAW:** Weekly figure drawing class; model,

zations that fight human trafficking, and paper provided, or bring your own materials. **Free** (2-drink minimum). 10:30 pm. Macri Park Bar [462 Union Ave. at Metropolitan Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599–4999], [www.macripark.com](http://www.macripark.com).

## MON, JUNE 9

### PERFORMANCE

**MUSIC, TURNIP KING, KISSING IS A CRIME, IDIOT SON, BRONKO LELICH:** **Free.** 8 pm. Baby’s All Right [146 Broadway near Bedford Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599–5800], [www.babysall-right.com](http://www.babysall-right.com).

**MUSIC, THE BLACK SOFT, RED-FOOT, FLOATING COMPASS:** \$10. 8:30 pm. Glasslands [289 Kent Ave. between S. First and S. Second streets], [www.theglasslands.com](http://www.theglasslands.com).

## OTHER

**SPORTS, SENIOR FITNESS:** Yoga: **Free.** 9 am. Marine Park Nature Center [Enter at Avenue U and E. 32nd Street in Marine Park, (718) 376–1675].

**SPORTS, SENIOR FITNESS:** Yoga: **Free.** 11 am. Oxford Park [South Oxford Street between Atlantic Avenue and Commos in Fort Greene].

**COMEDY, STAND UP COMEDY:** **Free.** 9 pm. Freddy’s Bar [627 Fifth Ave. between 17th and 18th streets in Greenwood Heights, (718) 768–0131], [www.freddysbar.com](http://www.freddysbar.com).

## TUES, JUNE 10

### PERFORMANCE

**MUSIC, SOPHIE AUSTER AND CHOO CHOO CHARLIE:** \$8 – \$10. 7:30 pm. Rock Shop [249 Fourth Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Park Slope, (718) 230–5740], [www.therockshopny.com](http://www.therockshopny.com).

**COMEDY, “THE FANCY SHOW”:** Producers Michael Joyce, Langston Kerman, Lane Pieschel, Simmons McDavid and Jenny Zigrino share the stage with local talent. **Free.** 8 pm. Bar Reis [375 Fifth Ave. between 5th and 6th streets in Park Slope, (718) 974–2412].

**MUSIC, “THE WAY YA LIKE” OPEN MIC:** Local bands, musicians, singers, artists, and poets ply their craft on an open stage. Play or just listen. **Free.** 8 pm. Goodbye Blue Monday [1087 Broadway, between Lawton and Dodworth streets in Bedford-Stuyve-



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sant, (718) 453–6343], [www.myspace.com/goodbyeblue-mondayinc](http://www.myspace.com/goodbyeblue-mondayinc).

**MUSIC, DIRTY BOURBON RIVER SHOW. DANGER-MUFFIN, CATALINE CRIME:** \$10. 8 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963–3369], [www.brooklynbowl.com](http://www.brooklynbowl.com).

## OTHER

**MOVIE TRIVIA:** Six rounds, including famous movie quotes, not so famous movie quotes, and Nicolas Cage quotes. **Free.** 8:30 pm. Videology [308 Bedford Ave. at S. First Street in Williamsburg], [www.videology.info](http://www.videology.info).

**READING, STORYTIME EN ESPANOL:** Event includes reading, word practice, and activities. **Free.** 11 am. Barnes and Noble [106 Court St. in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 246–4996], [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com).

## WED, JUNE 11

### OTHER

**TALK, “HIDDEN GEMS OF GREEN-WOOD”:** See Greenwood’s glacial ponds, hear the tragic story of Charlotte Canda and visit her memorial and the graves of Louis Moreau Gottschalk, “Bill the Butcher,” Lola Montez, and other noteworthy Brooklynites. \$15 (\$10 members). 1 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Greenwood Heights, (718) 768–7300], [www.green-wood.com](http://www.green-wood.com).

**MUSIC, TITUS ANDRONICUS, EAGULLS, LOW FAT GETTING HIGH:** \$20. 7 pm. The Warsaw [261 Driggs Ave. between Leonard and Eckford streets in Williamsburg, (718) 387–0505], [www.warsawconcerts.com](http://www.warsawconcerts.com).

**THEATER, CEDAR LAKE CONTEMPORARY BALLET:** \$20 (Subscriptions start at \$16). 7:30 pm. BAM Howard Gilman Opera House [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636–4100], [www.bam.org](http://www.bam.org).

## OTHER

**TALK, CAFE B’IVRIT:** Learn conversational Hebrew, open to individuals in their twenties and thirties. **Free.** 6pm. Park Slope Armory [Eighth Avenue at 15th Street in Park Slope, (212) 673–7030 ], [www.ymcany.org/armory-sports-complex/armory-sports-home/facility](http://www.ymcany.org/armory-sports-complex/armory-sports-home/facility).

**COMEDY, FREESTANDING STANDUP:** Weekly comedy series with local talent and lots of hilarity. **Free.** 8 pm. Goodbye Blue Monday [1087 Broadway, between Lawton and Dodworth streets in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (718) 453–6343], [www.myspace.com/goodbyeblue mondayinc](http://www.myspace.com/goodbyeblue mondayinc).

## FRI, JUNE 13

### PERFORMANCE

**MUSIC, THE WAR ON DRUGS CONCERT:** Part of the 50 Kent Festival. \$20. 5–10 pm. 50 Kent (50 Kent Ave. at N. 12th Street in Greenpoint), [www.osanb.org](http://www.osanb.org).

**MUSIC, NORTHSIDE FESTIVAL SHOWCASE:** Beach Fossils, Craft Spells, Axxa, Abraxas, Juan Wauters, Donovan Blanc: \$20. 7 pm. The Warsaw [261 Driggs Ave. between Leonard and Eckford streets in Williamsburg, (718) 387–0505], [www.warsawconcerts.com](http://www.warsawconcerts.com).

**MUSIC, OMAR SOULEYMAN, DUTCH E GERM, PRINCE RAMA (DJ SET):** \$16. 8 pm. Glasslands [289 Kent Ave. between S. First and S. Second streets], [www.theglasslands.com](http://www.theglasslands.com).

**DANCE, “FROM A FIREFLY’S EYE”:** Presented by Zendor Dance Company. \$20. 8 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music, Fishman Space [321 Ashland Pl. between Lafayette Avenue and Hanson Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636–4100], [www.bam.org](http://www.bam.org).

## SAT, JUNE 14

### PERFORMANCE

**MUSIC, BERUIT:** Part of the 50 Kent Festival. \$35. 5 – 10 pm. 50 Kent (50 Kent Ave. at N. 12th Street in Greenpoint), [www.osanb.org](http://www.osanb.org).

**MUSIC, OZOMATLI, RAYA BRASS BAND:** \$20. 9 pm. Rough Trade (64 N. Ninth St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg). [www.roughtradenyc.com](http://www.roughtradenyc.com)

**MUSIC, DEAD MILKMEN:** \$25. 7 pm. The Warsaw [261 Driggs Ave. between Leonard and Eckford streets in Williamsburg, (718) 387–0505], [www.warsawconcerts.com](http://www.warsawconcerts.com).

## OTHER

**SUBWAY BIRTHDAY BASH:** The New York City subway system celebrates 110 years of service. Historic train rides, costumed interpreters, craft projects, and live entertainment. \$55 (\$30 children; free for children under 2). 9 am to 11 am. New York Transit Museum [Boerum Pl. Schermerhorn St. in Downtown, (718) 694–4952].

**BIRD WATCHING:** Families with children 8 years and older enjoy observing and identifying the some 200 species of our fine feathered friends that pass through the park. Binoculars and bird guides provided. **Free.** 10 am. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287–3400], [www.prospectpark.org/audubon](http://www.prospectpark.org/audubon).

**FATHER’S DAY STORYTIME:** Children enjoy a special story time with dad. **Free.** 2 pm. Barnes and Noble [267 Seventh Ave. in Park Slope, (718) 832–9066], [www.barnesand-noble.com](http://www.barnesand-noble.com).

**MIGHTY DADS:** Join in celebrating dads with stories and activities. **Free.** 11 am. Barnes and Noble [106 Court St. in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 246–4996], [www.barnesand-noble.com](http://www.barnesand-noble.com).

**FATHER’S DAY:** Celebrate the daddy in your life, listen to jazz music, and make a gift for dad. Free with museum admission. 2:30 pm. Brooklyn Children’s Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735–4400], [www.brooklynkids.org](http://www.brooklynkids.org).



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# Boody students cut a rug at recital

**BY MAX JAEGER**  
They danced to their own tune.  
David A. Boody Junior High School's dance students wowed on May 29 and 30 during a recital dubbed "The Life of a Dancer." The school's principal said the event displayed dexterity but also showed where rhythm and acrobatics fit into a well-rounded education.  
"Through dance we're

able to do a lot of learning to support the math, the English language arts, and other core subject areas," said Dominick D'Angelo.  
The recital began with a video clip about the science behind shaking it, but soon students were jumping and jiving in numbers that illustrated what it's like to live a life full of rigorous practice, trying auditions, and big, onstage payoffs.

The school also screened a film that digital art magnet made in collaboration with dancers called "Children Serving Children." The film documents eighth-graders who performed for young cancer patients at Maimonides Medical Center. The students first twisted and shouted for the young convalescents during a Brighton Beach Ballet recital at Kingsborough

Community College, but when they found out the kids were actually too under-the-weather to come to the show, Boody students took their act bed-side and visited kids in the hospital.  
Students said they wanted to use their gift to make the world better.  
"Since we all have a passion for dance, we should dance for a cause," said eighth-grader Mariah Fuentes.

**ON YOUR FEET:** (Above) These "butterflies" show that dance occurs all around us in nature. (Center) Boody Junior High School sixth-graders, from left, Nicole Polovinka, Kamaria O'Sullivan, Kylee Morabito, Anastasia Hudikva, and Shanaia DeCoteau illustrate that dance is a part of nature during a recital at the school on May 30. (Right) Sixth-graders cut a rug to "Dancin' in the Street."  
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# Vegas Diner is still the gold standard after all these years

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

The New York Daily News named it the best diner in Brooklyn — twice.

But Brooklynites have known that for years. We started dining here when we listened to a group called The Trammys sing, “Disco, that’s where the happy people go,” on a device called the radio. And where did we go after the disco?

To the Vegas Diner on 86th Street, of course. It was the place to be. And we ordered disco fries. Or devoured a breakfast of Belgium waffles, before going home to sleep, hoping it would help absorb the alcohol.

It doesn’t matter if you’re not part of that party anymore. Vegas Diner still keeps everyone happy. It remains open 24 hours, seven days a week, so you can come in for stacks of chocolate chip pancakes anytime the craving strikes. Bring the kiddies because Vegas Diner is so family-friendly, it offers kids’ dishes.

The menu is as heavy as a brick, and it’s almost as thick. You can spend half an hour reading it. Or, you can simply tell the waiter what you want.

In the mood for something sweet? The tall glass displays — two sentinels at the entrance of the doorway — wave their vibrant red strawberries, covered in rich, dark chocolate. Say hello to the chocolate box pastry, stuffed with red cherries, mounds of whipped cream, then crowned with chocolate candy and sprinkles. Or maybe it’s the blueberry-topped cheesecake that whispers your name as you pass by.

Take a seat at a booth by the window, or choose a table in a quieter spot. A bursting basket of bread is presented, followed by a platter of pickles, beets, Cole slaw, and chickpea salad. Then, a relish tray — olives, carrots, radishes, celery — covered with cracked ice, also makes



(Clockwise from left) Co-owner Teddy Vlamis — one of the original owners — holds a delicious strawberry cheesecake. From left, hostess Mayra Mendoza, waiter George Skevoficax, hostess Aracely Sosa, and hostess Miriam Quintun are ready to seat you. Nicky Lucke loves the sandwiches. Christina Reyes digs in to her breakfast.

Photos by Steve Solomonson

an appearance. And you haven’t even ordered yet.

If you’re ready for a mega meal, the \$29.95 dinner includes soup, salad, a main entrée, potato, vegetable, dessert, coffee, tea, or soda. The entrée possibilities are seemingly endless: Rumanian steak with shrimp and baked clams. You don’t pick one — you get all three. Or, veal chop, fish, and baked clams. Yup, that’s one entrée. Or, perhaps you prefer fillet Florentine with crab-stuffed mushrooms. Come hungry — or prepare to fight the dog for the take-home bag.

On the other hand, if you’re counting calories, you’ve also come to the right place. Order a plate of grilled chicken that’s overflowing with stir-fried

veggies galore — string beans, zucchini, mushrooms, broccoli, carrots, and cauliflower.

Salad entrees are mountains of greens, served in clear bowls, topped with anything you’d like. Grilled chicken is a popular one. Or, indulge in the cold salad platters, served with potato salad, Cole slaw, boiled eggs, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, scallions, and crackers.

Who doesn’t remember those late-night staples like pizza burgers, stacks of onion rings, thick French fries, fried shrimp baskets; and seasoned potato loops. Fried-food heaven.

There’s so much on the menu, yet the Vegas Diner includes daily specials,

too. Maybe a Chilean sea bass or a stack of pork baby back ribs with barbecued chicken. What a feast.

The diner packs the paninis. Signature deli-style panini sandwiches are served on homemade ciabatta bread that’s been grilled on a press. The borough’s namesake, The Brooklyn Grill, has pastрами with melted Swiss and Russian dressing. The diner’s namesake, The Vegas, features turkey, corned beef, fresh mozzarella, bacon, tomato, and mayo. And for those looking to eat light, there’s a Green Apple Tuna melt with tomato mayo, and American cheese.

When you order a glass of wine, it arrives in its own 187-milliliter bottle. Mer-

lot is the popular Barefoot wine from California, a good choice. There’s a full bar menu, and if you prefer non-alcoholic drinks, take your pick: Lime Rickey, ice cream soda, malted milk, and nostalgic delights.

The Vegas Diner has brought bragging rights to the borough since 1982. Just to put things in perspective, that’s the year Time Magazine named The Computer “Person of the Year.” That’s the year Sony introduced the world to the first CD player. It was also the year Prince William was born. Teddy Vlamis remains one of Vegas Diner’s original owners. He is partners with Frankie Mabromihalis, whose dad was a primary owner; and with John

Spiros who joined about three years ago. Recently, John Spiros passed away and will be greatly missed by his family, the staff at Vegas and all the patrons who loved him dearly.

Loyal patrons include Bensonhurst couple Annemarie and John Abramowsky, who met each other on June 29, 1995 on a blind date at the Vegas Diner. Nearly two decades later, they still celebrate anniversaries here.

The Vegas Diner is as much about memories as it is about food. It fills the stomach and the soul.

*The Vegas Diner [1619 86th St. between 16th and 17th avenues in Bensonhurst, (718) 331-2221]. Open 24 hours, seven days a week.*



# Pratt designer wins award for shag stool

## CLINTON HILL

Take a seat and put your hands together for Pratt senior **Kaitlyn McKay**, a multidisciplinary artist who won the "Bklyn New Talent" award for her shag stool.

Kaitlyn's win earned her the one-in-a-



million chance to showcase her work at last month's Bklyn Designs design show, co-sponsored by **aptsandlofts.com**, the annual crowd-pleaser attracting a who's who of the design world, with aptsandlofts.com renting a booth just for her!

Bklyn Designs is one of the biggest design shows in the city, allowing new and emerging designers the visibility they need before an international audience to grow their business, claimed Standing O pal **Carlo Scissura**, president and CEO of **Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce**, adding Kaitlyn's design promoted Brooklyn.

"Kaitlyn McKay's shag stool exemplifies what we love about Brooklyn's design community — craftsmanship, beauty, and an influence that transcends time and geography," he said.

Standing O agrees. Brooklyn is all about the beauty and community that goes into creating a true "heartform."

The designer looked to Scandinavia for ideas.

"I was inspired to create the shag stool by the body of a late 1800s Swedish stool," Kaitlyn, who is interested in a marriage between handcraft and mass production, told Standing O.

*Pratt Institute [200 Willoughby Ave. at Hall Street in Clinton Hill, (718) 636-3600].*

## MIDWOOD

### You gotta have heart

Heartfelt Standing Os to Beth Israel Brooklyn division nurse **Patricia Davitt**, physical therapist **Elizabeth Tangney**, and respirator therapist and director of administration **Vadim Leyko**, who were awarded the "2014 Heart Award" at a hospital break-



**THREE CHEERS:** From left, honoree Frank Naccarato, with wife Sara, sister-in-law Mimma Gaudio, and Jim Tallon, president of the United Hospital Fund, at the awards ceremony at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

## Applause to do-gooder trustees

### BOROUGH PARK

Cheers and congratulations to **Frank Naccarato**, a volunteer leader and trustee at **Maimonides Medical Center**, whose brass recognized him and 28 other do-gooding trustees for their extraordinary leadership and service to the hospital.

The big-hearted bunch enjoyed a whoop-de-do gala hosted by the United Hospital Fund at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in that other borough across the East River.

Fund president **Jim Tallon** explained why **United Hospital Fund**

chose the honorees.

"Commitment and leadership are the values that we are celebrating today," he said. "These volunteer leaders are dedicated to serving their communities' needs, bringing informed insights from their own professions, and ensuring that hospitals continue to innovate and deliver the highest quality of care."

Standing O is privileged to shout out to Frank and the other trustees for their good work.

*Maimonides Medical Center [4802 10th Ave. at 50th Street in Borough Park, (718) 283-6000].*

fast reception last month.

The nominees were voted by their peers — a testament to their dedication, said the veeper for administration.

"There is no greater honor than to be recognized by one's peers," said **Rhony Hetsrony**.

The winners received a crystal plaque and certificate, and can now add this Standing O to their accolades.

*Mount Sinai Beth Israel Brooklyn [3201 Kings Hwy. at E. 32nd Street in Midwood, (718) 252-3000].*

### BOROUGH WIDE

### It's a winning day!

A thousand and one words of congratulations to this year's winners of the 28th annual citywide **Ezra Jack Keats Foun-**

**dation Bookmaking Competition:** **Gianluca Pellegrini** and **Ping Wen Lin** of PS-1S 229 the Dyker School won in grades three to five for their submission "Journey to the Stars." **Alex Trinidad** and **Brian Tzic**, who attend P77K in Flatbush, took top prize in grades six to eight for their joint collaboration named "New York City."

Judges said the budding writers and illustrators were the cream of the crop for best embodying the Ezra legacy of hard work. They received \$500 and had their books displayed at the Brooklyn Public Library at Grand Army Plaza.

### Brooklyn's Best

A shout-out to borough daughter **Melissa Goldin** and **Brynn Wilkins** of Fairport, N.Y., who won first place for their film "TubStep" at the ninth annual Gollin Film



## CROWN HEIGHTS

### Fantabulous Fantauzzi

**TD Bank**, America's most convenient bank, has named **Cecilia Fantauzzi** vice president and store manager of its Crown Heights branch.

Standing O pal Cecilia will be responsible for new business development, consumer and business lending, managing personnel, and overseeing day-to-day operations.

The veteran money maven is no stranger to commerce — she has been in the business for 10 years where she developed an expertise for business development and community involvement. Prior to coming to the convenient bank, Cecilia was an area manager at Flushing Bank, covering the Williamsburg, Brooklyn Heights, Borough Park, and Bay Ridge areas.

She is a member of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, the Senior Umbrella Network of Brooklyn, Williamsburg Southside Merchants Association, and North Crown Heights Merchants Association.

The busy bee also makes time to volunteer for the American Heart Association and St. Nick's Alliance.

Standing O is putting out the welcome mat and leaving the porch light on for the fantabulous Fantauzzi!

*TD Bank [1715 Bedford Ave. at Empire Boulevard in Crown Heights, (888) 751-9000].*

Festival at the University of Rochester. An Oscar can't be far behind.

## SUNSET PARK

### Big-hearted bucks

Many thanks to generous members of the **Lutheran Medical Center Auxiliary** for presenting **Lutheran Medical Center** with a \$60,000 donation — to add to the more than \$2 million they have gifted the hospital over the years.

The greenbacks were presented during a gala luncheon last month at Sirico's restaurant in Bay Ridge.

Standing O says, "Thanks for the donations, and keep up the good deeds."

*Lutheran Medical Center [150 55th St. at First Avenue in Sunset Park, (718) 630-7296].*



● 'It feels kind of weird that that was our last time we are playing together.'

— Bishop Loughlin's Khadeen Carrington on his last game with Mike Williams as teammates at the Mayor's Cup

● 'You have to know that people are gunning for you.'

— Telecom third baseman Joshua Mercado on the season after taking the city title

# Loughlin duo dazzles in last game as teammates

Carrington and Williams help Catholic League to Mayor's Cup win

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Bishop Loughlin stars Khadeen Carrington and Mike Williams realized as opponents that they were headed for their final game as teammates.

Williams said the two talked while competing on opposite travel teams at the Catholic Youth Program tournament in Port Chester last week about how the March 29 Mayor's Cup boys' basketball all-star game was their last go around together. The two made it a memorable one as they led the Catholic League to a 108-86 victory over their Public School counterparts last Saturday at City College.

The Seton Hall-bound Carrington scored 18 points and earned most valuable player honors. Williams, who is headed to Rutgers, chipped in 13 points. The two played three years together on the varsity.

"We were talking about how this was going to be our last time playing with each other ever so we have to put on a show," Williams said.

The two and their Catholic League teammates toyed with defenses all game. Carrington attacked the basket at will and Williams connected on two long jumpers early in the game. Nazareth star Samson Usilo also added nine points. Carrington enjoyed the process of earning city bragging rights for his league.

"I think at the end of every season you have to take



**DYNAMIC DUO:** Bishop Loughlin's Khadeen Carrington (above) scored 18 points and earned most valuable player honors at the Mayor's Cup. Teammate Michael Williams (right) chipped in 13 points. The Catholic League won Saturday's contest 108-86.

Photos by Robert Cole

time off and play a couple of games so you can be yourself instead of playing under pressure," he said.

He and Williams leave



as two of Loughlin's most successful players, despite never claiming an elusive city title—though they won the school's first Brooklyn-

Queens diocesan crown since 2008 this season, and reached a second-straight intersectional final.

Carrington, a four-year varsity player, is the Lions' all-time leading scorer with 2,196 points. He averaged 24.2 points per game this season and was named the regular season's most valuable player in the Catholic League. Williams is a 1,000-point scorer and left his mark as one of the city's best shooters and defenders.

"It feels kind of weird that that was our last time we are playing together under the whistle," Carrington said. "It was great while it lasted."

The two were rivals just a few days earlier at the Catholic Youth Program tournament, as Carrington's Gauchos team beat Williams's The City squad. It was all in friendly fun. They will be opponents again in college, suiting up for New Jersey's two best-known programs.

Williams said he would miss their relationship off the court as much as their chemistry on the hardwood. He will have to find someone new to be his close friend and steady force at Rutgers. The two left something special behind at the Mayor's Cup game.

"That's my brother," Williams said. "He's like my older brother. He always makes sure I'm good. He always tells me to calm down on the court. I'm going to miss that."



**ON THE RUN:** Telecom's Anthony Nunez rounds third and scores against Lafayette. Photo by Steve Schnibbe

## Balanced Telecom sets sights on a city-title repeat

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

This year's Telecommunications squad doesn't lack for talent, but it will be less reliant on star power.

Centerfielder Josh Palacios and ace Christopher Lee were key players when Telecom won its first Public School Athletic League baseball city championship last year. With both of them lost to graduation, the dynamic has changed as the team tries for a repeat.

"We have more of a balanced team," said senior shortstop Anthony Nunez.

The Yellow Jackets showed that off in an 11-2 win in their league opener over host Lafayette on March 27.

Six different players collected hits and drove in runs, and senior starter Juan Rodriguez allowed just two runs and two hits over six innings of work, while striking out 10.

"I think we always had a balanced team, but I think it's still balanced," Telecom coach Ed

D'Alessio said. "If you saw the lineup today everybody hit."

His team returns an experienced core despite the loss of Palacios, who was last season's All-Brooklyn player of the year pick by the Courier. The entire infield is back. Nunez will bat second in front of junior third baseman Johua Mercado and bruising first baseman Austin Ruiz. Sophomore catcher Isaiah Spears is also returning. D'Alessio raved about Nunez's hot start to the season and believes Ruiz can develop into a dominant force with a little more focus at the plate.

"All of us have great speed," Nunez said. "We all hit for contact."

Four transfers from Bishop Ford, three of whom will start in the outfield, also bolster Telecom. Tyrell Hardy leads off and is in centerfield, Marcos Castillo will play right field and Kevin Urena is in left. Evan Layne will be

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# Sanabria coming to Brooklyn

## St. Francis College lands St. Peter's star point guard

**BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI**  
Glenn Sanabria ended his travel ball season with New Heights last summer with an uneasy feeling — and without a college scholarship offer — despite being on a team that won the national title.

The St. Peter's point guard was told to be patient and keep with it, and he was eventually rewarded — finding a home at St. Francis College in Brooklyn.

"After summer, when I had no scholarships, it was very tough," Sanabria said. "Just mentally it's, 'What else can I do? What did I do wrong?'"

By the time his senior season was over, he had done everything right and was able to verbally commit last week to play basketball at St. Francis.

The 5-foot-11 Sanabria picked the Terriers over Central Connecticut State and a number of Division-



**BROOKLYN BOUND:** Glenn Sanabria verbally committed to play for St. Francis College.  
Photo by Robert Cole

II programs. He wanted to stay close to home on Staten Island so his family could come to games, but he also felt welcomed by the team on his unofficial visits, and was impressed with the honesty of head coach Glenn Braica.

"He didn't really prom-

ise me anything, but he promised me an opportunity to come in and just work," Sanabria said. "That's what I am going to do. I'm going to work for everything I have."

That's exactly what he did this season.

Sanabria averaged 13.4 points per game and his ability to win on offense helped lead the Eagles to a 27-4 record. St. Peter's handed city power Cardinal Hayes its only regular-season loss, and reached the Archdiocesan title game. Its trip to the intersectional semifinals was the furthest a Staten Island team has gone on over a decade. It was in a city quarterfinal victory over Molloy and a semifinal loss to Bishop Loughlin where Sanabria impressed the St. Francis College coaches.

"Coach Braica has done a great job identifying kids just like Glenn — those diamonds-in-the-rough-

type kids in the city," New Heights coach Chris Alesi said.

In Sanabria, the Terriers get a true point guard and a winning player who makes his teammates around him better.

His jump shot and physical strength has improved, and he has always had a knack for getting to the basket. Sanabria feels he will mesh well with Terrier forwards Jalen Cannon, Wayne Martin, and Amdy Fall.

"I thought it was a good system for me," Sanabria said.

He called the scholarship offer the perfect cap to his senior year. Sanabria was happy to be joining an improving program like St. Francis College.

"I have the rest of my senior year to work and get better," Sanabria said. "I'm just really excited for what's ahead of me."

# Our picks for boys' basketball honors

**BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI**  
Brooklyn continued to prove it is the city's premier basketball borough, despite the lack of championships brought home this season.

Abraham Lincoln and Bishop Loughlin were loaded with Division-I talent and were two of the best squads in the tri-state area. Loughlin won the Brooklyn-Queens championship, but lost in the city final. Jefferson made its third straight appearance in the Public School Athletic League Class AA title game and Bishop Ford went on an unexpected run to the Catholic Class A championship game. Bedford Academy and Berkeley Carroll also could not finish off deep playoff runs. The only team to bring hardware back to the borough was Brooklyn Community Arts and Media, which was 30-0 when it claimed the Public School Class B crown.

Here are the players who



**TOP DOG:** Bishop Loughlin's Khadeen Carrington earns our Player of the Year nod.  
Photo by Denis Gostev

kept Brooklyn basketball atop the city:

**All-Brooklyn Player of the Year:** Khadeen Carrington, Bishop Loughlin

The Seton Hall-bound Carrington took his game to another level this season. His jump shot became more consistent, making him a nightmare to guard. The senior and Loughlin's

all-time leading scorer, was the Catholic league's regular-season most valuable player after averaging 24.2 points per game and scoring 20 or more points 19 times. Carrington dropped in 42 points help Loughlin win its first diocesan crown since 2008. But his 21 points weren't enough to get the Lions past Christ the King for the city title and provide the perfect cap to a stellar senior season.

**All-Brooklyn Coach of the Year:** Lawrence "Bud" Pollard, Thomas Jefferson

Pollard declared himself the new big dog in Brooklyn after the Orange Wave pulled the upset of the season by beating Abraham Lincoln in the Public School Athletic League Class AA semifinals. Jefferson finished second in the division and had lost to the Railsplitters three times before knocking them off. Pollard's intense style was able to keep his players

motivated to reach the program's third-straight city final. He had the Orange Wave closing in on the elusive crown before falling to Cardozo in the closing seconds.

**All-Brooklyn First Team:**

**Guard:** Daquaise Andrews, Thomas Jefferson

Andrews was one of the city's more underrated performers. The senior averaged 15.5 points, 9.6 rebounds, and four assists per game. He did everything on the court for the Orange Wave. Andrews led Jefferson to a second-place finish in the Brooklyn AA division, and his 20 points in an upset of Abraham Lincoln in the semifinals helped earn the Orange Wave a ticket to its third-straight city title game.

**Guard:** Davere Creighton, Brooklyn Collegiate

The junior forward was a dynamic force in the

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# College tourney deals put Barclays ahead of Garden

The Barclays Center took a significant step towards surpassing Madison Square Garden as New York City's premier destination for college basketball with the announcement of its deals with the Atlantic Coast and Atlantic-10 conferences.

The Atlantic Coast Conference is arguably the nation's top men's basketball league, featuring programs such as Duke, North Carolina, Syracuse, and Notre Dame, among others. The Barclays Center will host its conference tournament in 2017 and 2018. It will bring famous coaches like Duke's Mike Krzyzewski, Syracuse's Jim Boehiem, and North Carolina's Roy Williams to Brooklyn.

It likely won't be the only time Brooklynites will get to see them and their teams in action.

The home of the Brooklyn Nets will also host double-headers with teams from the Atlantic 10 taking on squads from the Atlantic Coast Conference. Which teams the leagues bring to Brooklyn will determine the dominance the Barclays Center has over college basketball in the area. Games between also-rans will not be must-have tickets.

My gut says the leagues and Barclays are too smart to let that happen.

Across town, Madison Square Garden is locked into a long-term contract to host the Big East tournament. Right now, the league is a shadow of what it once was before teams left last year for greener pastures and greater money for their football programs in the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Big Ten. Marquette coach Buzz



## JOE KNOWS

by Joe Staszewski

Williams just left the Big East to coach Virginia Tech in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The Big East's top teams, such as Xavier, Creighton, and Villanova, don't exactly create the same buzz as Louisville, Syracuse, and UConn used to. The Big East desperately needs St. John's and Georgetown to be major players, and right now that is just not the case. Until then, the Big East tournament won't come close to being the event it used to be.

The Barclays Center also remains the home of the Atlantic 10 tournament for the next two years, and it returns when the Atlantic Coast Conference leaves for another venue in 2019. The Atlantic 10 conference is becoming one of the nation's best, with six teams in this year's NCAA tournament, and Dayton making the elite. While its teams outside of Fordham don't have a local appeal, players from across the five boroughs fill Atlantic-10 rosters.

It all adds up to the Barclays Center being in position to become the must-be destination for college hoops fans.





**HOOPS MECCA:** The Atlantic Coast Conference tournament will be played at Barclays in 2017 and 2018. The Atlantic-10 tourney will be at the arena in 2015-2017, and then return 2019-2021.

Photo by Bess Adler

# Barclays grabs top college hoop tournaments

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Barclays Center has entered a partnership with the Atlantic Coast and Atlantic-10 conferences that will bring more elite college basketball games to Brooklyn, it announced at a press conference on March 26.

“Brooklyn is the heart of basketball in this city,” Barclays Center chief executive officer Brett Yor-mark said. “College basketball is a major part of this venue.”

It will host the Atlantic Coast Conference men’s basketball tournament in March of 2017 and 2018. The Atlantic-10 conference’s post season tournament, which has been played at the Barclays Center the last two seasons, will remain there until 2017 and return from 2019-2021.

Atlantic Coast Conference Commissioner John Swofford said that adding teams such as Syracuse, Pittsburgh and Notre Dame this season and Louisville for the upcoming campaign to his conference made it logical to have a greater presence in the New York market.

“With our league’s footprint spanning the entire Atlantic coast this is a perfect opportunity for us to bring the ACC tournament to the media capital of the world,” Swofford said. “The 15 member institutions in the ACC have strong ties to New York.

Yor-mark said that bringing Syracuse to his

arena has been a goal. Madison Square Garden is contracted to host the Big East basketball tournament through 2026.

The Atlantic Coast Conference includes schools such as Duke, North Carolina, Virginia, and Wake Forest, among others. The Atlantic-10 has Fordham and flagship schools such as Virginia Commonwealth University, Dayton, UMass, and St. Joseph’s University.

“The rich tradition of the ACC, and combining that in an alliance in this agreement is nothing but phenomenal, and I think will pay great dividends in the future,” said Atlantic-10 commissioner Bernadette McGlade.

She said her coaches have raved out their experience playing at the Barclays Center, and Swofford expects to hear the same from his crew. He said he wants their brand in New York City.

“I firmly believe the experience for our players, our coaches, and our fans will be second to none when we come to Barclays,” Swofford said.

Yor-mark believes the agreement and the teams it will bring to Brooklyn will differentiate the Barclays Center from other arenas around the country.

“It puts us in a class by ourselves when it comes to college basketball — not only in this market, but around the country,” Yor-mark said.

## Honors

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paint for the Lions. He averaged 15.8 points per game and 9.1 rebounds as Brooklyn Collegiate finished tied for third in Brooklyn AA. Creighton had 10 points and eight rebounds in the Lions’ upset win over No. 2 Wings Academy in the city quarterfinals.

**Forward:** Desi Rodriguez, Abraham Lincoln

The Seton Hall-bound forward really stepped up his game this season, helping him earn a Division-I scholarship. The super-athletic Rodriguez has a blue-collar work ethic on the boards, making him one of the city’s best offensive rebounders. He averaged 18.2 points and 11 rebounds and formed a dynamic duo with Whitehead. Rodriguez also wowed crowds with his highlight-reel dunks.

**Guard:** Isaiah Whitehead, Abraham Lincoln

The McDonald’s All-American lived up to the hype. The Seton Hall-bound senior was trouble to guard with his speed and smooth jumper. He led Lincoln to a national ranking during the regular season and a Brooklyn borough title. Whitehead averaged 23.5 points, 6.7 rebounds and 5.3 assists per game. His career came to an early end in city semifinal loss to Thomas Jefferson.

**Guard:** Mike Williams, Bishop Loughlin

There may not be a better shooter in New York City. The Rutgers-bound Williams averaged 16.9 points per game to help his school win its first Brooklyn-Queens diocesan title since 2008. He dropped in 18 of his game-high 30 points against St. Peter’s in the intersectional semifinals to propel Loughlin to its second-straight final. Williams



Photo by Steve Solomonson



Photo by Ken Maldonado

**SUPERIOR SQUAD:** (Clockwise from above) Brooklyn Collegiate’s Davere Creighton, Bishop Ford’s Mike Williams, Lincoln’s Isaiah Whitehead, and Jefferson’s Daquaise Andrews all made our All-Brooklyn First Team.

is also a tenacious defender and rebounder.

**All-Brooklyn Second Team:**

**Forward:** Elisha Boone, Abraham Lincoln

The St. Peter’s-bound forward transferred to Lincoln and showed the city he was a more dynamic player than the one they saw at Bishop Loughlin his sophomore year. He averaged 13.8 points per game during the regular season and increased to 20.4 in five playoff games. Boone is superb in transition and a high flyer.

**Forward:** Javian Delacruz, Bishop Loughlin

Delacruz was one of the city’s most clutch shooters and an important reason the Lions had one of the best seasons in the city. He hit backbreaking three-pointers at key moments on a nightly basis. Delacruz averaged 14.2 points per game and dropped in 15 points in Loughlin’s regular season over Chirst the King.



Photo by Steve Schimble



Photo by Steve Solomonson

**Guard:** Isaiah Gurley, George Westinghouse

Gurley was a major reason for Westinghouse’s resurgent season. The senior quietly went about averaging 16.6 points per game along with 7.5 assists and 6.5 rebounds. He helped power his team to tie for third in the ultra-competitive Brooklyn AA division.

**Guard:** Shamorie Ponds, Thomas Jefferson

The super sophomore was exactly that. Ponds proved he is an elite and explosive young player, averaging 15.4 points, 5.8

rebounds and 5.6 assists during the regular season. Ponds dropped in 21 points in Jefferson’s upset victory over Lincoln. He has a bright future ahead.

**Guard:** Samson Usilo, Nazareth

The Kingsmen didn’t repeat as city champions, but that didn’t stop Usilo from having the best season of his career. The ultra-athletic wing was again a dominant force, and one of the city’s must-see dunkers. His jump shot also improved to help Naz string 17 straight wins together.

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part of the Yellow Jackets’ pitching rotation.

“All of them cover a lot of space back there,” Mercado said of the outfielders. “They are going to be solid for us.”

D’Alessio is also pleased with the quality of pitchers

he can throw out there.

Javier Toribio threw a big inning in relief and will be aided by Mercado out of the bullpen. Junior Nicholas Candelerio will join Rodriguez and Layne in the starting rotation. Rodriguez is hoping to take over Lee’s spot at the ace of the pitching staff, but knows it’s a distinction he still has to earn.

“I want to show coach what I have,” Rodriguez said.

The players are trying to move past last season, knowing their new faces and new roles make this team a totally different squad from the one that brought home the hardware. Still they aren’t running from the expectations and the extra

effort from opponents that comes from being the defending champions.

“You have to know that people are gunning for you,” Mercado said. “You use to be the underdogs, now everyone is looking at you as a top contender. Every day, every game, somebody is trying to get you. We just have to stay hungry.”



LEGAL NOTICE

**I Store Green Self Storage** will sell at public auction at 12 Hall Street, Brooklyn, NY all the personal property consisting of household goods and misc. items; Theodora Diggs Unit# B20005; Gilbert Mahones Unit# B20037; Michael Cora Unit# B20067; Corrie Van Sice Unit# B20117; Greeta Braithwaite Unit# B21122; Sean Stockton Unit# B21138; Charles Whitley Unit# B22120, B22157; Agnes Simmonds Unit# B22170; Colin Raerun Unit# B2332; Janice D Williams Unit# B24051; Elmine Charlery Unit# B25005; Stacy Harrison Unit# B2611; Rand Weeks Unit# B2630, B2632; Ibrahima K. Diallo Unit# N3L116; Marie Naughton Unit# B2761; James Casebere Unit# B27L46; Saudi E. Smallwood Unit# N240; Margaret Atkins Unit# N242; Thomas DeLucia Unit# N3L042; Chris McElroen Unit# N3L057; At 11am on June 19, 2014 at I Store Green Self Storage 12 Hall Street, Brooklyn, NY 11205. Owner reserves the right to bid at auction, reject any or all bids, and to cancel or adjourn the sale without further notice. To resolve this claim, contact the Manager at 718-855-4477

LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANK**, as Successor in Interest to CFS BANK, Plaintiff against GUIDING LIGHT PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES, INC., ET AL., Defendants (Index No. 35234/2007) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated January 27, 2014, and duly entered herein, I will sell at public auction at KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201, IN ROOM 224 on THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2014 at 2:30 p.m., the premises known as 2527 Church Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226 (Block 5090, Lots 70 and 71) and more particularly described as: ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the building

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and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of Church Avenue, distant 327.16 feet Westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Church Avenue and the westerly side of Rogers Avenue; RUNNING THENCE Westerly along the northerly side of Church Avenue, 40.00 feet to the easterly side of land now or formerly of Byron; THENCE Northerly along the easterly line of said land of Byron, 119.82 feet to the center line of the block; THENCE Easterly along said center line of block, 40.00 feet; THENCE in a southerly direction, 120.11 feet to the northerly side of Church Avenue, the point or place of BEGINNING. Amount of judgment: \$359,857.64 plus interest, fees and costs. Dated: May 12, 2014 Helene Blank, Esq., Referee Forchelli, Curto, Deegan, Schwartz, Mineo & Terrana, LLP Attorneys for the Plaintiff The Omni 333 Earl Ovington Blvd., Suite 1010 Uniondale, New York 11553

LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS** Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee on behalf of HSI Asset Securitization Corporation Trust 2007-NC1, Plaintiff, against Gregory Lawrence; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 18, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201 on June 19, 2014 at 2:30PM, premises known as 9805 Flatlands Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11236 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Section 24 Block

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8186 Lot 8. Approximate amount of judgment \$696,056.26 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 15096/08. Sol Needle, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: May 8, 2014 1093172 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 06/06/2014

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**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY.** NYCTL 2008-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS COL-LATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Pltf. vs. BEDFORD PLACE LLC, et al, Defts.Index #32589/09. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Nov. 20, 2012 and order entered Feb. 25, 2014, I will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY on June 12, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. prem. k/a 727 Bedford Place, Unit S7, Brooklyn, NY a/k/a Section 3, Block 01715, Lot 1008. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$8,800.51 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale and the right of the United States of America to redeem within 120 days from the date of sale as provided by law. STEVEN H. RICHMAN, Referee. SHAPIRO, DICARO & BARAK, LLC, Attys. For Pltf., 105 Maxess Rd., Ste. N109, Melville, NY. (631) 844-9611. File No. 09-081031 - #84037

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**14 Lincoln Place LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/01/13 Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 14 Lincoln Pl., Brooklyn, NY 11217. General Purposes.

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**1518 GREENE AVE LLC,** a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 3/17/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is

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designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 112 Crestwood Blvd., Farmingdale, NY 11735. General Purpose.

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**343 6TH AVENUE LIMITED HOLDINGS LLC,** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/14/2014. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Ramon Maislen, 159 20th Street, #2B-36, 36 Brooklyn, NY 11232. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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**422 LOUISIANA REALTY LLC,** a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 4/25/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 234 Logan St., Brooklyn, NY 11208. General Purpose.

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**550 55TH STREET REALTY LLC,** a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 4/16/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 124 Swinnerton St., Staten Island, NY 10307. General Purpose.

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**AG 2013 LLC,** a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 3/5/13. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Donald Matheson, 68 Jay St., Ste. 424, Brooklyn, NY 11201. General Purpose.

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**BECKJUR, LLC,** a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 4/4/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may

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be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 123 7th Ave., Box 216, Brooklyn, NY 11215. General Purpose.

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**CAFE EDNA LLC,** a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 3/24/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 195 Nassau Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11222. General Purpose.

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**Deco Development LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/03/14 Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1733 Sheephead Bay Rd., Ste. 29, Brooklyn, NY 11235. General Purposes.

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**GREENE UPREAL LLC,** a foreign LLC, filed with the SSNY on 3/14/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Elevation Holdings LLC, 308 Malcolm X Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11233. General Purposes.

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**JT LAND VENTURES, LLC** Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/2/2014. Office in Kings Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 1847 Shore Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11214, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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**LIFFEY ACQUISITION LLC,** a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 7/30/13. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be

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served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 155 Meserole Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11222. General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

**LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY** Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC) Name: PARALEX REALTY LLC Articles of Organization filed by the Department of State of New York on: 12/26/2013 Office location: County of Kings Purpose: any and all lawful activities. Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 73 Main Street Tuckahoe, NY 10707

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**LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY** Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC) Name: YIHE BROOKLYN HOLDINGS LLC Articles of Organization filed by the Department of State of New York on: 02/27/2014 Office location: County of Kings Purpose: any and all lawful activities. Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 424 Broadway Somerville, MA 02145

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**MARGEN LLC** Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/29/2014. Office in Kings Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 9602 4th Ave., Unit L1, Brooklyn, NY 11209, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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**MARIPOSSA WELLNESS LLC,** a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 1/23/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be

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served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 223 Baltic St., #1, Brooklyn, NY 11201. General Purpose.

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**Munificent LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/28/14. Office in Kings Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to C/O Freddy Graham, 111 E 21st St. # E10, Brooklyn, NY 11226. Purpose: General.

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**Name of Foreign LLC:** HOOLUX MEDICAL LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State: 4/25/14. NYS fict. name: Hooluix LLC. Office loc.: Kings Co. LLC formed in DE: 9/6/13. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Business Filings Inc., 187 Wolf Rd., Ste. 101, Albany, NY 12205. DE addr. of LLC: 108 W. 13th St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act.

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**Name of LLC:** 120 East Sanford Associates LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/21/03. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 4706 18th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: any lawful act.

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**Name of LLC:** Aku Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 5/13/14. Office loc.: Kings Co. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 10955 Lowell, Ste. 800, Overland Park, KS 66210, also the address to be maintained in KS. Arts of Org. filed with the KS Secy. of State, Memorial Hall, 1st Fl., 120 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66612-1594. Purpose: to practice the profession of Public Accountancy and any lawful activities.

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**Name of LLC: Clear Picture Production Services LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 4/14/14. Office loc.: Kings Co. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Business Filings Inc., 187 Wolf Rd., Ste. 101, Albany, NY 12205, regd. agt. upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful act.

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**Name of LLC:** Mark in Milwaukee LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 4/18/14. Office loc.: Kings Co. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Business Filings Inc., 187 Wolf Rd., Ste. 101, Albany, NY 12205, regd. agt. upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful act.

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**Name of LLC:** Possibilities LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 5/14/14. Office loc.: Kings Co. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Business Filings Inc., 187 Wolf Rd., Ste. 101, Albany, NY 12205, regd. agt. upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful act.

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**Notice of Qualification** of Keller & Owens, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/10/14. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Kansas (KS) on 12/24/97. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 10955 Lowell, Ste. 800, Overland Park, KS 66210, also the address to be maintained in KS. Arts of Org. filed with the KS Secy. of State, Memorial Hall, 1st Fl., 120 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66612-1594. Purpose: to practice the profession of Public Accountancy and any lawful activities.



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**Notice is hereby** given a license, number (PEND-ING) for on-premises Liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell liquor at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 502 Grand Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211 for on premises consumption. OnysGrand Corp. D/B/A Chuvoy's Restaurant

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**Notice of formation** of 1428, LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/31/2014. NY office location: KINGS County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is 900 GRAND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11211 Purpose/character of LLC: REAL ESTATE BUSINESS ACTIVITY. BG 6x 5/2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 6/6 2014.

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**Notice of Formation** of 265 SUMPTER STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/06/99. Office location: KINGS County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, 4910 15th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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**Notice of Formation** of 5605 Henry LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/08/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 5605 13th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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**Notice of Formation** of 735 52 Street LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/11/2013. Office loca-

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tion: Kings County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 735 52 St, Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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**Notice of Formation** of Bay Dragon Realty LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/20/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 67 Bay 10th St, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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**Notice of Formation** of Boss Fam Group LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 2/10/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o US Corp. Agents, 7014 13th Ave., Ste. 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228, the Reg. Agt. upon whom proc. may be served. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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**Notice of Formation** of DSKT Realty LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/15/2013. Office location: Kings County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 5816 Fort Hamilton Pkwy, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of EMEDCONCEPTS, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/25/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 7014 13 Ave. #202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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**Notice of formation** of GOLDEN AGE, LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/7/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to: 677 56th St, Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: any lawful act.

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**Notice of Formation** of GRANT 167 REALTY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/16/03. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o USI Management Corp., 421 Ave. P, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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**Notice of Formation** of Henry 824 LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/09/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 5605 13th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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**Notice of Formation** of LIFE ANIMATED DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTIONS, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/01/14. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 68 Jay St., Ste. 319, Brooklyn, NY 11201. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: DAVIDS CONSTRUCTION LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/25/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom

process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: David Isayev, 24 Brighton Court, 1st Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: TIDAL PUBLISHING LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/06/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Tidal Publishing LLC, 459 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11216. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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**Notice of formation** of limited liability company (LLC) Age In Ease LLC . Articles of organization filed with Secy of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/6/14 .Office location: Kings County .SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served .SSNY shall mail copy of process to 1584 57th St Bklyn NY 11219.Purpose :any lawful activity.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 1165 67th STREET LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/03/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 279 11th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11215. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: INNER INDULGENCE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/28/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: BROOKLYN BENDS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/17/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 248 Eastern Parkway, 1C, Brooklyn, NY 11225. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: GEAXULD LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/21/2013. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Ron Hizkiyahu, 345 Eldert Street, Apt 15, Brooklyn, NY 11237. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: STICKS AND STONES MULTIMEDIA LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/07/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 1729 CATON AVE. APT. B11 BROOKLYN, NY 11226. Purpose: any lawful purpose. BG6X 5/23, 30 6/6, 13, 20, 27 2014.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: CAPRI STREET PARTNERS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secre-

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tary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/31/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 2564 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SASSY MOLASSEY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/24/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 526 DIGITAL LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/10/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1884/B McDonald Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11223. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: STUDIO REDEYE, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/15/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: David Block, 350 Ocean Pkwy, Suite 1A, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: PEX PLUMBING & HEATING LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/10/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Pex Plumbing & Heating LLC, 127 Driggs Ave., Apt 1L, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: LIQUID ASSET LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/13/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 337 Adelphi Street, Brooklyn, New York 11238. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: MINDERBINDER ENTERPRISES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/21/2013. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: POH/DEMAIRO 191 TROUTMAN STREET #1R BROOKLYN, NY 11206. Purpose: Any lawful activity. BG 6X 5/16, 23, 30 6/6, 13, 20 2014.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: INNOVIMMUNE BIOTHERAPEUTICS HOLDING, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/13/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail

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copy of process to: THE LLC 760 PARKSIDE AVENUE STE 208 BROOKLYN, NY 11226. Purpose: any lawful purpose. BG6X 6/6, 13, 20, 27 7/4, 11/14.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: COLLOQUY BOOKS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/19/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Joseph Kampff, 12 Bay Ridge Place, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: KERRI O'NEILL, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/15/14. The latest date of dissolution is 03/31/2114. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Jules A. Epstein, Esq., 600 Old Country Road, Suite 505, Garden City, New York 11530. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: HOFFMAN INDUSTRIES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/12/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.



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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: VP MAX TRANSPORTATION, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/07/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Vladimir Pasichnik, 601 Surf Ave., Apt. 4M, Brooklyn, NY 11224. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SABRINA LEE'S LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/21/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Shaneiqua Boyd, 379 Elton Street, Apt. 3A, Brooklyn, NY 11208. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: GREEN BLENDER, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/05/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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**Notice of Qualification** of 29 FLATBUSH REIT, LLC Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/06/14. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 01/22/13. Princ. office of LLC: 66 Rockwell Pl., Brooklyn, NY 11217. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Real estate investments.

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**Notice of Qualification** of 5-12 51st Ave - 5-12 51st Ave Holdings LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/25/13. Name amended to 5-12 51st Ave Holdings LLC. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in DE on 5/31/13. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Joel Ramin, 12 West Capital Management LP, 90 Park Ave., NY, NY 10016, principal business address. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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2-6 PM

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Large Semi-Detach 1 Family, 3 Bedroom Duplex. Large EIK, Fireplace, Fully Finish Basement with separate entrance. Parking for 3 Cars. Too Much To Mention!



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**Open House**  
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SUNDAY  
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1 Fam S/D. New Boiler, H/W Htr, Electric, Roof & Alarm Sys. W/D in Bsmnt. MIC.

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917-443-3460  
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Sun 6/8 1-3 PM  
3 Ira Court

New Section, Sunny 1 fam det 2 bdrm ranch, dining rm, kitchen with skylight, Large rear deck, New heat and hot water and electric, unfinished bsmt with 8 foot ceilings. Move in condition. **Asking \$299,000**

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SUN 6/8 1-3pm  
46 Dare Court

Modern 1 family duplex, 3 Bdrms, 2.5 baths, Full bsmt w/ sep kitch & guest bdrm, central air, hi hat lighting, beautiful EIK, Lg balcony off mstr bdrm, hrdwd floors, yard, Immaculate Move In Condition

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#### MARINE PARK OPEN HOUSE

SUN, JUNE 8 1-3pm

1634 EAST 33 STREET

LEGAL 2 FAM that can be an ideal 1 family. Near wonderful schools, parks & houses of worship. Landlords apartment has kitchen & renovated baths. Property may be delivered vacant. extra wide shared driveway w 2 car garage. **Asking \$609,000 BB2004**

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## ► BROOKLYN OPEN HOUSE

### MARINE PARK OPEN HOUSE

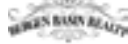
SUN, JUNE 8 2-4pm  
1664 KIMBALL ST  
Fully detached 3 bedroom duplex in good condition offers finished basement & bath on every floor!  
**Asking \$599,000 BB2032**  
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## ► BROOKLYN OPEN HOUSE

### MILL BASIN OPEN HOUSE

SUN, JUNE 8 1-3pm  
2016 EAST 64 ST  
Lovely S/A fully ren in MIC, 2 brs on 1st flr, top floor is fin attic or ideal br/office, fin bsmt w high ceilings & bath. Updated electric & utilities. Park like yard. Short walk to wonderful schools, Houses of Worship, transportation & shopping.  
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## ► BROOKLYN OPEN HOUSE

### Old Mill Basin OPEN HOUSE

SUN. 6/08, 2-4 PM  
4911 AVE M  
(E.49th St & Utica Ave)  
Beautiful Brick 1 Family, Cherrywood Cabinets, Large Rms, Fin Bsmt, Lrg Bkyrd, Delivered Vacant.  
**Reduced! \$439,000**



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## ► BROOKLYN OPEN HOUSE

### SEAGATE OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY 6/08, 1-4 PM  
5115 SURF AVENUE  
**PRIVATE GATED BEACH COMMUNITY**  
Beaut det energy efficient hi-ranch on oversized lot. Bright & open floor plan w/ skylights, EIK, & hi hats. New ceramic tile flrs, new thermal windows, new roof, upgraded insulation, new c/air, new laundry rm w/ energy efficient W/D, new garage door w/ remote, new entry doors. Prvt drv, garage w/ street parking for guests. \$875,000.  
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## ► BROOKLYN OPEN HOUSE

### SHEEPSHEAD BAY OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY 6/07, 1-4 PM  
1625 EMMONS AVE.  
APT. #2E  
**THE VIKING**  
Large Jr 4 1 bdrm facing Emmons Ave w/ terrace. Completely renovated. Beautiful Euro style kitch, fully tiled bath, hdwd flrs, lots of closets. Bldg has night doorman, 2 laundry rms, outdoor pool. Just move in! \$379,000  
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## ► BROOKLYN OPEN HOUSE

### Sheepshead Bay OPEN HOUSE

SUN. 6/08, 12-3 PM  
2251 KNAPP ST.  
APT. #2-A  
**NEW ON MARKET**  
Large 3 BR, 1 Bath Co-op facing beautiful courtyard. Updated kitchen & bath, hdwd flrs, plenty of closet space. Maint \$1,022 incl gas, elec & heat. \$185,000  
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### SPRING CREEK

Sat, 6/7  
Sun, 6/8  
1-4 PM  
**982 Schenck St.**  
(bet. Cozine Ave & Flatlands)  
**SIMPLY STUNNING!**  
Large 1 Family Brick. Totally Remodeled with Custom Kit & Bath. Fully fin bsmnt, Parking. A Real Must See!  
**ASKING: Mid \$300K**



## ► STATEN ISLAND OPEN HOUSE

### ROSSVILLE, S.I. OPEN HOUSE

SUN. 6/08, 1-4 PM  
12 REDWOOD LOOP  
Nice size 1,080 sq ft, 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath Condo townhse w/ sliding doors from EIK to yard. C.C. \$191. Incl Pool, Tennis, Clubhse & Playground.  
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Marine Park  
**Open House**  
Sun, June 8th  
12:00pm-3:00pm  
3908 Avenue S  
Det 2 family  
6 + 6 + fin bsmt. on  
40 x 100, pvt drive  
2 car garage.  
**MUST SELL!**  
Excl Agent  
on Premises

MILL BASIN  
Sun 6/8/14 1-3 pm  
2732 Mill Avenue  
National Drive  
2 fam all brick, 6.5 duplex, 3 bdrms, brand new kitchen with sep. laundry rm, 1.5 baths, lg l.r./d.r., parquet flrs, sundeck, 4.5 rm fin bsmt sep ent, \$700s  
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### OLD MILL BASIN OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY 12-2 PM  
1504 EAST 45<sup>th</sup> ST.  
(K&L/ Flatlands)  
Lovely det 1 fam. Spacious 2 bdrm duplex w/ lrg LR w/ vaulted ceiling & skylights, FDR, new kitch w/S.S appls, new full C/T bath & full bsmt. Hdwd floors thruout. Exclnt cond. Bright & airy home. Prvt bkyrd w/ new cement patio. Buy with \$10K down! Mid \$300's



Sheepshead Bay  
Condo  
Sun 6/8/14 1-3 pm  
1411 Ave X 2-D  
Lovely condo, 6yrs young, 2 bdrms & 2 bathrms, state of the art kit & appliances, lrg living rm & dining rm, plenty of storage, parking, move right in!  
**Asking 400's**  
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### Sheepshead Bay OPEN HOUSE

SUN 6/08, 12-2 PM  
2711 AVE X  
APT. #1-J  
Large Junior-4, 2 Bedrm Co-op, Eat-In Kitchen w/ Window, Good Condition, Bldg Has Garage- Waiting List, No Subletting. All Utilities Included in Maint.  
Asking \$215,000.

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### Sheepshead Bay OPEN HOUSE

Sun. 6/8/14 - 1-3pm  
3688 Shore Pkwy  
(E. 29th & Nostrand)  
**\*\*New on Market\*\***  
Beautiful stucco 2 fam. 3BR/2 bath owners dplx. Hdwd flrs, new kit w/ss appl's & sparkling granite. Roof & C/AC, deck, fenced in front yrd w/pavers. Tons of closets/storage. Pkng for 2 cars. Sep studio unit. Priced to sell \$599,000  
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### MILL BASIN OPEN HOUSE

SUN, JUN 8 12-1:30pm  
2260 EAST 64 ST  
Amazing Location Immaculate brick det ranch on oversized property. This move in home has it all; or build your dream home that has max. flr buildable sq. footage for up to 2,588 sq. feet. C/A, updated utilities & in ground pool. Long private drive & det garage.  
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MILL BASIN  
Sund 6/8/14 1-3pm  
2676 East 66th St  
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### OLD MILL BASIN

Sun, 6/8/14, 1-3 PM  
1603 East 54<sup>th</sup> St.  
Detached 1 Fam Duplex. E.I.K., Formal LR & DR, 3 Large Bedrooms, Hardwood Floors though out, New Deck, New Bath, Detach Garage w/ new pavers, Also New Hot Water Tank & Boiler. GREAT neighborhood! Close to Transportation & Schools. ASK: \$479K  
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Sheepshead Bay  
Estate Sale  
**Open House**  
SUN from 12-2pm  
2620 East 13th St.  
Apt #5G  
**Prime Location New on Market!**  
Large 2 bedroom co-op. Hardwood floors. Lots of closets. Needs TLC!! Close to trans & shops.  
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MILL BASIN  
OPEN HOUSE  
SUN, JUNE 8 12-2pm  
6208 MILL LANE  
GEORGIOUS DET  
HUGE1 fam (or legal 2) fam corner NEW INTERIOR Separate entrances to 3 floors. New kit, bths, granite, hdwd & ceramic fls, 3 zone C/A, 2 gas and elec meters on huge lot private drive.  
**Asking \$569,000 BB1542**  
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### Old Mill Basin OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY 6/07  
1-3 PM  
1611 EAST 54<sup>th</sup> ST  
Det 1 Fam, 3 Large Bdrms, 2 Baths, Oak Eat-in Kitch, Parquet Floors, New Roof, New Boiler, Finished Bsmt, Woodburning Fireplace, Garage, \$400's.  
**Geri Lavoro R.E. 718-377-1234**

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SUNDAY 6/08, 1-4 PM  
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**MARINE PARK OPEN HOUSE**  
SUN. 6/08, 1-3PM  
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**MARINE PARK OPEN HOUSE**  
SUN. 6/08, 1-3PM  
3904 Avenue T  
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**BERGEN BEACH**  
1 Bedroom  
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**Bergen Beach, 1BR dplx, EIK, MIC, \$1,200 incl heat & gas. Geri Lavoro R.E. 718-377-1234**

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**ALSO**  
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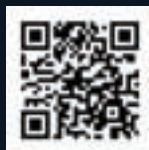
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