

Tree is root of sidewalk problem

BY VANESSA OGLE

The city's restrictions on fixing root-damaged sidewalks are driving homeowners up a tree.

Unruly tree roots are damaging sidewalks in Southern Brooklyn — leaving pedestrians at risk of falling, and homeowners vulnerable to lawsuits — but homeowners say the convoluted system for getting repairs isn't solving the problem.

"The city takes the position you should just let everyone fall," said Bergen Beach homeowner Linda Schain, who was sued in 2009 after a woman was injured

tripping in the root-ripped sidewalk in front of her house.

The city shares liability for lawsuits over sidewalk cracks outside one-to-three-family properties, but Schain said the woman filed

two suits — one against the city, which was thrown out, and another against Schain, which her insurance company recently settled after four tumultuous years.

Schain has repaired the sidewalk repeatedly over the years, but she said the ruthless roots keep lifting the concrete, making her attempts at leveling the land futile.

To prevent more injuries and further damage to her sidewalk, Schain is trying to get a permit from the city to remove the tree

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TICKET FIASCO STILL ROLLING

Late B44 bus lane tickets continue to plague drivers

BY VANESSA OGLE

The city still hasn't hit the brakes on the B44 bus lane ticket fiasco.

After sending out multiple tickets weeks late to motorists who drove in the Select Bus Service B44 bus lane last spring, the Departments of Finance and Transportation sent out letters assuring the drivers that they would only have to pay one of the tickets, all other violation issued between March 18 and Aug. 31 would be withdrawn, and those who had already paid multiple tickets would get a refund.

But new delayed tickets continue to arrive, late fees for supposedly withdraw tickets keep accruing, and the refund process has left some drivers unsatisfied.

A new ticket popped up in one driver's account — who already paid the only ticket the city said she owed — and she said she's worried this is the beginning of another blitz.

"One ticket can ruin everything," said Yelena Vasilenko, who already has a \$25 late fee for a March ticket she didn't know she still owed. "I paid the one they mentioned in the letter."

In August — following a month of confusion since the delayed-ticket blitz started — the city issued its first official statement

to the affected drivers, assuring them they only had to pay the one ticket specifically noted in their individualized letters.

But since then, new drivers who hadn't received the amnesty letters are now being bombarded with multiple, weeks-old tickets — and facing the same disorganized response from the city. Drivers trying to fight their tickets still must take time off work to appear in traffic court, even though the city says multiple tickets would be dismissed.

One driver who just received a ticket from June 12 said the judge told her to wait 30 days to see if she receives more tickets.

"Now that I got it so late, it's like, 'Oh my god,'" said Lisa Green, who worries that she is going to be hit with more tickets. "That is the route I take every day I go to work."

The promised refunds are also grinding drivers' gears, like one Midwood motorist who had already paid about \$1,000 worth of the tickets before he knew that most would be dismissed. The fines were refunded — but not the processing fees.

"On average, it's about \$3 per tickets," said Peter Allen. "If you pay 10 tickets, that's \$30."

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Softball politics

Councilman Chaim Deutsch earned the nickname "The Chaiminator" for his play in the Sept. 17 softball game between the Council and the Mayor's office at MCU Park. For more, **see page 2**.

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TOWERING: An annoying tree in Bergen Beach.

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Council overthrows Mayor in Coney Island softball game

BY MAX JAEGER

For once, these politicians played ball — literally. It was softball politics at its finest in Coney Island last week as members of the Council stomped the Mayor's Office 17-13 in a softball game at MCU Park on Sept. 17.

One Brooklyn councilman who was integral to the win said he put down his bat and glove a decade ago, but picking them back up was a cinch.

"It's like swimming — some things you don't forget," said Councilman Chaim Deutsch (D-Sheepshead Bay), who batted in a run and relieved Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito on the mound.

The freshman legislator also caught a pop fly from the mound and threw out mayoral advisor Avi Fink at first base on what Deutsch called a "cheap grounder."

Other lawmakers representing the borough included Antonio Reynoso (D-Williamsburg), Rafael Espinal (D-Bushwick), Brad Lander (D-Park Slope), and home-field heavy-hitter Mark Treyger (D-Coney Island).

Former Borough President Marty Markowitz provided color commentary, giving players nicknames like "10-cent Lander" — for his support of a plastic bag tax — and "The Chaiminator" for Deutsch's tenacity.

Teams had just one week to get ready for the field.

Mayor DeBlasio challenged Mark-Viverito on Sept. 10, tweeting "I challenge @NYCCouncil to a



WHO'S ON FIRST?: (Above) Hizzoner lopes towards first base after one of his two at-bats during the Mayor's Office vs. City Council softball game at MCU Park on Sept. 17. (Top right) Coney Council member Mark Treyger makes a good-faith effort. (Bottom right) Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito delivers the Harlem heat as the Council's lead pitcher.



Photos by Steve Solomonson

#NYCSoftball game. The date is set — 9/17. Your move, @MMViverito."

And the smack-talking didn't stop there. In DeBlasio's Sept. 17 public

schedule, the Mayor's Office wrote "In the evening, the Mayor and First Lady Chirlane McCray will join City Hall staff in crushing the City Council in

the Mayor's Office vs. City Council Softball Game at MCU Park."

But Hizzoner's squad couldn't back up the boast, and DeBlasio pulled him-

self out of the game after just two at-bats.

"I pulled a muscle," the mayor told our photographer. "I'm getting too old for this."



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BIG ACCUSATIONS: Anti-Obama graffiti is splattered throughout Sheepshead Bay.

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Rude writings rile locals in Sheepshead Bay

BY VANESSA OGLE

Politically charged graffiti scattered around Sheepshead Bay is really leaving a mark.

Many of the messages, apparently all in the same scrawl, mostly take aim at Democrats — which is not entirely shocking in an area that voted solidly for Joe Lhota in the 2013 mayoral election.

On the overpass on Sheepshead Bay Road, near Shore Parkway — one of at least seven major sites for the graffiti — “Impeach Obama” is slanted strategically above “Traitor.” “Democrats destroy America” is painted nearby in bright blue letters.

But one local said the graffiti isn’t representative of the community.

“The messages can’t

be any brighter than the people doing it,” said Tom Scalse, the former secretary of the Sheepshead Bay-Plumb Beach Civic Association.

All graffiti is a crime, according to Councilman Chaim Deutsch (D-Sheepshead Bay) — and he said anyone who spots someone defacing property should immediately call the police. Catching the culprit in the act is the only reliable way to secure a conviction.

“If you see someone spraying graffiti, you call 911,” said Deutsch. “It is not overkill — it is a crime in progress.”

But if locals spot graffiti after the fact, Deutsch said they should report it to 311 to have it removed.

Deutsch said he received a complaint about

the graffiti in the neighborhood a few weeks ago and he reported it to the city’s Economic Development Corporation — semi-private city agency that works with local businesses — which started the Graffiti-Free NYC program in 1999. Deutsch also alerted the Midwood Development Corporation, which he said he funded for graffiti removal and cleanup projects.

But Scalse said this persistent problem is getting worse — and it is really starting to paint the neighborhood in a negative light.

“It has been all over — it has been getting worse instead of better,” said Scalse. “I don’t know how it is ever going to be conquered.”



GRAPHIC GRAFFITI: Politically charged messages against President Obama, Democrats and Israel are upsetting some Sheepshead Bay residents.

Photos by Steven Schnibbe



Cops seek suspect in Midwood mugging



CAUGHT ON CAMERA: Police are looking for this man, who they say robbed a 73-year-old man in his Midwood apartment building on Sept. 17.

NYPD

BY VANESSA OGLE

Police are looking for a guy who they say robbed a senior in Midwood on Sept. 17.

Cops say the tough followed a 73-year-old man into an apartment building on E. 13th Street between Avenues O and P at around noon, then entered the elevator with him. When the

victim got off at the fourth floor, the goon punched him in the face and stole his wallet, cops said.

The oldster suffered a laceration to his head and was taken to a hospital for treatment, officers stated.

The authorities released a photograph of the mugger

taken by the elevator’s security camera and asked for the public’s help in identifying and locating him.

The NYPD asks those with information about the incident to call Crime Stoppers at (800) 577-8477, go to www.nypdcrimestoppers.com, or text-message tips to 274637 and enter “TIP577.”

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Lady Liberty in Sheepshead Bay

Russian immigrant shows his love for America

BY VANESSA OGLE

Their American dream finally came true.

A Sheepshead Bay family that came to America from the former Soviet Union made a statement about patriotism by erecting a miniature Statue of Liberty in the front yard of their E. 21st Street home.

For years, Lev Berenshteyn wanted a replica of the iconic statue — the ultimate symbol of immigration to the Land of the Free — and after years of searching, he found one just in time to celebrate the family's 23rd anniversary in the United States.

"It was his dream," said Lev's wife Galina Berenshteyn. "He was looking for this statue — and he finally found it."

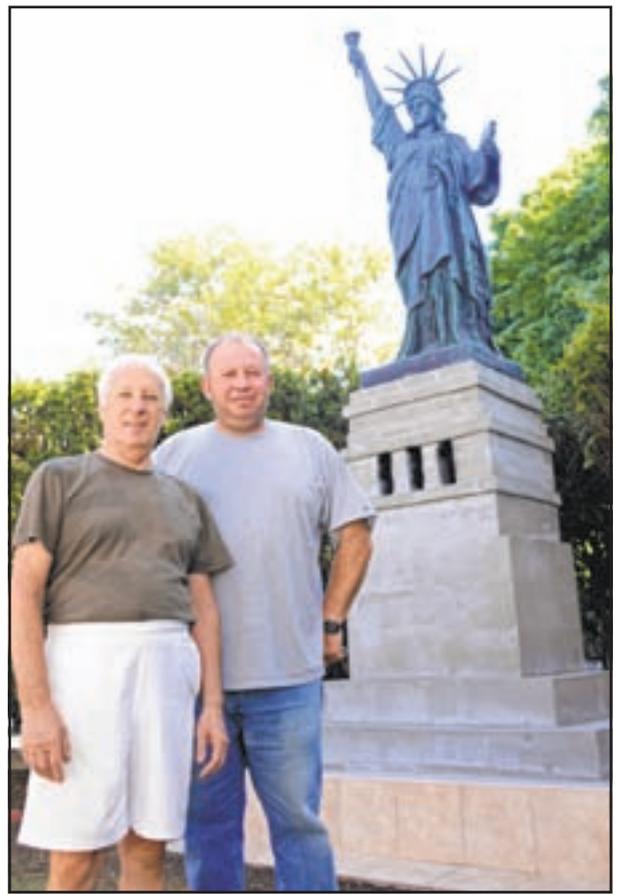
Berenshteyn said the family moved to America in 1991 from the collapsing Soviet Union to escape the growing tensions between different nationalities in the former soviet republic of Uzbekistan.

"We moved here as a refugee," she said. "It was a very difficult time from 1989 until when we moved from there."

Five years after arriving in the United States, the family bought a home in Sheepshead. Berenshteyn worked as a computer programmer and her husband as a limousine driver — and she said the two worked long hours to buy their home and make sure their three children could live the American dream.

"We were working very hard — seven in the morning to 11 at night," she said. "We bought this house for all our children."

Now retired, Beren-



STATUESQUE STATEMENT: Lev Berenshteyn and Tayfun Yazici built a pedestal for a miniature Statue of Liberty in Berenshteyn's front yard in Sheepshead Bay. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

shteyn said her husband finally had the time to complete their patriotic project. Berenshteyn's husband built an eight-foot-tall pedestal for the statue, and earlier this month, he topped it with a seven-and-a-half-foot replica of the American icon, as first reported in the neighborhood blog Sheepshead Bites.

The little Lady Liberty — complete with a torch that glows at night — now stands watch over E. 21st.

While her husband was working on attaching the statue to the base, Berenshteyn said their son,

friends, and neighbors laughed at the idea. But since the statue's completion, Berenshteyn said the responses have changed drastically.

"He was just laughing — everybody was laughing," said Berenshteyn. "Now they like it."

Berenshteyn said her husband has always wanted to pay tribute to their new country — and she said the statue is a way for them to show off their patriotism.

"We proud of America and we're proud of our country," she said.

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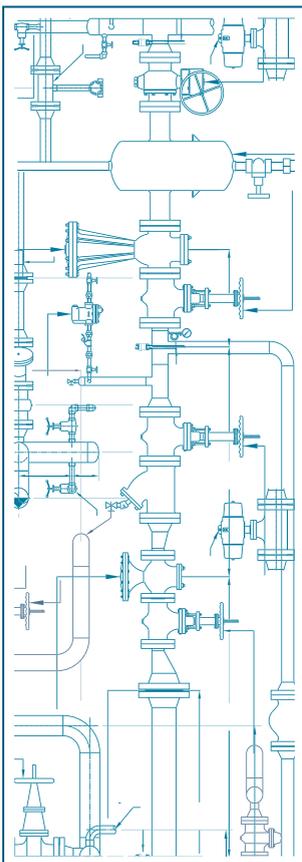
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Prospect Park hosts 'Day of Play'

PLAYTIME: (Above) Veronica Volis of Manhattan Beach pedals around at the "Day of Play" at Prospect Park hosted by Nickelodeon and Big Brothers Big Sisters on Sept. 20. (Center) Morgan Gonsler came with her family all the way from New Jersey to get her hula on. (Right) Kids toss balls into a giant Connect Four set. Photos by Elizabeth Graham

BY NOAH HUROWITZ
Kids just want to have fun. Nickelodeon teamed up with Big Brothers Big Sisters on Sept. 20, when the working days were done, to throw a party and a run in Prospect Park. The event raised money for the charity and gave kids a day full

of activities as part of the children's TV network's Worldwide Day of Play. That's all they really want, according to one mom who attended. "It was wonderful," said Cypress Hills resident Mirtha Cruz, whose son Jason has been part of Big Brothers Big Sisters

for three years. The giant play date took over a corner of the Nethermead, drawing fortunate ones from as far as New Jersey with Nickelodeon stars on hand along with trampolines, scooters, and a massive Connect Four set. Jason Cruz walked in the sun and had

a blast, particularly on one of the pieces of equipment on hand, his mother said. "He wanted to go buy a trampoline, but I told him, 'No, it's too big for your room,'" she said. Sydney Park and Tylen Jacob Williams, who *Continued on page 10*

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BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

Beating for breakfast

Two brutes beat up a guy and stole his phone and wallet on 82nd Street early on the morning of Sept. 21.

The victim had just parked his car between Fifth and Sixth avenues at 6:05 am when the two thugs pushed him to the ground and started punching and kicking him, police said.

The men took the victim's phone and wallet before fleeing the scene, reports state.

Window pain

A burglar who broke into a 92nd Street home through a rear window sometime between Sept. 12 and Sept. 15 stole \$12,740 in jewelry.

The victim left the house between Colonial Road and Ridge Boulevard at 7:40 am on Friday and returned at 7:15 am on Monday to find her gems jacked, police said.

Cat burglar scores big

An intruder who broke into a 96th Street home through a second-story window on Sept. 17 made off with \$74,500 in jewelry.

The resident left her home between Marine and Third avenues at 11 am,



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but when she returned at 2:10 pm, she saw someone had climbed through the window and looted her jewels, reports state.

62ND PRECINCT

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

De-vice squad

Three men — one impersonating a police officer — beat up a guy and stole his phone when he tried to call the cops on them at the corner of New Utrecht Avenue and 74th Street in Bensonhurst on Sept. 20, police report.

The trio approached the victim at 5:10 am, and one man tried to sell the victim cocaine, police said. When the victim declined, the same man who offered up the coke told the victim he was a detective, though he displayed no badge, reports state.

When the victim called 911 on the suspicious trio, the men descended on him and took his phone before fleeing the scene, according to law enforcement officials.

Purse-snatching posse

Five brutes beat up a woman and stole her bag on the corner of Bay Parkway and 71st Street in Gravesend on Sept. 12.

The victim was walking to the store when the fearsome five-some ran up from behind, police said. One tried to grab her bag, and when she didn't let go, two others punched her in the face and chest before wrestling the purse from her grip and fleeing, reports state.

The bag contained \$35, credit cards, and an iPhone, law enforcement sources said. The woman waited until Sept. 19 to report the crime, reports note.

— *Max Jaeger*

61ST PRECINCT

SHEEPSHEAD BAY-HOMECREST-
 MANHATTAN BEACH-GRAVESEND

Hold onto

A touchy-feely fiend stole cash from a man's pants pockets on E. 13th Street on Sept. 19, according to a report.

The burglar snuck in through an open window at the home between Avenue Z and Shore Parkway at 3 am and copped the cash while the man slept, said police.

What a tool

An opportunistic crook stole tools from an unlocked vehicle parked on Avenue W on Sept. 15, according to authorities.

The thief swiped the tools through the back door of the car near Lake Street at 7 pm, an officer stated.

Rude robbers

A gun-toting bandit robbed an elderly man on Avenue Z on Sept. 17, police said.

The coldhearted crook flashed a white firearm and stole the man's gold watch on Batchelder Street at 9 pm, according to a report. The man then zoomed off in a white vehicle, cops said.

No injuries were reported, officers stated.

— *Vanessa Ogle*

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Wheeling and dealing

Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce deploys roving consulting van to help businesses

BY MATTHEW PERLMAN

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is now offering house calls for small businesses.

The business booster group and the Council are rolling out a new van that will drop in on companies around the borough and offer consultations owners would otherwise have to leave their stores to get. A Crown Heights business owner said the new mobile services would help save him the inconvenience of an office visit.

“I have to decide where best to spend my time,” said Fred Powell, who has owned Barbara’s Flower Shop on Bergen Street for 43 years. “Going down to an office, or serving my customers.”

The business-mobile can help small business owners apply for credit, grapple with city regulations, and recruit new workers, among other things. Housed in a white minivan donated by All-Car Rent-a-Car, “Chamber on the Go” is adorned with Chamber of Commerce decals and staffed by chamber employees.

Powell said he could use help with his marketing, another specialty of the enterprise whisperers.

“After 43 years, a lot of my old customers have left the neighborhood for one reason or another,” he said. “I have to kind of reinvent myself.”



ON THE MOVE: (Above) Chamber of Commerce president Carlo Scissura is in the driver’s seat, surrounded by staffers that will help man the new mobile business service unit. (Right) Fred Powell has owned Barbara’s Flower Shop off of Nostrand Avenue for 43 years, and he says that mobile services for small businesses will be a big help.



The idea for the mobile unit came from Councilman Robert Cornegy (D-Bedford-Stuyvesant), who helped secure \$400,000 in taxpayer money from the Council for a city-wide small business street team. Brooklyn will be the test service area for the program. The freshman councilman said he was amazed to learn about the range of services the city had to offer small businesses, but when he went out in his district to talk to proprietors he found that they were having trouble accessing them.

“This program is about meeting the direct needs of what the people on the ground told me,” he said.

The first commercial strip treated by the business-mobile will be Nostrand Avenue, near where Powell’s flower shop is located. Chamber president Carlo Scissura said his office would target areas that do not have businesses improvement districts and are struggling.

“We’re going to start by helping the businesses with the greatest needs and most limited time,” he said.

PLAY

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figured out what they wanna do with their lives when they landed roles on the show “Instant Mom,” joined kids on the trampolines.

The event, along with the accompanying 5k run populated by adults trying to live their lives right, netted \$1 million for Big Brothers Big Sisters’ New

York chapter, according to organizers.

The Day of Play drew grumbling last year from park lovers who said racers trampled grass and temporary structures at the event left barren spots in the meadow. The event was smaller this year, but park officials said it was not because of last year’s outcry, which was part of a larger current of anger against the Prospect Park Alliance

renting out Brooklyn’s backyard for big-ticket private events.

Startlingly, when reached for comment, a spokeswoman for the park did not know the latest Day of Play had happened, and acting Prospect Park Alliance President James Snow said he did not know Nickelodeon was involved again, but that his underlings assured him the effect on the meadow had been minimal.

Geriatric physician joins Brookdale Medical Associates

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Brookdale Medical Associates welcomes Dr. Yitzchak Weinberger, a board-certified internist and geriatric physician, to the practice.

Dr. Weinberger treats and advises patients who suffer with problems that are associated with aging. These include frailty, dementia, incontinence, and falls. Proper diagnosis is imperative, and Dr. Weinberger takes the time to meet with each patient to discuss what they can do to obtain a healthier lifestyle.

These wellness visits are essential because sometimes people don't recognize the onset of conditions that may become more serious. For example, if older adults suffer from exhaustion, have limited physical activity, are slow walkers, seem weak, or have lost 10 pounds or more with a year, these can be indicators of frailty. While these patients may not be techni-

cally "sick," they are straddling a thin line between wellness and becoming sick. Their conditions also make them more prone to falls.

The sensitive and compassionate Dr. Weinberger offers advice and medical assistance that focuses on ways to keep these patients healthier for longer periods of time. Taking steps to avoid problems is often the best way to keep them at bay, he says, which is why these regular wellness appointments are so important.

Aside from frailty, older adults may also suffer from chronic medical conditions such as congestive heart failure and hypertension. The latter is known as "the silent killer" because people can have high blood pressure for years without being aware of it. Yet, if left untreated, it can lead to heart attacks and strokes. Knowing you have high blood pressure means Dr. Weinberger can help treat

it, and he will also make sure you receive timely medical follow-up appointments so that it can be monitored.

The practice works closely with Brookdale Hospital, a facility that offers, "state-of-the-art imaging and superb radiologists," says the doctor. He knows this from personal experience because he completed his residency at Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center, working with these trusted physicians. In addition, Doshi Diagnostic Imaging is nearby, making it all very convenient for patients to be treated at the practice, he says. Even better, lab work is done right on the premises.

Patients are made to feel comfortable as soon as they arrive at the brand-new facility. While the efficient staff keeps waiting time to a minimum, it's nice to know that there is an attractive area with a television set to keep all informed and entertained

while there.

Dr. Weinberger is highly respected in his chosen career. He earned a geriatric fellowship at New York University Medical Center, and was on the National Dean's List. He was named to the National Society of Collegiate Scholars throughout his academic career. He is committed to research; has contributed to medical journals; and has spoken at national and international medical events.

The Brookdale Medical Associates practice is led by Dr. Herman Lebovitch, another well-respected internist who has been with Brookdale for more than twenty years.

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Dr. Yitzchak Weinberger, left, is a board-certified internist and geriatric physician joining Dr. Herman Lebovitch at Brookdale Medical Center. Photo by Steve Solomonson



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ROOTS

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— an expense she said she'd gladly pay. But Schain said the city denied her request because the tree is considered healthy.

"I'm willing to pay to remove — but they won't give me a permit," she said.

If a sidewalk is damaged from general decay, the Department of Transportation can require homeowners to repair their sidewalks. But if the damage is from tree roots, residents may be eligible for the Parks Department's Trees and Sidewalks Program, which repairs the sidewalks — but only if the situation meets certain requirements.

The Parks Department gives root-damaged sidewalks ratings from zero to 100. But the department would not give a concrete answer about how it determines which sidewalks get repaired.

There are five categories that go into a sidewalk's rating — the location, the condition of the tree, the extent of the damage, how high it was lifted by the root, the length of the damaged section, and the proportion of the breadth of that section that is damaged.

After repeated requests for details, a spokeswoman for the Parks Department



RUTHLESS ROOTS: Linda Schain, who was sued in 2009 after a pedestrian tripped over her sidewalk, wants to cut down this tree because its roots raise her sidewalk, but the city won't let her.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

refused to elaborate on how each category is scored to determine who qualified for the repairs.

"The trees are evaluated on a scale and then addressed by priority," said Parks spokeswoman Meghan Lalor.

A Marine Park homeowner who said her sidewalk is lifted three inches off the ground by tree roots, finally received an inspection after almost a year of requesting one. She said her rating missed qualify-

ing for the program by a measly five points.

"I've already been inspected and they deemed it was not high enough to do a repair," said Wilma Lande. "They gave me an 80 rating, it is supposed to be 85 — it is a game."

She said she doesn't know what else she can do to fix the damaged sidewalk — or the rating system that is leaving her out on a limb.

"It is very frustrating to know you have this situation," said Lande.

TICKETS

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The traffic cameras that automatically read plate numbers of vehicles in the select bus lane are run by a contractor called American Traffic Solutions.

The firm did not respond by press time to inquiries about why the tickets have been issued so many weeks after the violations took place.

The city did not respond to multiple requests for comment about the new flurry of delayed tickets being issued.



TIX BLITZ REDUX: Yelena and Yevgveniy Vasilenko, who received 13 delayed tickets for driving in the B44 bus lane, continued to receive tickets in the mail even after the city said all but one of the violations would be dismissed.

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WATER TORTURE

City's mistakes flood Ridge home with hydrant

BY MAX JAEGER

It was a fire hydrant fiasco in Bay Ridge over the weekend, and locals say the city is all wet.

A series of missteps by city agencies turned a routine check of a 72nd Street fire plug into a 14-hour deluge that flooded basements and ended up cutting off water for an entire city block.

Water gushed from a stuck hydrant until the wee hours of Sept. 20 after the city failed to shut it off, leaving one Ridgite ankle-deep in muck and wondering how she'll pay for repairs.

"I don't have flood insurance — you shouldn't need flood insurance in Bay Ridge," said Natalie Iwanicki, whose 72nd Street basement turned into a wading pool when the city couldn't stop the rogue hydrant. "There was at least four inches of water and now it's all full of mud. I really don't want to sue anyone, but I really don't know what to do."

The freak flood began around noon last Friday when firefighters

opened a hydrant on 72nd Street for routine maintenance. But New York's Bravest somehow couldn't close the hose hook-up afterwards, so they called the Department of Environmental Protection — the agency that runs the city's water infrastructure — to have it halt the flow, according to a Fire Department spokeswoman.

A crew from the agency arrived at the scene and cut a hole in the street to access a cutoff valve underneath the fire plug. The workers had dug several feet into the ground before realizing that — an apparent agency oversight — no cutoff valve had ever been installed.

The city crews then left the scene, leaving the hydrant spewing water onto the street — and into the hole the workers had dug.

The fire plug continued gushing unabated for the rest of the day and well into the night, according to neighbors, and with

the street cleaved open, the water infiltrated the ground soil and began leaking into Iwanicki's basement by 10 pm, she said.

The homeowner called 911 but was told the issue should be routed through 311, she said. The non-emergency complaint line told her it would open a ticket with the Department of Environmental Protection.

When it was clear there would be no immediate response from the city, a photographer for this paper who was documenting the disaster decided to call in the heavy hitters — well after midnight.

"It was a fiasco," said camerawoman Georgine Benvenuto, who called an aide for Rep. Michael Grimm (R-Bay Ridge) in hopes of prompting action.

"I got a call at 2 am, and Georgine said there's a flood on 72nd street and no one's doing anything, so I ran out the door and around the block," said Liam McCabe, who works for Grimm



ALL WET: (Above) Firefighters inspect the basement of Natalie Iwanicki's 72nd Street home, which filled with water after the city left a fire hydrant open for more than 12 hours. (Right) At nearly 3 am Department of Environmental Protection workers finally close the street's main water valve to stop the flow from a rogue fire hydrant. Photos by Georgine Benvenuto



and lives on 69th Street. "I called the local precinct and brass at NYPD and the Fire Department. I explained to them the situation, and very shortly after, DEP came."

To stop the flooding, the agency had to shut off the entire

block's water for several hours, according to McCabe, who blamed the belated response on poor inter-agency communication.

"The agencies weren't talking to each other," he said. "I under-

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THE FUTURE OF TENNIS: A young racketeer swings for victory while playing against a coach at Court 16 in Gowanus. Photo by Jason Speakman

Tiny tennis comes to Gowanus

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

Finally, a private, indoor, miniature tennis club for kids!

Court 16 opened in Gowanus on Monday, offering pint-sized tennis courts, lighter rackets, and softer balls for the tennis stars of tomorrow to get a head start on the 2029 U.S. Open. The downsized digs help kids learn the fundamentals without having to wield heavy gear or strain trying to lift the ball over regulation nets, according to a founder.

"We wanted the kids to feel like the courts are designed for them, not just that they're playing on a court built for adults," said Court 16 founder Anthony Evrard. The club, where an annual membership runs \$500, is carefully served up for the discerning junior player, he said.

"Kids in New York are so much more aware, and so we really have to craft it for them to be legitimate," Evrard said.

The pros at Court 16 spent the summer courting neighborhood parents of potential 3-11-year-old players as they built out the foam-lined walls and courts in a former warehouse at 526 Baltic St. between Nevins Street and

Third Avenue, Evrard said. Full-size adult tennis courts are 72 feet long, 12 feet longer than the distance between a pitcher's mound and home plate. The courts at Court 16 are half that size, 36 feet from end to end, although they didn't seem so small when Evrard had this reporter chasing the ball all over the place during a brief demonstration on Tuesday. The courts can be expanded to 60 feet for the older kids as they gear up for the big time.

The baselines aren't the only things that are scaled down. The tiny tennis facility also includes close-to-the-ground bathroom fixtures and water fountains, staggered in height to serve the full spectrum of ages.

The diminutive diversion is no racket, either. The United States Tennis Association officially sanctioned kids tennis in 2011 and small courts exist in California, Colorado, and Louisiana. But the development is still catching on in the U.S., whereas it has been an overhead smash in Europe for more than a decade, according to Evrard, who hails from Belgium. The petite courts and less-bouncy balls make it a breeze to school kids in the

basics, he said.

"It's much easier to teach the right fundamentals on a smaller court," he said.

Evrard knows what he's talking about, if his tennis game is any indication. His parents lobbed him into the sport when he was 3, and as a teenager he volleyed his way into junior circuits that took him to such far-flung locations as Florida, where he said he fell in love with the United States. He studied business at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he said he was the captain of his team junior and senior year. A Manhattanite, he has lived in New York since 2005, and he said he began flirting with the idea of opening a junior tennis club several years ago.

Court 16 employs eight people, including Evrard, four coaches, and three administrators, Evrard said. He declined to say how many youngsters have signed up so far.

Court 16 [526 Baltic St. between Nevins Street and Third Avenue in Gowanus. (718) 875-5550, www.court16.com]. Monday-Friday, 9 am-8 pm. Saturday, 8 am-8 pm. Sunday, 8am-7 pm. \$500 annually.

FLOOD

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stand how 311 works, but this was literally an emergency situation."

Now Iwanicki is scrambling to find compensation, but said she isn't getting much help from the city.

"My husband said they were supposed to come back at 9 am yesterday, but I haven't seen them," Iwanicki said on Sept. 23. "I don't even have a claim number."

If she wasn't lucky enough to have helpful neighbors with a bit of pull, Iwanicki said she'd be sunk.

"If it wasn't for Georgine and Liam, I don't know what I would have done," she said. "They were so adamant about everything. When I think about it, I get goose bumps."

The Department of Environmental Protection did not respond to repeated requests for comment.



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A Site visit has been arranged for **October 1, 2014 at 1:30PM**. All prospective bidders are strongly encouraged to attend the site visit. All questions shall be submitted in writing to Project Manager indicated below. Deadline for submission of questions is **October 23, 2014**.

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Starbucks rebuffed in stealthy booze bid

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

They're keeping neighbors in the dark roast.

Williamsburg's community board has rebuffed coffee giant Starbucks's application to serve beer and wine at its planned N. Seventh Street location because it left the name "Starbucks" off the paperwork, according to board member Rob Solano. The form, submitted to the board and posted on the building between Bedford Avenue and Berry Street, listed only "Coffee House Holdings LLC," prompting the board's liquor committee to table a vote on the bid and demand the java gi-

ant rewrite the application and knock on every door on the block to let neighbors know of its plans, Solano said. He added that the arrival of a chain vendor serving alcohol is a big deal that should be taken seriously.

"They are a huge company and I want to make sure that the neighbors understand what is happening," Rob Solano said. "This is definitely different from if it were a mom-and-pop business."

The committee is set to revisit the application in October, provided Starbucks does that door-knocking.

"If the neighbors get notified and no one has anything to say about it, that is fine," said Solano. "But we have to make sure they know."

One neighbor said the arrival of another national conglomerate in the formerly bohemian neighborhood is a downer, but that if it is coming, there is no reason to stop it from serving booze.

"It is sad that there is another chain store opening around here, but what do we expect?" asked Anita Wojcik, rhetorically. "I do not think that them being a chain should mean they cannot sell alcohol."



NO SNEAKING THROUGH: Starbucks has to reapply for community board approval for its liquor license after the company failed to say it was Starbucks. Photo by Jason Speakman

The community board's vote is only advisory and the power to approve the liquor license ultimately lies with the state Liquor Authority.

Starbucks sells alcohol in just 30 of its more than 20,000 stores, including in the Seattle, Port-

land, Southern California, Chicago, and Atlanta locations, as well as in airports in Washington D.C. and Los Angeles. The incognito Starbucks inside a Macy's store in Manhattan, which lacks Starbucks signage, also sells beer and wine.

The coffee company opened its first Williamsburg location earlier this summer in the Karl Fischer building at the corner of Union Avenue and Ainslie Street.

Starbucks did not return repeated requests for comment.

Brookdale Welcomes Dr. Weinberger

Dr. Yitzchak Weinberger is a board certified Internal Medicine Physician and is a new addition to the Brookdale Medical Associates practice on East 65th Street. This practice is led by Dr. Herman Lebovitch, who is a well-respected Internal Medicine physician and has been with Brookdale for over 20 years.

Dr. Weinberger interned and completed his residency at the Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center. He then went on to complete a geriatric fellowship at NYU Medical Center. He was on the National Dean's list and was named to the National Society of Collegiate Scholars throughout his academic career.

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TO THE FINISH: (Above) A crowd watches a pinewood derby race at Pierogi Gallery on Friday night. (Center) Mary Ziegler gets ready to race her homemade car. (Right) Jason Irwin celebrates with the first-place award he won and his winning car.

Photos by Stefano Giovannini



Fruit of the zoom in W'burg

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

They may not be Boy Scouts, but they have mastered the art of the pinewood derby.

More than 100 artists, amateur engineers, and spectators turned out to The Boiler art gallery on N. 14th Street in Williamsburg last week for Brooklyn Gravity Racers, an adult take on the classic Cub Scouts race, which is a micro version of the soapbox derby. The four-day event pushed adult racers' craftiness to the limit with exacting rules and a packed lineup of veteran speed de-

mons. The festivities coincided with the 20th anniversary of Pierogi, The Boiler's parent gallery on N. Seventh Street, which has been hosting the adult pinewood derbies once every five years since the gallery opened.

One participant said she relishes the races, more for the challenge and camaraderie than the competition.

"It is fun to do a mini-engineering project and spend time with this wonderful artist community," said Mary Ziegler, who has been involved since the beginning.

The grown-up version of the derby bends the Cub Scouts rules a bit, allowing 10-inch-long vehicles whereas the Scouts requires racers to carve their cars out of 6-inch blocks of wood. The ad hoc league also allows for cars heavier than five ounces, but places them in a separate "Heavy Weight" class, which this year featured an un-race-able 16-pound ride. Under the gallery's regulations, only the featherweight buggies qualify for the coveted Speed Award. And, because these are artists we're dealing with, there are two

award categories for looks — Aesthetic, and What Were You Thinking.

But on some things, organizers hew as closely to the Scouts rules as a race car hugging a high-banked turn, keeping the width between wheels at a strict 1.75 in. and the bottom clearance at .375 in., which allows cars to traverse the wooden track without rubbing.

Cub Scouts race annually, but the adult derby only takes place twice every decade because it requires so much time, energy, and re-

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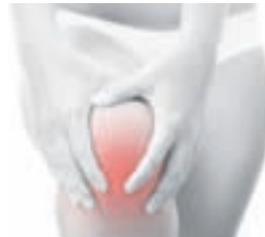
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BY VANESSA OGLE

Old-fashioned rock 'n' roll soothes the '80s soul!

The '80s Night at the Log Cabin bar in Sheepshead Bay on Sept. 20 was a head-banger's heaven. The gnarly night was all about the totally awesome tunes — the DJs played vintage Van Halen, Madonna, Twisted Sister, and other top acts of the era.

But for one '80s fan, it wasn't just the guitar licks, but the rockers' long, luscious locks.

"It was bands, rock and guitar driven — and they all had gorgeous, long hair," said Lori Birnbaum, a photographer who photographed KISS in their heyday.

She said her favorite part of the concert scene in the '80s was getting up close to the "hair metal" bands and hoping for a chance to touch their tresses.

"It is nice to run my fingers through a guy's long hair," Birnbaum said.

Some attendees came in classice '80s attire, like denim, bandanas, and graphic T-shirts



WE'RE NOT GONNA TAKE IT: (Above) Bobby Rappaport rocks out to Twisted Sister tunes and other era-inspired music at the Log Cabin's '80s Night. (Right) Cary Weiner, an Elvis impersonator, shows the world how the King would have rocked out in the '80s.

Photos by Steven Schnibbe

with sayings like "I love the 1980s." But one local's wardrobe was a bit more retro than the others.

"I'm representing Elvis if he would have lived in the '80s," said Cary Weiner, an Elvis impersonator who wore a black



button-up shirt and dark denim jeans.

Even though Elvis died in 1977, Weiner said the '80s was an important time for his most devoted fans. People believed Elvis was still alive — and Weiner said people started snap-

ping pictures of him, genuinely thinking he was the King.

"The '80s started the Elvis sightings — 'I saw Elvis in Burger King. I saw Elvis in the bank. I saw Elvis there. I saw Elvis here,'" said Weiner, recalling how he was mistaken for Elvis at a restaurant. "This woman and her husband starting taking pictures of me — 'It's him!'"

Birnbaum said the '80s extravaganza was a time for locals of a certain age to remember their glory days — and rock out to old memories while creating more.

"Us older people — we're reliving our youth," she said.

For another attendee, reliving the glorious days of his '80s youth was actually quite literal.

"I was in India, going with all the European girls, dancing in India like a psychedelic god," said Bobby Rappaport, who added that he is still living the dream. "I just flew in a gorgeous girl from Hawaii. She is 58 but from behind, 16!"



CLEAR WATER: A pinewood derby car shows off its Brooklyn roots. Photo by Stefano Giovanni

PINEWOOD

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sources to organize without the backing of the Boy Scouts of America, Pierogi co-owner Joe Amrhein said.

"It is so much work to put this together, and we do it out of our own pocket money," said Amrhein. "Once every five years seems to be the right number for us."

This year racers submitted cars adorned with such odd accessories as syringes, bubblegum, and a bottle of water from the Gowanus Canal. The 16-pounder, a long ride sporting an improbable row of hot-rod engine blocks sculpted out of brass, was a favorite of Amrhein's.

"It was too heavy to be safe," he said. "But I loved the way it looked."

Ziegler used the same car that she made for the last Boiler pinewood derby in 2009, but she fine-tuned it by adding weights to the body and tinkering with the tilt of the wheels.

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Stars are born at Dimensions on Stage

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

It's Broadway in Bay Ridge.

Dimensions on Stage, a school for theater and performing arts, gives your child a chance to act, sing, and star in musical productions.

"Kids feel like a Broadway star in the neighborhood," says Lauren McElroy, the school's director, who also works professionally in the field.

While they have fun, kids learn poise, self-confidence, and maybe get a chance to meet some Broadway actresses, too. Monette McKay from "Spiderman" and Janine DiVita of "Anything Goes" are among the professionals who have come to the school to teach excerpts from their shows and share some secrets about what goes on behind the curtain.

The acting school wel-

comes children ages 4 to 18. Classes are held during after-school hours and on weekends.

The younger kids study acting and singing that are based on familiar stories. For example, in Fairy Tale Class, they act out scenes from "Goldilocks" and "Cinderella." The objective is that, "Kids get to experience being creative characters other than themselves," says McElroy.

Children ages 6 to 8 are introduced to musical theater, and perform revised versions of Broadway shows like, "Oliver," "Mary Poppins," "Annie," "Beauty and the Beast," or "Newsies." Classes this year are expected to focus on the popular Disney show, "Frozen," which was so well-received during the summer.

Older students work on characterization, scene

study, public speaking skills, and a physical awareness of what they are doing on stage, says McElroy.

"We make the training relatable, and it's all so much fun."

There are two shows per year — in January and in June, usually held at Our Lady of Angels Theater on 74th Street in Bay Ridge. Parents, families, and friends attend performances, and last year, New York Daily News' columnist Denis Hamill was in the audience, says McElroy. The cast was thrilled to get a mention in his column.

The children also make local appearances, performing at the Third Avenue Summer Strolls, the Third Avenue Festival, and at Owl's Head Park on Halloween.

Some of the students do go on professional auditions, and a few have appeared in



(From left) Dimensions on Stage drama students and staff outside of the Third Avenue location. Dimensions on Stage owner Lauren McElroy gives children a chance to act, sing, and star in musical productions.

Photos by Georgine Benvenuto

documentaries and in television commercials, says McElroy. The staff also prepares students for auditions required by the Department of Education to become accepted into prestigious programs at schools such as Mark Twain, Bay Academy, Edward R. Murrow, and LaGuardia High School.

McElroy has been passionate about acting since she was a kid, but there were few acting classes offered in Brooklyn back then. Her mom had to take her into

Manhattan, which wasn't easy because there were other children in the family.

"I longed for something local," she says. It's for that reason that she decided to bring a professional program like this into the neighborhood, starting it in 2011.

Even those who don't plan to star on Broadway can benefit from the skills taught here.

"Self-confidence is arguably the most important character trait of any successful person," says McEl-

roy. "These skills are priceless, and will serve anyone, both on and off the stage."

Enrollment for the fall program has begun. Register for classes by phoning or visiting the website.

Dimensions on Stage [7601 Third Ave. between 76th and 77th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-4167, www.dimensions-on-stage.com]. Open Mondays through Fridays, noon-8 pm, and on Saturdays, 10 am-2 pm. Call anytime to leave a message, and your call will be returned.



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CAREER SPOTLIGHT

Role of dental hygienists in oral healthcare

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Oral hygiene is an important component of overall health. Many people are unaware that conditions of the mouth can translate into medical concerns elsewhere in the body. Overlooking routine dental exams and proper cleaning techniques at home can prove costly and unhealthy mistakes.

Dentists typically get all the credit for helping people maintain healthy smiles, but dental hygienists are often the unsung heroes of the dental profession. Hygienists typically undergo training to handle many of the routine services offered during a standard visit.

Upon entering the examination chair, you will likely be greeted by a dental hygienist. He may take images of your teeth and begin examining your mouth for any abnormalities. The hygienist is usually responsible for facilitating the cleaning process. He will remove tartar from the teeth, administer fluoride treatments, and polish the teeth. Dental hygienists will defer to the dentist to examine X-rays and assess the over-

all health of your teeth. Should dental caries need to be cleaned and filled or more extensive oral work need to be performed, the dentist will take over and the hygienist will assist.

Dental hygienists also may be instrumental in educating patients on proper oral care. They may demonstrate flossing and brushing techniques and may even recommend certain products. Some hygienists take courses in psychology so they will have a better understanding of personality traits and phobias in patients and be able to make patients more comfortable in the dentist's chair.

Dental hygienists primarily work in dental offices. Today's dental hygiene professional has many career options to explore, says the American Dental Hygienists' Association. It notes that the following career paths provide some additional options for hygienists:

Clinician: As a clinician, the hygienist will assess, plan, diagnose, and document treatment of oral diseases while collaborating with other health profession-

als. Clinical services take place in community clinics, hospitals, prisons, and schools.

Public health: Public health hygienists provide care to patients who would otherwise not have access to dental care. State, provincial or other public health services may be run by government or private organizations.

Corporate: These hygienists focus on the sale of services and products that support the oral health industry.

Education: Some hygienists choose to enter the classroom rather than the dental office. Educators are in high demand, and many colleges are actively seeking dental hygiene instructors.

Dental hygienists require a certain level of training and licensure. Criteria may vary depending on where you live, and this may include certificates or degrees. More information is available by contacting the Commission on Dental Accreditation in the United States or the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association.

Does my child need braces?

METRO CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

Genes are responsible for many traits in a person. They'll determine if you'll have brown eyes or blond hair, and could dictate whether you will be tall or short. Genes are also largely responsible for dental problems that could necessitate orthodontic braces, something many children need to correct crooked teeth or bite issues.

Finding out about braces

Your family or pediatric dentist will likely be the first person to point out the need for braces. He can usually recommend an orthodontist who specializes in children's teeth.

Mechanics of braces

Braces work by slowly forcing teeth into a position the orthodontist decides upon. Brackets are glued onto the front (or rear, lingual side for "invisible braces") and then connected by an arch wire. A buccal tube on the band of the last molar holds the end of the arch wire securely in place. At each visit, the orthodontist will either trim the wire or place a shorter wire in place that draws the teeth backward. The child might also have to wear rubber bands or headgear, a metal brace that fits into slots in the brackets and wraps around the head, pulling the front teeth back for additional pressure.

A good time for braces?

It is not necessary to wait until your child's permanent teeth are all in place before investigating braces. Many alignment problems and jaw problems can be corrected while the child is still growing. The majority of children now get braces around the age of 9.

Length and cost of treatment

Braces are worn between one and three years depend-



Genes can be largely responsible for dental problems that could necessitate orthodontic braces, something that many children need in order to correct crooked teeth of bite issues.

ing upon the severity of the problem and how diligent the patient is regarding the use of headgear or rubber bands, or other treatment procedures. After braces are removed, a retainer will likely have to be used to maintain the position of the teeth until wisdom teeth have grown in — or even into adulthood. The cost of braces ranges from \$5,000 and up. Less visible braces may cost more because of their cosmetic nature.

A child will generally see the orthodontist every month for adjustments made to the hardware in her mouth.

Are braces painful?

Most patients will experience mild soreness after a tightening appointment or irritation from friction with mouth tissues and the metal hardware. Over-the-counter pain medications can alleviate soreness, while dental wax can smooth over points of irritation.

Today's braces are smaller and more advanced than in years past. Therefore, the wires and other hardware used may cause less discomfort.

New recommendations for pediatric oral healthcare



The American Dental Association is now recommending fluoride toothpaste be used on children's teeth as soon as they appear.

benefit of cavity protection while limiting their risk of developing fluorosis, which is a mild discoloration of teeth usually appearing as faint lines. The Council found that using just a "smear" of toothpaste for children younger than 3 years old and a pea-size amount for children between the ages of 3 and 6 helps to prevent cavities and is less likely to cause fluorosis. Children should spit out toothpaste as soon as they are old enough to do so.

Caregivers also are urged to take their children to the dentist when the first tooth erupts or no later than a child's first birthday. Semiannual or annual visits thereafter should be the norm, or as directed by a dentist.

Oral healthcare is important for people of all ages, including very young children with cavities. Learn more about preventative oral care by visiting www.ada.org.

The American Dental Association's Council on Scientific Affairs has updated its dental care guidelines for caregivers. While it was once recommended to use water only or a nonfluoride toothpaste to clean teeth of the very young, the Council now recommends the use of fluoride toothpaste even for young children, saying parents and other caregivers should brush their kids' teeth with fluoride toothpaste as soon as the first tooth comes in.

"Approximately 25 percent of children have or had cavities before entering kindergarten, so it's important to provide guidance to caregivers on the appropriate use of fluoride toothpaste to help prevent their children from developing cavities," said Council chair Dr. Edmond L. Truelove.

The Council recommends that caregivers use a smear of fluoride toothpaste (or an amount about the size of a grain of rice) for children younger than 3 years old and a pea-size amount of fluoride toothpaste for children between the ages of 3 and 6 years old. The updated guidelines are intended to provide children with the full

new advice is being offered to those who care for young children's emerging and established teeth.

ing to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As more and more children develop cavities,

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Who has not heard the old adage, "an apple a day keeps the doctor away?" It may seem unlikely that one fruit could be so effective at maintaining good health, but apples really are a super food.

Apples are a member of the Rose family and are related to pears, peaches, apricots and plums. Though considered a fall fruit, apples can be enjoyed year-round thanks to commercial food production and importing.

Apart from being sweet, sometimes sour, and refreshingly crisp, apples pack a number of nutritional benefits. Research has shown that apples can help to reduce a person's risk of heart disease and help those with diabetes. In addition, apples can help fight cancer and prevent dental problems.

According to new information from long-running studies published in the British Medical Journal, eating at least two servings a week of whole fruit, particularly apples, blueberries, or grapes, reduces a person's risk for type 2 diabetes by around 23 percent.

Apples are high in many antioxidants and, as a result, this makes them especially valuable at fighting illness. For example, the disease-fighting compounds in an-



Whether gala, golden delicious, granny Smith, or braeburn, apples make a nutritious snack.

tioxidants have been shown to reduce the risk of certain cancers by neutralizing free radicals.

Apples also are very high in fiber. Fiber is needed to help a person feel full and can also regulate digestive function. Fiber also can help reduce cholesterol by preventing the buildup of cholesterol-causing plaques in the blood vessels, improving cardiovascular function, and possibly reducing risk of a stroke as a result.

In addition to working their magic inside of the body, apples can have a noticeable impact on physical appearance as well. Apples are sometimes referred to as "nature's toothbrushes" because they can brighten and clean the teeth. The crisp, abrasive texture stimulates the gums and removes debris from the teeth. What's more, the natural mild acid-

ity of apples helps to stimulate saliva production that can rinse away germs that lead to plaque.

An apple weighs in at under 100 calories per serving, making it a low-fat and ideal snack any time of the day. Because they are low in calories and full of fiber, apples can help men and women maintain a healthy weight.

Because apples can be plagued by insects and parasites, some growers repeatedly spray the trees with pesticides. It is advisable to buy organic apples to avoid many of the pesticide dangers and to be able to safely eat the apples raw.

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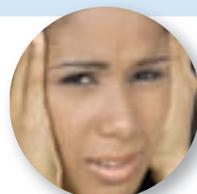


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Simple ways to ease your dental anxiety

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Few people relish the idea of going to the dentist. Dentists prod and poke sensitive areas of the mouth, but their efforts are for the benefit of their patients.

A fear of the dentist may stem from past unpleasant experiences, such as a dentist with a poor chair-side manner, while others may fear the lack of control they experience while in a dentist's chair. Couple that with the discomfort many people have when instruments that interfere with their ability to communicate are placed in their mouths, and fear of the dental chair does not seem so unreasonable.

Easing fears at the dental office involves communication with the dentist and his or her staff, as well as finding a dentist with whom you feel comfortable.

Gagging

According to the American Dental Association patients who have a higher frequency of gagging problems during a dental visit are more likely to experience higher levels of dental care-related fear and fear of pain.

Patients should discuss their propensity for gagging with the dentist or hygienist in advance. Some dentists can recommend nose breathing and other relax-

ation techniques. Distractions, such as televisions in the examination room, also can help to relieve anxiety and the likelihood that you may gag.

Sounds

The sounds of cleaning tools and drills elicit fear in many people. But ignoring or avoiding such sounds can help men and women conquer their fears of the dentist's chair.

On your next dental visit, bring a pair of headphones and some favorite music to listen to while you're in the chair.

Pain

Some dentists cause un-

necessary fear in patients because they assume every person in the chair has the same pain threshold. One person may be able to tolerate a tooth extraction without numbing, while another may need pain relief for a routine cleaning.

Fearful patients should make their needs and fears known. Speak to your dentist about what can be done to deal with the pain. Discuss the procedure and find out if novocaine or another pain reliever can be used.

Pain may be more tolerable if you ask the dentist to take frequent breaks or use a numbing agent on your gums.



Be open and honest with your dentist about any fears you have. The dentist may customize your treatment to avoid anxiety triggers.

When it matters: New York Methodist Hospital helps identify breast cancer early

Breast cancer is, by far, the most common type of cancer among American women; roughly one out of every eight will receive a diagnosis of breast cancer in their lifetimes.

However, depending on how early those one out of eight women receive their diagnosis can dramatically affect their odds of beating the disease. The average five-year survival rate for all patients with breast cancer, regardless of when it is diagnosed, is roughly 90 percent. But for those whose breast cancer is identified when it is in its earliest stages, the five-year survival rate can be up to 99 or even 100 percent. This is why regular breast cancer screenings are vital

to ensure that, if cancerous cells develop, they are identified soon enough for effective treatment.

"Early detection often means that the cancer is still confined to the breast and has not yet spread throughout the body, offering a greater opportunity for a successful outcome," said Steven Garner, M.D., chairman of radiology at New York Methodist Hospital (NYM). "We recommended yearly mammograms for women ages 40 and over, but cancer-screening strategies are not one-size-fits-all. Some physicians encourage a 'baseline' mammogram at age 35, prior to the yearly mammograms that will begin at age 40. Some women may have

genetic mutations that indicate a much greater risk for developing breast cancer, and may require more aggressive strategy for breast cancer prevention. No matter what, in the fight against breast cancer, an individual woman should work with her physician to determine the best screening approach for her."

New York Methodist has been designated a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence by the American College of Radiology (ACR), considered the "gold seal" of approval for imaging procedures. Cutting edge, full-field digital mammography systems are now allowing New York Methodist's women's health specialists to per-

form mammograms with the highest image quality and lowest dose of radiation and further advance their ability to identify breast cancer at its earliest stages. These systems also help to identify cancer in women with dense breasts—breasts have less fatty tissue and more non-fatty tissue when compared to regular breasts. Breast magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) can also be used, and younger women with a family history of breast cancer who need annual screenings can also be tested using a sonogram exam, which uses sound waves to create an image of the tissue inside the breast and also limits early exposure to radiation.

"Clear images, skilled

staff and advanced equipment, like we have here at New York Methodist, mean that patients can be confident in the results of a breast imaging exam," said Dr. Garner. "When it comes to breast cancer, women should not have to take chances when it comes to their health and well being."

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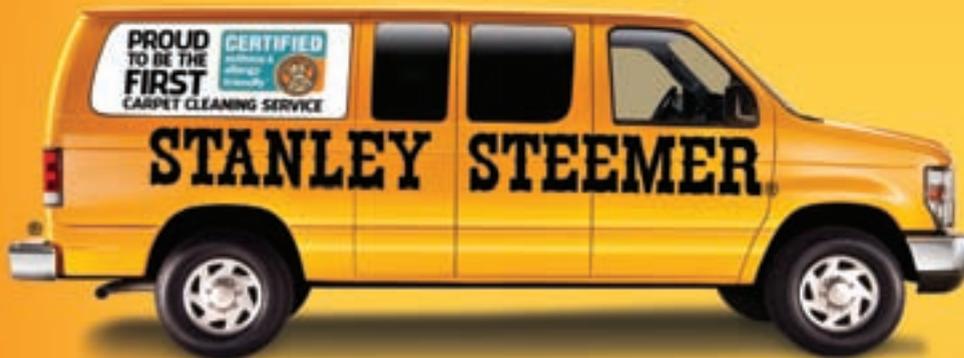
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Emphasize oral hygiene every day

METRO CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

Of all the plans people make at the dawn of a new year, getting healthier is often at the top of the list. Many individuals are concerned about shedding a few pounds, but there are many other ways to focus on health, including paying more attention to dental hygiene.

But practicing proper dental care can begin any time of the year — and can not only keep a smile bright, but affect other areas of the body as well.

Fluoride benefits

One of the keys to oral health is the use of fluoride to prevent dental caries. In fact, many health professionals will say that exposure to fluoride, whether through use of toothpaste or fluoridated water sup-



Those assessing their health should not overlook their oral hygiene.

plies, is probably the most effective cavity-prevention treatment available. Fluoride helps the teeth in a number of ways.

Fluoride can promote tooth remineralization. This means it attracts other minerals, particularly calcium, to the areas of the teeth where tooth

decay can form, helping to strengthen teeth. Fluoride also helps to make teeth more resistant to decay. New tooth mineral created when fluoride is present helps to make teeth harder, making it more difficult for acids and bacteria to penetrate the enamel of the teeth and cause damage.

Another advantage is that fluoride helps to inhibit acid creation. Dental researchers have found that fluoride can inhibit bacteria living in the mouth. That's an important finding, as such bacteria can contribute to the formation of damage-causing acids that are notorious for wearing down tooth enamel, causing spots for more bacteria to congregate and form cavities.

According to the American Dental Association, individuals who find themselves prone to cavities or whose dentists have deemed them at elevated risk for developing cavities may benefit from fluoride application beyond the norm. This may include prescription fluoride applied directly to the teeth at home or procedures where dentists apply the

fluoride in their offices.

Recent clinical recommendations from a multidisciplinary expert panel convened by the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs suggest that topical fluoride, used in conjunction with drinking optimally fluoridated water and using toothpaste with fluoride, can prevent tooth decay. These clinical recommendations cover professionally applied and prescription-strength, home-use topical fluoride agents for cavity prevention.

Heart disease and oral health

The millions of bacteria that proliferate inside of the mouth and contribute to dental caries also can affect other areas of the body. Evidence suggests the same bacteria that can cause plaque and gum dis-

ease may lead to cardiovascular problems. According to information from Harvard Medical School, several species of bacteria that cause periodontitis have been found in the atherosclerotic plaque in arteries in the heart and elsewhere. This plaque can lead to heart attack.

Although research is ongoing, there is reason to believe that oral bacteria could also harm blood vessels or cause blood clots by releasing toxins that resemble proteins found in artery walls or the bloodstream.

When the body's immune system responds to these toxins, blood clots may form more easily. Some evidence also points to a correlation between inflammation in the mouth and inflammation in the body.



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Pediatric dentists specialize in the care of younger patients and can help foster a lifelong comfort with visiting the dentist.

Why should you choose a pediatric dentist?

Choosing any type of medical service provider in the era of managed health can prove challenging. It either involves pouring through pages of provider booklets or spending time online to find someone who accepts a particular insurance plan.

In terms of dentists, it can be difficult to discern pediatric dentists from regular practices, leaving individuals to wonder if they should bother seeking out a pediatric dentist at all.

Importance of care

It is important to make children's dental health a priority. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have found that tooth decay is one of the most chronic diseases among children aged 5 to 17. Oral health problems affecting infants are no less serious.

What is a pediatric dentist?

Pediatric dentists specialize in the care of infants, children and adolescents. In the United States, pediatric dentists complete two years of residency in addition to their four years of dental training to be-

come a Doctor of Dental Surgery. Specialty education includes child psychology, behavior guidance, preventive techniques, restorative dentistry, interceptive and comprehensive care (braces), and the treatment of handicapped or chronically ill children. Residents also learn about the process of adolescent tooth replacement and the importance of regular care from a young age. A pediatric dentist is the only dentist completely qualified in delivering comprehensive children's dental care.

Apart from the training geared toward a younger patient, pediatric dental offices are also built around creating a comfortable environment for youngsters. Rather than the large, often imposing equipment of a family practice, pediatric offices have furniture and equipment in scale with a younger patient. There also may be items used to assuage the fears of children, including televisions, games and toys to divert attention from the procedures to come.

Guide to children's dental care

Dental care should be-

gin as soon as a child's first tooth erupts, generally around 6 months of age. A warm, wet washcloth can be used to clean the teeth and gums. If more than one tooth erupts, a small, soft-bristled toothbrush with warm water can be used to clean teeth.

Pediatricians generally recommend a child visit the dentist by the age of 1. A pediatric dentist can point out if teeth are developing properly and provide guidelines for care. He may also apply a dental sealant to prevent tooth caries (decay and crumbling of a tooth or bone) in developing teeth.

When children are old enough to use a fluoride toothpaste, only a pea-sized amount should be used and the child should be supervised to minimize swallowing of the paste. As children get older, they should be encouraged to brush their teeth at least twice a day and learn flossing skills.

A pediatrician may have a listing of recommended pediatric dentists, making the search for a qualified, board-certified professional easier.

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Hit-and-run victim to driver: Abandon all hope

To the editor,

This is to the woman driving a silver Nissan on Avenue W on Sept. 17 at 5 pm — you didn't even bother to get out of your car after you hit my dog, which was on a leash!

You opened your passenger window to scream at me, but didn't care enough to get out of your car to find out if she was okay or not — she wasn't! You macerated her and broke her tail!

Did you find her blood on your tire? Did you think to try and help her or me? Just remember that God and St. Francis saw you!

What a wanton disregard for life! What comes around goes around — just remember that!

Judith Mandiberg
Sheepshead Bay

Race war

To the editor,

We keep hearing from notorious race-baiters Al "all Greeks are Homos" Sharp-ton and Jesse "Hymie Town" Jackson that we need to have a conversation regarding race. Sure, if the discussion was two-sided they might have a valid point. However, in the National Basketball Association we had 81-year-old Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling — suffering from dementia and spewing racist remarks in the privacy of his own home — black-balled from the league after being secretly taped by his gold-digger girlfriend. Earlier the month, two white, front-office bigwigs from the Atlanta Hawks organization landed in hot water over diversity-related comments that were deemed racially charged. Majority team owner Bruce Levinson resigned over remarks he made which surfaced after two years, while Hawks' general manager Danny Ferry was ordered to attend sensitivity training.

Meanwhile, basketball "legend" and broadcaster Charles Barkley constantly shoots his mouth and never receives as much as a slap on the wrist. Barkley once spoke at a press conference and angrily responded to a reporters question by blurting out, "This is why I hate white people!" Of course, he faced no ramifications for his outburst, as laughter erupted and those in his inner circle claimed, "Oh, that was Chuck just being Chuck." Yeah right. Can you imag-

ine if a white person, at a press conference no less, shouted "This is why I hate black people!" I think it's a safe bet that he would have been crucified and had his career terminated prior to exiting the podium!

Talk about a double standard. Former Brooklyn Nets minority owner and rapper Jay-Z screamed, "No more white lies, my president is black!" while performing a concert at Barack Obama's 2009 inauguration. No one cared. Jay-Z was also frequently visible court-side last season at Nets home games wearing a gigantic gold medallion around his neck. The jewelry was worn in support of an organization known as "Five Percent Nation," an offshoot of the Nation of Islam. The gaudy necklace represented white people as being "weak and wicked" and black men akin to God. Nets starting Center Mason Plumlee, who is white, must have cringed every time he dribbled within an arms length of the despising rapper.

Basketball superstar LeBron James was so ticked off by Sterling's remarks that he demanded to find out if there were other racist owners in the league, so they could be held accountable as well. It wasn't too difficult with today's technology for me to uncover dozens of photos of James and Jay-Z buddying-up at various functions together, making me think it was only white bigots he was concerned about.

Sadly hypocrites, such as James, National Basketball Association commissioner Adam "white guilt" Silver and our wonderful liberal media, refuse to acknowledge that racism works both ways in America.

Rick Lundberg
Sheepshead Bay

Eco-Bam

To the editor,

I am pleased that the Obama administration is leading the effort to conserve the greater sage-grouse, one of the most iconic and imperiled bird species of the American West. However, according to a scorecard released by conservation groups, the administration's plan for grouse in Wyoming does not comply with the best available science or with standards necessary to protect grouse populations.

I feel strongly that the Bureau of Land Management and the Department of Agriculture need to follow the measures called for by agency scientists to conserve the species. These include recommendations to limit future oil and

gas drilling and mining, better grazing practices, and the creation of protected areas.

Conserving the greater sage-grouse will require protecting large areas of habitat. Most priority sage-grouse habitat is already heavily degraded and grouse are only persisting in large, relatively undisturbed blocks of habitat. Protecting the remaining large expanses of important sage-grouse habitat will also help stem the decline of many species of wildlife and preserve the wide-open spaces of the American west for future generations of Americans.

George Zoulis
Dyker Heights

Food for thought

To the editor,

The debate on genetically modified organisms is much too kind to the industry. More than 26 nations ban genetically modified organisms, including Italy, Russia, China, India, France, and Germany.

Supporters argue that if we don't want to take a chance on eating engineered food, we can always eat the organic kind. Really? What right does the genetically modified industry have to put this garbage into our food supply? At the very least, we have the right to know which foods are genetically modified.

Millions of dollars are spent to fool people into believing that if genetically modified foods were labeled that prices would go up. Experts have warned about lots of other problems with these types of foods being in our food supply, including pest-resistance on crops. Let's not forget the Indian farmers who committed suicide because their genetically modified seeds failed to produce crops — note only farmers who used these type of seeds had problems.

The facts are in, and consumers need to demand genetically modified foods are labeled as such.

David Raisman
Bay Ridge

Bam's shams

To the editor,

One would think President Obama would spend more time at work, with all the current crises, including the spike in illegal border crossing, veterans not being treated, illegal Internal Revenue Service investigations, Hamas terrorist attacks on Israel, civil wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and Ukraine, along with the threat from the Islamic State

of Iraq and Syria, but he reminds me of the famous Mad Magazine character, Alfred E. Newman, who famously said, "What, me worry?" with a big smile on his face.

Did you miss President Obama's most recent fundraising stops in Westchester County? One — at \$32,400 per person — was at the home of Camilo Patrigani, the chief executive of Greenwood Energy, a subsidiary of Libra. This was hosted by George Logothetis, a shipping heir and chairman of the Libra group, along with his wife, Nitzia Logothetis, founder of Selenti, a nonprofit company which promotes mental health for women. The second — at \$15,000 and more per couple — was at the estate of Robert and Carol Wolf. This was hosted by Robert Wolf, former chairman of U.B.S. Americas along with his wife, Carol Wolf, who manages special projects for the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights.

How ironic that Obama visited at a time when 6.6 percent of New Yorkers are out of work (with another 7 percent given up looking resulting in a real unemployment rate of 13.6 percent). Is this the "change we can believe in" he promised on the campaign trail?

Obama continues to enjoy building his frequent flyer mileage with his dozens of political campaign fundraising events. Each trip on Air Force One costs taxpayers a fortune for logistics and Secret Service protection. We are stuck with the tab for police and traffic support. No previous President has spent so much time away from Washington to participate in a record number of fundraising events than Obama.

"Do as I say, not as I do" applies to him and Congressional Democrats. Bash the wealthy with one hand, but get the big bucks with the other hand. Those in attendance included the usual one-percent crowd, along with Wall Street, lobbyists, trial lawyers, real estate developers, Hollywood celebrities, special interest groups, millionaires and the pay-for-play crowd. At those prices, the 99 percent working- or middle-class people were hard to come by, except in the kitchen or serving. What is that tired old refrain about the Democratic Party being the friend of the working and middle class, while those nasty greedy old Republicans are the wealthy big-buck fat cats? Seems like Obama prefers hanging out with the one percent.

Larry Penner
Great Neck, N.Y.

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Stan experiences the miracle of flight

Two months ago my roommate and I received an invitation to an out-of-town wedding to be held on Sept. 13 with a rehearsal dinner on the Friday evening before. Without paying attention to the significance of the date, we ordered the airline tickets for the Thursday before that — Sept. 11.

So there we were, flying to our destination on 9-11. We arrived at the airport and couldn't help but notice the many police vehicles and Swat team trucks. It took a few extra minutes to enter the terminal (by the way, why do they call it a terminal? That's a terrible word to use when traveling by air).

Inside the building, there were armed members of the Swat team moving in and around, plainclothes officers peering over opened newspapers talking into something which was covered by those papers, and uniformed K-9 cops strolling with man's best friend.

A beautiful Labrador retriever moved around sniffing the many carry-ons in the area. I told Carol that if the Lab stopped to pee we're okay. We only have to worry if she remained close to smell our belongings. She might want the chicken sandwiches we brought to nibble during the flight. In spite of the date and the many fears we felt safe.

We were flying on Southwest Airlines, and even though they don't charge for checking luggage, there were so many passengers that prefer bringing oversized carry-ons aboard the aircraft. Explain that to me.

For as long as I can remember the name of the in-flight magazine on Southwest was "Spirit." Last month it was renamed "Southwest, The Magazine." My explanation for this change is that there were many fliers who opened the magazine and thought they were on the wrong airline.

On this flight there were 11 wheelchairs lined up bringing 11 passengers aboard. When we reached



IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

Stanley P. Gershbein

our destination, only two were necessary to assist the two arriving passengers who still needed them. During this marvelous flight, nine of the 11 were miraculously cured. Do you remember when there was an airline that flew "the Friendly Skies?" I believe that Southwest Air should now be known as the "Lourdes of the Skies."

This reminded me of the many passengers on a cruise ship who get around on motorized scooters and wheelchairs. As soon as they get to the buffet, they're cured. They jump off and load up on the many choices of food. Royal Caribbean is now the "Lourdes of the Seas."

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And back to the wedding. A wonderful rehearsal dinner, a sensational morning after buffet brunch, a reception with a 12-piece orchestra and a beautiful ceremony even though nobody cried. I once attended a wedding at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden when almost everyone cried real tears. Sure, the room was filled with plants and flowers and half the guests had allergies. I am **StanGershbein@Bellsouth.net** asking, why is it necessary for wedding bands to play so loud?

Bilingual ed a disaster for kids

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A BRITISHER'S VIEW

Shavana Abruzzo

At last check, the United States Constitution was written in English — not Spanish, or Russian, or Urdu, or Chinese, or any other blarney the balled-up Department of Education wants to foist on taxpayers in its bilingual program options.

English has helped generations of immigrants aspire and acclimate to the American way of life, but schools chancellor Carmen Farina and her new chief for "English-language learners," Milady Baez, want to ditch those triumphs to promote a wholesale agenda at odds with individual advancement and success.

Their wonky plan to constipate the public school beadedom with more bloat — including "strategically using English-language learner density enrollment data," "collaborating with a broad

range of partners," and "strengthening the specialized skill sets necessary to effectively address the academic and linguistic needs of the diverse English-language learner population" — *say what?* — is costly drivel engineered to mask their own inadequacies as educators. Otherwise they would have no problem equipping all their students with the skills they need to grasp the world's most widely used language and enjoy the vast opportunities that its fluency brings.

Bilingual and English-as-a-Second-Language programs first appeared here in the mid-1970s,

after a lawsuit against the city claimed it failed Puerto Rican youngsters who spoke limited English because they were unable to participate in classes. Long-term bilingual education has become the norm since then, with negligible success.

International watchdogs at Humanity in Action say the Big Apple's English-language learners perform lower than their mainstream peers. A 2009 Los Angeles study confirmed our worst suspicions — that long-term bilingual education programs block students from the mainstream and contribute to drop-out rates.

An astonishing 30 percent of students placed in English language learning classes in primary grades were still in the same programs in high school, the study found.

The Department of Education — a wealthy, lazy agency, whose annual budget of \$25.9 billion is more than the state budget of Louisiana — deserves a dunce cap for trying to glom even more riches off the backs of its foreign-language speakers, with additional grants earned for each enrollee. Its gross riches should have financed a better method of mainstreaming English-language learners more efficiently, instead of dooming them to a life of disadvantage and dependency with a new take on old policies that spell failure in any language.

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Ten minutes saved Jo on car insurance

From the Geico cavemen to the Geico gecko, 15 minutes really can save you a bundle.

I have had one car insurance company for the past 35 years or so.

Back in the day, as a young driver in the high-risk pool, I needed to find an insurance company that would insure me at rates my part time job could afford. That company was Wausau. The company was my carrier for more than 35 years, and even though it went through a laundry list of other names, it was still the best company around.

It never dropped me, the rates were reasonable, and when I got married, I just added my husband. Even then the rates remained stable.

Through the years the premiums stayed pretty current and since the rate raises were always manageable we stayed. You know, if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Last September the company that started out as Wausau, changed yet again, this time to Kemper. Since we had weathered the many iterations through the years, Bob and I decided we would stay with it.

The previous policy was a 10 monther. The first change that Kemper made was that we now had a six-month policy that would renew twice a year. Okay, one way or another you have to have full year coverage, so we stayed.



NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

The policy was more expensive, but now we had three cars, two were new. We stayed.

In April, when the policy renewed and the bill came, I noticed an increase and I called the company.

"One driver received a ticket in the last six months, so we raised your premium," was the answer.

Since it was me that got the ticket, I really couldn't complain. We paid the increase and we stayed.

So now, another six months have gone by and there have been no tickets, no accidents (thank God), no late

payments, and it was time for another renewal.

I got the bill in the mail and noticed that there was yet another rate increase. Not a little one this time, but a big jump.

I called Kemper and asked why? The answer: "Well New York State granted an increase and we looked at the statistics and payouts for your area and we noticed we paid out a lot and so we raised everyone accordingly." What? There were no claims made, no violations issued. Why should we be penalized for payouts made for other claims?

"Not fair," I said, adding, "We have been customers for a very long time, always paid our premiums on time, and never made a claim."

She answered, "That's why that company is no longer in business and we bought them out."

Ouch! As providence from on high the television was on and the Geico gecko shot across my 42-inch screen.

"Why not?" I thought, "I've got 15 minutes."

I called. It really didn't take as long as 15 minutes. The young man named Ryan was able to save me a bundle and all it took was 10 minutes. Goodbye Kemper, hello Geico.

Not for Nuthin™, but that Geico gecko had me at hello!

Follow me on Twitter @JDelBuono.

Carmine's rumba worth 750 words

I'm madder than Eli Manning getting a red flag every time he tries to complete a pass during a soccer game over the fact that I have to keep reading about all these National Football League stars using their rage away from the gridiron and on their kids, wives, and girlfriends.

Look, you all know that the ol'Screecher knows a thing or two about letting off some steam, and my rule No. 1 is never to punch anything out of fear that doing so could cut me and release some of my precious blood.

So why do I have to read about this stuff everyday when the paper gets delivered to the door by the paperboy who's been delivering it for so long he's become a paperman? I'll tell you why. Because the freedom of the press allows these guys to write whatever they want, and nothing is more interesting to them these days than that. Well, let me tell you this: if they keep promoting it like this, it's going to



BIG SCREECHER

Carmine Santa Maria

keep happening, as violence begets violence. I wish they'd just write about nice things like I do every week, because there is no better way to enlighten people's lives than to deprive them of information they don't necessarily need that could make them

feel bad. If they did that, maybe people would be nicer to one another.

And that's why I recommend that thenceforward, you get out all your frustrations on the dance floor and, of course, I could help you do so with my free tango and ballroom dance lesson on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at Seth Low IS 96 in its auditorium.

The ballroom dance program is for beginners of all ages, aided by students who advance year after year. Partners are not necessary, but are encouraged. Assisted by associates and regular students of federation's year-round evening dance class, the classes have all levels of dancers eager to learn more. I have been teaching ballroom dancing for nearly 60 years, and my Federation dance class is now in its 16th successful year at the Beacon Center. In fact, they are so popular, students come from all over the city to learn dance patterns, techniques, and get my expert critique.

Registration is required and can be done at the front desk at the school. For more information contact Joe Rizzi at (718) 232-2266 or the Federation at (718) 259-2828.

In my opinion, Latin music, whether it be mambo, cha cha, or salsa, will last forever. It is happy music and you can see the enjoyment on the faces of each dancer. With that in mind, here's the Screecher's pro tip of the week on where to hear and dance to great salsa music: at the 360 lounge at Resorts Casino in Aqueduct, Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 8. There is a free salsa lesson in front of the huge circular bar, and from what my expert eyes could see, the instructor was excellent, getting 40 couples up on the floor dancing salsa.

But I don't just teach salsa, lambada, and the hokey pokey. I use regular students to demonstrate initial patterns and techniques, teaching students how to dance in time with the music. Basic meringue, foxtrot, and

tango are introduced, and then cha cha and Swing are added.

I also teach advanced students the peabody, rumba, mambo, waltz, and samba.

Some students call it a ballroom dance clinic, but most call it a fun exercise program!

During the years I've been involved in this popular evening program, parents have brought their teenagers to learn ballroom dance with them, bridging the generation gap. I teach group lessons only, telling students "You learn to dance by dancing and teaching each other, but my eagle eyes will always be there watching and correcting you!"

And best of all, I do it all from atop my trusty steed Tornado! That's right! I don't ever have to put two feet on the ground to teach you to dance! As my old bosses Katherine and Arthur Murray would say at the end of their popular television program, "if you want to have a little fun in your life, try dancing."

Screech at you next week!

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Stay clean with the Clean Seat

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Your mother always told you to wear clean underwear.

Now you can make sure they stay clean.

Entrepreneur Fran Gallo has designed a new patent-pending product — it's a unisex sanitary pad aptly named the Clean Seat.

It's ideal for men and woman who suffer with conditions such as urinary incontinence, hemorrhoids, post-surgery issues, and fecal leakage. It's thin and lightweight, so the pad is comfortable. Yet, it keeps you feeling secure. Designed so that one part is thicker than the other, it allows the wearer to strategically place that part where it's needed most — in the front or the back of the underwear.

"And it's long enough to cover your whole seat," says Gallo.

Men with prostrate issues use them, says Gallo, as do women who may have vaginal discharge in between periods. Many find it particularly beneficial to wear the Clean Seat after medical procedures like colonoscopies. Those who run marathons and do heavy exercise say it's practical, too.

"It's a product that can be conveniently used by everyone who wants to keep their undies clean," she says. "It's disposable, so you can wear a fresh one every day."

What makes this product unique is its size and design.

"A bulky diaper can be too big," says Gallo. "A feminine mini pad is too small. But the Clean Seat is just right."

Gallo never envisioned herself an entrepreneur. She is a supervising school aide at a school in Coney Island,

and she volunteers for Leferts Park Church in Dyker Heights. But necessity is the mother of invention, and one day Gallo found herself gluing a bunch of mini pads together, cutting them with scissors, to get the right shape.

From her conversations with friends and family, she learned that soiled underwear was a common problem.

"People weren't embarrassed to talk about it," she says. "They just wanted to keep their underwear clean."

Gallo thought she could help, so she created a prototype.

One of the first people to use the product was her parents' 87-year-old male friend.

"He was excited," says Gallo. "But after a couple of days, he told me he was disappointed because the product kept slipping out of his underwear." Gallo couldn't understand why.

"It has a strong adhesive," she told him. He looked puzzled. Then there was a revelation. "There's adhesive?!" he asked.

Okay, so men may need an extra moment of training. After all, it's a completely new experience for them. But once he pulled the adhesive covering off and placed the product inside his underwear, he was very happy, says Gallo.

"He bought a case immediately."

In fact, Gallo says for years pharmacists would tell men who needed this type of product to buy female pads. It's not surprising that many weren't comfortable doing so.

"They were embarrassed," she says. "Now phar-

macists can direct men to the Clean Seat."

It's currently sold in 42 stores in Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, Long Island and New Jersey. Locally, you can find it at the Key Food on Neptune Avenue in Coney Island. It's also available on Amazon.com and at TheCleanSeat.net.

Currently selling for \$5.99 in stores for a box of 30 pads, pricing will go up, says Gallo. The modest introductory offer is designed to build buzz about the brand. Samples are available at doctor's offices, too, where trial sizes sell for \$1.

"A lot of elderly people can't afford to buy diaper products," says Gallo. "They are expensive. The Clean Seat is affordable." She expects it to remain that way.

While this revolutionary new product wasn't originally designed to replace traditional sanitary napkins, it actually can be used as such, says Gallo.

"Women have called to say they like it because it's so long. It's almost 13 inches." That's a lot of underwear protection.

The company is a proud supporter of T.E.A.L. (Tell Every Amazing Lady About Ovarian Cancer), an organization that promotes public awareness and education about the signs, symptoms and risk factors of ovarian cancer.

"We've donated hundreds of samples to survivors of the disease," she says.

Gallo is optimistic that this product is what the consumer wants and needs. She expects to work hard to get the Clean



Clean Seat creator Fran Gallo with entrepreneur Daymond John (left). Gallo is a supporter of Tell Every Amazing Lady About Ovarian Cancer.

Seat in chain stores, and envisions the possibility of a licensing deal. To educate herself about the business world, the life-long Brooklyn resident attended the Daymond John

Academy. She thanks God for the success that this venture has already been.

Independent pharmacies and variety stores that are interested in carrying the

Clean Seat on consignment, should contact her.

The Clean Seat [(718) 974-9820, www.TheCleanSeat.net]. Call Mondays through Fridays, 9 am-5 pm.

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Harbor Watch



TAKING AIM: Staff Sgt. Jonathan Miller at Ft. Leonard Wood teaches a soldier how to fire an M203 grenade launcher.

Army courtesy photo

Ready, aim, fire for new drill sgt.

HARBOR WATCH

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Miller, 787th Military Police Battalion, 14th Military Police Brigade, was declared the winner, Sept. 11, at the Drill Sergeant, Advanced Individual Training Platoon Sergeant of the Year event held at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Miller, who also took home the 1st Sgt. Tobias Meister Award for achieving the highest score on the Army Physical Fitness Test during the competition, talked about the emotions he felt when he heard his name called.

"I knew it was a tight race from the very beginning," he said. "Really, to hear my name called was overwhelming. I was filled with emotions, a lot of pride, honor."

"This competition was truly the most difficult, most challenging, the best competition that I've ever been a part of. So for that, I'd like to thank Drill Sergeant [David] Stover (2013 Drill Sergeant of the Year) and Drill Sergeant [Ryan] McCaffrey (2013 Army

Reserve Drill Sergeant of the Year) and their team for really putting together a tough, awesome competition," Miller added.

As a winner, Miller will now move into a new job at the strategic level at U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, a special perk of winning this special competition.

Miller said he was looking forward to his new role.

"As we move forward, as we progress, as our Army evolves, I just want to make sure our soldiers, our NCOs, our officers are getting the very best training," he said. "I want to make sure that we continue to develop the absolute greatest training for our soldiers."

The 2014 Army Reserve Drill Sergeant of the Year is Staff Sgt. Christopher Croslin, with the 95th Training Division, U.S. Army Reserve, at Norman, Oklahoma.

The 2014 Advanced Individual Training Platoon Sergeant of the Year is Sgt. 1st Class Thomas

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To tatt or not to tatt

Army sets new regulations for tattoos and hairstyles

HARBOR WATCH

The Army has published revisions to Army Regulation 670-1, its policy for "Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia," which included changes to female hairstyles and tattoo standards.

The revisions, dated Sept. 15, were effective immediately.

The service determined in a review that authorized hairstyles announced earlier this year limited female soldiers' hair grooming options. The policy authorizes temporary, two-strand hair twists for women, and includes a number of updates to hairstyles for women. Dreadlocks or locks remain an unauthorized hairstyle.

As for tattoos, the new regulation allows enlisted soldiers who have "grandfathered" tattoos to be considered for officer candidate school or warrant officer appointment without needing an exception to the policy.

A training package for Army leaders and soldiers is available online at www.armyg1.army.mil/hr/uniform/.

The Army plans to continue its long-standing practice of conducting perpetual reviews of its policies. In fact, soldiers are encouraged to submit a DA Form 2028 to recommend changes. Requests with significant wear or policy changes should be endorsed through the soldier's senior level chain of command to the Army G-1.

"Wearing of the uniform as well as our overall military appearance should be a matter of personal pride



MARTIAL MARKINGS: First Sgt. Aki Paylor shows his forearm tattoo.

Staff Sgt. Stephanie van Geete

for soldiers," Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler said. "Our commitment to the uniform and appearance standards is vital to your professionalism."

"Every soldier has the responsibility to know and follow these standards. Leaders at all levels also have the responsibility to interpret and enforce these standards, which begins by setting the appropriate example," Chandler added. "Your actions help to ensure we continue to be trusted and revered by the American people we serve."

The Army began reviewing its policies on female hairstyles soon after releasing the March 28, 2014, version of the regulation. In conjunction with the service's review, the Department of Defense also requested a review in light of concerns that the hair-

style policies were too restrictive for African-American women.

This review included feedback from a panel of soldiers comprised of the various demographics represented in the U.S. Army. Subsequently, Army officials believe the updated policy gives female soldiers more options while maintaining a professional appearance.

The new regulation allows female soldiers to have temporary twists or two pieces of hair neatly twisted together. Twists, cornrows and braids can be up to 1/2 inch in diameter. The previous maximum was a diameter of approximately 1/4 inch.

The Army removed the requirement that no more than 1/8 of an inch of scalp could show between braids. The Army requires braids, twists and cornrows worn against the scalp be uni-

form in appearance and have the same general size of spacing between them.

Previously, the Army required that the ends of hair in braids be secured with inconspicuous rubber bands. The reference to rubber bands was removed, now the ends just have to be secured inconspicuously.

Braids and cornrows worn against the scalp previously had to be worn in a straight line from the front and go all the way to the back of the head. Now, the language has been changed to say the braids need to follow the natural direction of the hair when worn back or in the natural direction using one part in the hair.

Styles such as braids, cornrows, or twists worn against the scalp may still stop at one consistent location of the head. When such styles are worn loosely or free-hanging, they must en-

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Vietnam vets given Medal of Honor

Soldiers also inducted into the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes in Washington

HARBOR WATCH

Vietnam War soldiers who were presented with Medals of Honor for their valor beyond the call of duty at the White House on Sept. 15, were celebrated and inducted into the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes on Sept. 16.

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Bennie G. Adkins and Spc. 4 Donald P. Sloat were paid tribute and honored with standing ovations by a standing-room-only audience. Adkins and Sloat were presented framed citations attesting to their courage and bravery.

Now 80, Adkins, a Special Forces soldier accepted his citation and personal Medal of Honor flag for his actions in 1966, in which he was credited with killing more than 135 enemy combatants while suffering 18 wounds in a 38-hour battle, then leading his men on a 48-hour escape and evasion.

Dr. Bill Sloat accepted the citation and flag on behalf of his brother, who was killed when his squad was conducting a patrol serving as a blocking element in support of tanks and armored personnel carriers.



CONGRATULATIONS: Ret. Command Sgt. Maj. Bennie Adkins, center, receives his Medal of Honor flag from Sect. of Defense Chuck Hagel along with Army Under Sect. Brad Carson and Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. David Allyn at Pentagon ceremonies on Sept. 16. Adkins received a Medal of Honor at the White House on Sept. 15 for his actions in Vietnam in 1966.

Bernardo Fuller

The lead soldier tripped a booby-trapped grenade, which rolled down the hill. Sloat grabbed it and realizing he didn't have time to throw it, drew the grenade into his body to absorb the explosion and shield his comrades in the

1970 action.

Before the presentation, host Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel praised the families of both men for standing by their soldiers as well as the six soldiers present who served with Adkins during the battle.

Under Secretary of the Army Brad Carson next told the audience:

"It is now as Secretary Hagel mentioned almost 50 years, half a century since those acts of valor we recognize today," he said. "If today's ceremony is, well a

little belated, it takes nothing away from the inspiration we draw from our two recipients whose names will join a sacred role, a fraternity forged in fire alongside those names we also honor today if only in silence.

"So, what does lead men to act so valiantly — it is indeed tempting to ask how such men are created," he continued. "The courage of this sort is beyond words, even beyond understanding, and maybe we can be satisfied only with knowing there exists in some people, something so inviolable, something so precious that they would sacrifice their own lives to protect it, to ensure its continued vitality.

"Let us call it duty, honor, patriotism, love, whatever we call it, let us be grateful, let us be grateful that our country seems to be blessed with an abundance of this scarce breed of person," Carson said who was followed by Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Daniel B. Allyn.

"Though delayed for over 40 years, it is essen-

tial we celebrate their valorous service and sacrifice to our nation," said Allyn acknowledging and asking Adkins' six brothers-in-arms and the families of both men to rise.

"Describing his experience in Vietnam, Lt. Gen. Harold Moore wrote, 'We discovered in that depressing, hellish place where death was our constant companion that we loved each other. We killed for each other, we died for each other and yes, we wept for each other,'" Allyn said.

"Love of comrades certainly motivates soldiers to fight and commit to one another and both of these warriors we honor today exemplify this inseparable bond of soldiers who share the hell of combat," he said.

"Today at long last we welcome Command Sgt. Maj. Bennie G. Adkins and Spc. 4 Donald P. Sloat into the Hall of Heroes," Allyn said. "We honor their uncommon valor and their courage in combat, their commitment to our nation and to their fellow soldiers epitomizes the Army profession."

TATT

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While dreadlocks or locks are still not authorized, their definition has been changed to remove the words "matted and unkempt."

Another change includes increasing the allowable size of a bun, measuring from the scalp out, from three inches to three-and-a-half inches.

The allowable amount of bulk of hair remains two inches.

The shortest hair a female soldier can have is 1/4 inch from the scalp, which can be tapered to the scalp along the hairline. There is no maximum length a female soldier's hair can be, as long as it is within regulation and can be worn up to meet the guidance for

bulk and bun size.

The new rules clarify that braids, cornrows and now twists can be worn in a ponytail during physical training; it also specifies that wigs, which were previously authorized, cannot be worn to cover up an unauthorized hairstyle.

No matter what the authorized hairstyle, it must allow for the soldier to be able to properly wear all types of headgear and protective equipment.

As part of efforts to maintain the professional appearance of the force, the Army dialed back the number, size and placement of tattoos in the March regulation.

Previously authorized tattoos were "grandfathered" in, but soldiers hoping to become an officer had to get an exception to the policy.

The updated regulation takes into account that previously authorized tattoos should not prevent a soldier from becoming an officer, but that candidates are to be evaluated based on the whole soldier concept, or all characteristics of a soldier.

The rest of the regulation from March remains in place, including the restriction on sleeve tattoos and allowing no more than four tattoos below the elbows or knees. Tattoos below the knees or elbows must be smaller than the size of the soldier's palm with fingers extended.

Permanent ink or branding on the face, neck, and hands, as well as tattoos that can be deemed extremist, indecent, sexist or racist in nature remain banned.

DRILL SGT.

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Russell, with 1st Battalion, 78th Field Artillery Regiment, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

During the five-mile ruck march on the first day of competition, Miller, Russell and Croslin were ahead of the pack. As they walked, they began to talk and realized they were each from different components, and, if things worked out, they could be the three winners.

"All three of us kicked off and were rucking together, and we came to the conclusion that we weren't competing against each other," Russell said. "We ran together and kept pushing each other to keep going. We all looked at each other and figured

out that all three of us could potentially move on and be working together for the next year."

After a bit of hesitation, Croslin agreed that the three competitors came together during that first ruck march.

"Well, what happens on the ruck march stays on the ruck march," he said. "But I will say that we knew at that moment that the three of us were definitely big competitors for our respective components. We also knew that the other sergeants were just as willing to win as we were, and just as capable of winning. So, we just made a pact to push each other through all the physical events. It wasn't something that was necessarily said. You just knew after that ruck march that we were going to push

each other."

In a special moment for all the competitors, they got to hear from the first Drill Sergeant of the Year, Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Allen Carpenter. Carpenter was introduced at the awards ceremony by Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Woods, senior enlisted adviser for the U.S. Army Center for Initial Military Training at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

"This is a year of firsts," Woods said. "This is the first year that we've come up and started a national Drill Sergeant Association. This is the first year that, here at Fort Jackson, we're establishing a Drill Sergeant Hall of Fame. What we want to do with this is have a reminder of the past that made possible our present, and we want to honor the past that makes possible our future."

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Puppy shower: A selection of Sophie Gamand's wet dog photos.
 Photos by Sophie Gamand



Soggy doggies!

Cobble Hill photographer takes snaps of wet pooches

By Matthew Perlman

These photos really made a splash. Cobble Hill photographer Sophie Gamand does not own a dog, but she has built a career out of shooting adorable pictures of man's best friend. In fact, her big break came via a series depicting wet canines, which she said prove that not all pictures of dogs are pet photos.

"In the world of photography, dog portraits are normally considered inferior," she said. "If you're going to photograph dogs, you have to make it meaningful."

Gamand, who is now working on a book

of her "Wet Dog" portraits, will be giving a talk at Photoville in Brooklyn Bridge Park on Sept. 27 about how her series of dripping-wet pooches helped catapult her career.

Gamand first became interested in photographing the four-legged fur-balls after moving to Brooklyn from France four years ago. Roaming around the streets with her camera, she found it easier to shoot people's pets than people themselves. And it made their human companions open up to her.

"It was an easy way to talk to people," she said.

Gamand then started working on a project at a dog groomer in the Bronx, where the idea was to capture the animals before and after their makeover. In the midst of that shoot, the still-sopping dogs caught her eye.

"The wet fur made the dogs into sculptures," she said. "Then I saw their faces and it really got me."

A series of those wet dog photos started going viral online in 2013, and subsequently won Gamand the Sony World Photography Award for portraiture in May of this year. The attention garnered her a deal for a

book, which she hopes to release next fall.

Gamand thinks the wet dog photos resonate with anyone who has ever owned a dog, because they have seen these sad faces while giving their own pets baths.

"It's like a guilty pleasure," she said. "They look so cute and so pathetic, but it has to be done."

Photoville Artist Talk: Sophie Gamand: Wet Dog Portraits in the storefront of One Brooklyn Bridge Park [Joralemon and Furman streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 215-9075, www.photoville.com]. Sept. 27 at 12:30 pm. Free.

ROUGHING IT!

Artist builds kitchen out of sandpaper in Dumbo gallery

By Vanessa Ogle

What's cooking? Gender politics.

A new art installation opening at the Brooklyn Arts Council Gallery in Dumbo on Sept. 26 features a kitchen constructed entirely out of sandpaper. The piece is a political statement that uses the coarse construction material to poke fun at the outdated ideas that still surround domestic duties, according to the artist behind the work.

"This is more of a political piece that has to do with these unrealistic expectations for women to be homemakers," said Kensington artist Traci Talasco. "We're juggling careers and home lives but there is still this unrealistic idea that women are going to be homemakers."

Talasco said she used sandpaper because the rough material was an unusual contrast to stereotypical feminine fabrics. The sandpaper, which will gradually wear down throughout the exhibit, represents women's struggles against traditional gender roles, she said.

"It illustrates in a funny way this idea of women being worn out — being worn down by these expectations," she said. "But it also metaphorically represents this idea of wearing down these



Sand storm: Traci Talasco's kitchen installation has sandpaper floor tiles and sandpaper wallpaper.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

gender stereotypes that don't make sense in 2014."

But the exhibition, titled "Rub Me the Wrong Way," isn't just a political statement, said Talasco. It is also a work art — and every visitor's shoe scuff or fingerprint will leave an impact on the piece.

"It is also something, in the end,

that I feel will be visually beautiful and funny," she said.

"*Rub Me the Wrong Way*" opening reception at the Brooklyn Arts Council Gallery [55 Washington St. between Front and Water streets in Dumbo, (718) 625-0080, www.brooklynartscouncil.org]. Sept. 26 at 6 pm. Free. Show runs through Feb. 13.

Cline of the times

By Danielle Furfaro

Break out the rhinestones and herbal refreshment.

A gaggle of Brooklyn musicians are joining forces to stage a musical tribute to country music icons Patsy Cline and Willie Nelson at Cameo Gallery on Sept. 29.

"A lot of their music is timeless and they are inspirations to generations of musicians," said show organizer and musician Dani Mari. "It is rewarding to see what all the different musicians' perspectives are on the artists."

More than 20 musicians will perform at the show. Each will play a cover of either a Patsy Cline or Willie Nelson song and then they will play one original.

Mari had originally planned to make the night just a Patsy Cline tribute featuring only women musicians, but she said her male musician friends complained, so she added the Willie Nelson element and invited her guy pals to perform — though gents are allowed to cover Cline, and ladies

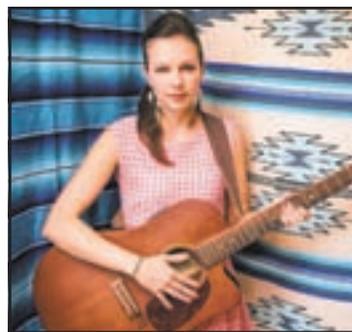
are allowed to cover Nelson. In fact, the show is titled "Crazy" after the Nelson-penned ballad that was a huge hit for Cline in 1961.

This is the first covers show that Mari has organized since she moved to Williamsburg a year ago. In her previous home of Philadelphia, she organized similar shows for Johnny Cash and Hank Williams, and also created an event called Cover Me Philly, where local musicians covered each others' songs. The cover shows are as much about celebrating the artists in the event title as they are the musicians playing their songs, said Mari.

"The goal is to get exposure for all of the musicians and to get everyone together to play some music," she said.

Mari allowed all of the participants to select which song they wanted to sing on a first-come, first-serve basis. For her part, she plans to perform Cline's "Back in Baby's Arms."

Park Slope folk singer-songwriter Irene Molloy said she wanted to perform at the show because she likes



Cover country: Dani Mari gets into character for her Patsy Cline and Willie Nelson tribute show at Cameo Gallery on Oct. 10.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

to reinvent other people's songs. She plans to sing Nelson's "Always on My Mind."

"I wanted to do something that I could play with in terms of emotion and timing," said Molloy. "I like to take something really simple and emotional and do it in my own style."

Crazy: A Tribute to Patsy Cline and Willie Nelson at Cameo Gallery [93 N. Sixth St. between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 302-1180, www.cameony.com]. Sept. 29 at 7:30 pm. \$5.



Prost! Beer lovers celebrate at Aviator's 2013 Oktoberfest.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

Hole in fun!

Marine Park Oktoberfest throws big cornhole tournament

By Vanessa Ogle

Beers, bratwursts, and ... beanbags?

Aviator Sports and Events Center in Marine Park is throwing its second Oktoberfest celebration on Oct. 4, and this year, the party won't just be about brews and Bavarian pretzels. The festival will take a decidedly American twist with a cornhole tournament — a Midwestern game that can be played with a beer in one hand and a small beanbag in the other, according to an organizer.

"It is one of those backyard games that pairs very well with beer," said Pat Ward, the owner of Ward Boards, which makes the hole-filled boards being used in the contest. "It is a great social game."

Teams of two have to throw the soft bags at the boards, aiming to get the bag through a small hole near the top. Players get one point for landing a beanbag on the board and three points for sinking one in the hole. The first to reach 21 points wins. The duo that claims victory in the double-elimination tournament will score prizes including a beer stein and several cases of suds.

The game sounds simple, but strategy is important, said Ward. The cornhole kingpin said his toss technique is a mixture of rhythmic, pendulum-like swings, and Frisbee flicks.

"The biggest strategy is to spin the bags," he said. "A lot



Hole lotta love: Ward Boards creates custom cornhole boards like these ones.

Ward Boards

of people just kind of stand up there and throw the bag any which way."

The festival will also include a stein-hoisting competition, and drinking games such as flip cup and beer pong. There will be a free shuttle bus to the festival from the Flatbush Avenue subway station at Brooklyn College.

All skill levels are encouraged to toss at the tournament, regardless of their experience, said Ward.

"It is one more thing to do on a beautiful fall day," he said.

Oktoberfest at Aviator Sports and Events Center [3159 Flatbush Ave. off the Belt Parkway in Marine Park, (718) 758-7500, www.aviatorsports.com]. Oct. 4 at noon-6 pm. \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door.

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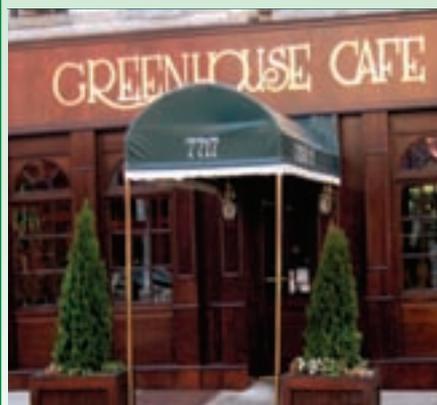
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LETTING OFF STEAM

Transit Museum throws steampunk-themed party

By Danielle Furfaro

Downtown is getting steamy! On Oct. 2, the New York Transit Museum is throwing a steampunk-themed party — celebrating the quirky subculture that pairs science fiction with Industrial Revolution-era technologies. And one of the night's organizers said the museum already has the decoration situation sorted.

"People who are into steampunk also tend to be into a Victorian aesthetic and steam power, so we are trying to link them together," said Elyse Newman, the museum's education manager. "A lot of steampunkers are into Victorian technology and gears and things that move."

The event, dubbed Power Play: Steampunk and the Transit System, will include craft tables where party-goers can make steampunk-inspired wallets, bracelets, and broaches; vintage curiosities from the Museum of Interesting Things; Victorian era-inspired cocktails; and the sounds of "gypsy punk" band Amour Obscur. Revelers are, naturally, encouraged to come in steampunk attire.

The night will also highlight the museum's photo exhibit on the 74th Street Powerhouse, which was built in 1902 to turn steam engine power into electricity in the early days of electrified tracks.

"It was an interesting moment in the city's history, and we want to celebrate it," said Newman.

The party is a collaboration between the museum and Atlas Obscura, a web-



Antiques railshow: Denny Daniels of the Museum of Interesting Things is bringing old gadgets like these to the steampunk party at the Transit Museum.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

site dedicated to highlighting unusual travel destinations. The site's creators also host events and tours that focus on unusual experiences in strange and hidden locations. For example, they have taken intrepid adventurers to ruins of old hospitals and schools, as well as places such as the Museum of Sex and the Math Museum. They also regularly host lock-picking parties.

"We want to encourage people to explore the city in new and interesting ways," said Atlas Obscura co-founder

Dylan Thuras. "So this is a cool way to bring our audience there."

Atlas Obscura had also planned to bring in an aging organ grinder and his monkey, but city health codes do not allow monkeys in museums, said Thuras.

Power Play: Steampunk and the Transit System at the New York Transit Museum [Boerum Place at Schermerhorn Street Downtown, (718) 694-1600, web. mta.info/mta/museum]. Oct. 2 at 7 pm. \$35.

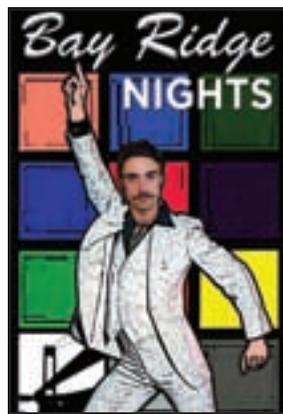
Where to get ritzy in the Ridge

By Max Jaeger

Bay Ridge Nights is more than polyester and Prosecco — we dig high culture, too, and there is plenty of sophisticated stuff in the Ridge this weekend and beyond.

Take an Indian summer Friday or go Away Without Leave from work to catch the **Harbor Defense Museum** (230 Sheridan Loop off of Sterling Drive in Fort Hamilton Army Base), where you can check out U.S. Army weapons, uniforms, and art from the 1700s to the present. A special exhibition promises arms and armor from World War II. But hurry history buffs, the museum closes at 4 pm.

It is not exactly high cul-



ture, but we would be remiss if we didn't mention the 48th annual **Ragamuffin Parade** on Saturday. It started with a local pastor and a troop of kids wearing their parents' baggy clothes, but has expanded into one of the neighbor-

hood's greatest festivals, with gifts for participants and special prizes for the best costumes. The parade runs along Third Avenue between 76th and 92nd streets and steps off at 1 pm.

On Sunday, don that turtle neck and black beret you're always too bashful to bear and perch yourself at the **Owl's Head** (479 74th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues) for the 21st meeting of the Bay Ridge Poets Society. Deliver some lines of your own or sit back and sip wine at this sonneteers' soiree — all are welcome, and the versification kicks off at 7 pm.

And the fancy festivities do not end when the weekend does. Dust off your penguin suit or finest gown on Sunday

Oct. 5, when soloists from the Regina Opera Company will perform "Regina Pops," a selection of popular opera and Broadway tunes. The arias start airing at 3 pm at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Academy** (5902 Sixth Ave. between 59th and 60th streets).

Then on Wednesday Oct. 8, get that beret out again and head down to the **BookMark Shoppe** [8415 Third Ave. between 84th and 85th streets] at 8:30 pm for the first edition of a three-week poetry workshop with poet Lisa Cappiello. It costs \$225, but by the end of the course, you will be a published poet, as the class will collaborate to write, edit, and print a real book.



Moonlighter: One of the photographs from "By Day and By Night," on display at the Dumbo Arts Festival.

Side Hustle NYC

Night shift

Dumbo Arts Fest exhibit looks at life after work

By Noah Hurowitz

What do New Yorkers do when they aren't at work? A group of part-time photographers are trying to find out in their own spare time.

"By Day and By Night," a photo exhibition on display Sept. 27-28 at this year's Dumbo Arts Festival, shows city residents representing their dual identities — what they do when they clock in, as well as after they clock out. There is a banker-painter, a student-barista, and many more. One of the show's founders said the photos are an attempt to illustrate the complex identities held by many New Yorkers, who are defined by more than just their place of employment.

"So much of identity in New York is bound by what job people have," said Alyssa Gruen, who started the exhibit with several former coworkers. "That's been the primary label on a resume or an opening question about what you do, but people are so much deeper than that."

The project got its start when Gruen and a group of colleagues began talking about their various after-hours art interests, and eventually decided to throw an exhibition for nine-to-five working stiffs who pursue art in their spare time. During that show, the gallery had an empty wall, so in order to fill it, Gruen's pal Karoleen DeCastro photographed people on the street with a sign listing their separate day and night pursuits.

That ended up being one of the biggest conversation-pieces of the show, said Gruen, so the artists spun it off into its own project.

DeCastro and another member of the gang found their subjects by approaching strangers on the sidewalks of Williamsburg and neighborhoods in Manhattan. People generally fell into two camps, said Gruen — those who immediately declared their "night identity" and those who said they don't do anything.

"It often took a moment or two to pull out what people do by night," she said. "Some of the best moments were when people had these 'aha!' moments, when you could tell in their eyes they had sort of figured out what it is they like to do outside of work."

The artists are not trying to make a single statement with the exhibit, they said. They want viewers to draw their own meaning from the day-night dichotomy and think about it in the context of their own lives. And at the Dumbo Arts Festival, audiences will have a chance to take part by posting photos of their own identities on social media, some of which will make it on to the project's website, which will go live shortly before the festival begins.

"By Day and By Night" at the Dumbo Arts Festival (Plymouth Street between Washington and Adams streets in Dumbo, www.dumboartsfestival.com). Sept. 27 noon-9 pm and Sept. 28 at noon-6 pm. Free.

It's Oktoberfest at Bay Ridge's Schnitzel Haus

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Roll out the barrels.

It's Oktoberfest, and we'll have a barrel of fun at Schnitzel Haus, Brooklyn's only German restaurant.

Bring on the beer and the bratwurst. The merry-making may start in Munich on Sept. 20, but the Brooklyn bash goes on all year long.

Start the party with Nurnberger Bratwurst, a thin sausage, rich with tasty spices. It's served with three different mustards — one is sweet; another is a horseradish blend; and the third is a dijon. Dunk the meat in each, as it takes on the various flavors when you do, adding to the enjoyment. The bratwurst comes with warm, soft potatoes that have been mixed with vinegar, bacon, pepper, and seasonings to create an authentic German potato salad.

The food here is the real deal, all collected from favorite family recipes — and Schnitzel Haus keeps them all in the family. Owners Fred and Amber Urban oversee the entire operation. Their son, Richard, works as a waiter, and Fred's parents, Alfred and Hilda, are the ones responsible for bringing the classic culinary dishes with them from Austria. The family-friendly environment also includes the Urban's two charming grade-school children.

One of the most popular dishes on the menu is Schnitzel — boneless meat cutlets, fried in a bread-crumbs batter. The Eins Zwei Drei Schnitzel gives you three — a pork cutlet with Jaeger gravy; a veal cutlet with lemon wedge; and a chicken cutlet with black truffle butter. The portion is generous, and they are served with spaetzle, a soft egg noodle. These noodles are small and irregularly shaped, adhering to a time when they were created by hand or with a spoon. The literal translation of spaetzle is “little sparrow,” which offers some insight into their shape.



Schnitzel Haus on Fifth Avenue and 74th Street in Bay Ridge. Co-owners Fred and Amber Urban show off their signature dish, a sampler of five wursts, served with mashed potatoes, red cabbage, sauerkraut, and three mustards. Amber Urban pours up the popular draft beer Weihenstephen. **Photos by Georgine Benvenuto**

German food is noted for being meat-heavy, but Amber says the restaurant takes pride in offering dishes that can accommodate just about every dietary need, including vegans and those looking to eat gluten-free. For the latter, she notes that every sausage on the menu is a gluten-free product. For vegetarians, there's the vegetarienteller — a platter of pancakes, spaetzle, steamed broccoli, carrots, and cabbage. Far from bland, the cabbage is cooked with all the wonderful flavors of autumn — cinnamon, cloves, and apples. Seafood dishes include salmon and tilapia.

The full bar is adorned

with beer steins and glass beer boots. There are at least 40 different types of beer, and that doesn't include special selections featured for Oktoberfest. Happy hour is daily, from 4 to 7 pm. That's when draft beer is offered for half price, and “working man specials” are offered, Mondays through Fridays, for \$10.

On Wednesday nights there's a \$14.95 all-you-can-eat Bavarian buffet, featuring traditional fare such as Kassler Rippchen — smoked pork chops, served over sauerkraut. Trays of food are set on a back table, and customers can help themselves, returning as often as they

wish.

The buffet changes weekly, but you are more than likely to find favorites such as Schaefer-Auflauf — German Shepherd's pie, highlighting a variety of German sausage, topped with sauerkraut and mashed potatoes, then baked in the oven, until the potatoes are nice and crusty. Homemade meat-loaf and beef goulash are other hearty selections, as are spaetzle, steamed vegetables, and salad. You won't leave hungry.

There's karaoke every Thursday. On the first Sunday of the month, enjoy traditional German song. Entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights some-

times include “human karaoke,” allowing the opportunity to sing along with a live band.

For dessert, there's a hearty chocolate cake made with sauerkraut and beer. Don't be put off by the ingredients. It happens to be delicious. Traditional apple strudel swims in a vanilla sauce, accompanied by a side of ice cream. Be sure to order coffee with German whiskey. It's served in a beautiful ceramic glass, overflowing with whipped cream.

If you're looking for a private party, an upstairs room accommodates up to 60 people. There's a catering menu, with lots of options, and the restaurant

is happy to customize, too. A small balcony located off this floor, means guests don't have to go downstairs to catch some fresh, outdoor air.

A children's menu offers kid-friendly fare, served with fries or noodles, soda and ice cream for \$7.

Schnitzel Haus [7319 Fifth Ave. between 73rd and 74th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-5600, www.SchnitzelHausny.com]. The kitchen is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, 4-10 pm; Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, noon-11 pm; and on Sundays, noon-10 pm. The bar remains open until 2 am on Fridays and Saturdays.

EVENTS**FRI, SEPT. 26****PERFORMANCE**

MUSIC, MOTHER, RATHBORNE, MON KHMER, PRELOW, DJ BRUCE HACKFORD: Free. 7 pm. Brooklyn Night Bazaar (165 Banker St. at Norman Avenue in Greenpoint), www.bkbazaar.com.

MUSIC, PETER EVANS QUINET: \$15 (\$10 advance). 8 pm. Jack (505 Waverly Ave. between Fulton Street and Atlantic Avenue in Clinton Hill), www.jackny.org.

MUSIC, KEIJI HAINO AND TONY CONRAD WITH OKKYUNG LEE: \$20. 8 pm. Issue Project Room [22 Boerum Pl. at Livingston Street in Downtown], (718) 330-0313], www.issueprojectroom.org.

MUSIC, PARK SLOPE BLUEGRASS AND OLD TIME JAMBOREE: Featuring James Reams and the Barnstormers. Plus workshops and film screenings. Free. 8 pm. Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture [53 Prospect Park West between First and Second streets in Park Slope, (718) 374-1086], www.jamesreams.com.

MUSIC, SONNYMOON: Free.

10 pm. BAM Cafe (30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene), www.bam.org/programs/bamcafe-live.

MUSIC, THE CAMBODIAN SPACE PROJECT, DENNIS CAHLO AND THE CHANGE, LIZZIE AND THE MAKERS: \$8-\$10. 8 pm. Rock Shop [249 Fourth Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Park Slope, (718) 230-5740], www.therockshopny.com.

MUSIC, TK WONDER, KISSEY: \$21. 8:30 pm. Glasslands (289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg), www.glasslands.com.

THEATER, "NEXT TO NORMAL": The Gallery Players present a rock musical telling the story of a mother struggling with bipolar disorder, and the effect it has on her family. \$18 (\$15 children and seniors). 8 pm. Gallery Players [199 14th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (212) 352-3101], www.galleryplayers.com.

THEATER, "THE VALLEY OF ASTONISHMENT": U.S. premiere, inspired by neurological research, true stories, and Farid Attar's poem "The Conference of the Birds."



Shine on, you crazy cover band: Pink Floyd tribute act the Machine plays Brooklyn Bowl on Oct. 3.

\$60-\$100. 7:30 pm. Theatre for a New Audience, Polonsky Shakespeare Center [262 Ashland Pl. between Fulton Street and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (212) 229-2819], www.tfana.org.

THEATER, "THE DEFINITIVE LOSER'S GUIDE TO WINNING": One-man show written and performed by Dui Jarrod. \$20 (\$15 with student ID). 7 pm. Kumble Theater at Long Island University [DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718) 488-1624], www.brooklyn.liu.edu/kumbletheater.

THEATER, "THREE SISTERS": Immersive production of the Anton Chekhov play, in which audience members choose their own experience by purchasing tickets at different class levels. \$0.99-\$99. 7:30 pm. Highly Impractical Theatre (259 Washington Ave. between Dekalb and Myrtle avenues in Clinton Hill), www.highlyimpracticaltheatre.org.

OTHER

ART, DUMBO ARTS FESTIVAL: Dumbo's annual arts festival, featuring hydroponic tomato plant sculptures, a traveling dance party, and more. Free. 6-9 pm. Various locations around Dumbo, www.dumboartsfestival.com.

ART, "A CONVERSATION WITH CONSEQUENCE": Painting exhibition by Emanuele Cacciatore. Free. 2-6 pm. Open Source Gallery [306 17th St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (646) 279-3969], www.opensource-gallery.org.

TALK, PHOTOGRAPHERS' SKETCHBOOK: Photographers discuss the creative process behind creating a collection. Free. 6 pm. One Brooklyn Bridge Park [360 Furman St. at Joralemon Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 215-9075], www.photoville.com.

THIS PARTY IS KILLING YOU — A NIGHT OF ALL ROBYN EVERYTHING: Dance party celebrating Robyn. \$5. 11:30 pm. Glasslands (289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg), www.glasslands.com.

SAT, SEPT. 27**OUTDOORS AND TOURS**

CHILE PEPPER FESTIVAL: Fiery food from more than 45 vendors, plus chocolate, and live music. \$20 (\$15 students and seniors, kids under 12 free). 11 am-6 pm. Brooklyn Botanic Garden [1000 Washington Ave., at Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 623-7220], www.bbg.org.

GREAT GRAPE STOMP: Compete to squish the most grapes with your feet. Plus a wine-tasting class, face painting, petting zoo, and pumpkin patch. Free. 11 am-4 pm. Brooklyn Botany [26 Brooklyn Terminal Market between E. 86th and 87th streets in Canarsie, (718) 763-3665], www.brooklyn-botany.com.

HALLOWEEN HARVEST: Pumpkin painting, contests, seasonal food, and more. Free. Noon-8 pm. Luna Park [1000 Surf Ave. at West 10th Street in Coney Island, (718) 373-5862], www.lunaparknyc.com.

SPORTS, BROOKLYN STICKBALL OLD TIMERS: 46th annual game and reunion. Free. 1 pm. (80th Street between Third and Fourth avenues in Bay Ridge).

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, KEIJI HAINO, XNOBQX, X WAVE: \$20. 7 pm. Issue Project Room [22 Boerum Pl. at Livingston Street in Downtown, (718) 330-0313], www.issueprojectroom.org.

MUSIC, WANNA, CHRIS OLIVER, SOUR JENNY, SET THE CHARGE: \$8. 8 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-1000], www.thetrashbar.com.

MUSIC, LUNIFRED BENJAMIN, THE LOOSE CANNONS, THE GREEN GALLOWES: \$8. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.union-hallny.com.

MUSIC, ANGELA PERLEY & THE HOWLIN' MOONS, GOD TINY, THE NEW TAROT: \$8-\$10. 8 pm. Rock Shop [249 Fourth Ave. be-

tween Carroll and President streets in Park Slope, (718) 230-5740], www.therockshopny.com.

MUSIC, THE FUTURE SCARES ME, PAJAMA PEOPLE, OMOO: \$8-\$10. 8 pm. Cameo Gallery [93 N. Sixth St. between Wythe Avenue and Berry Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-1180], www.cameo-net.

MUSIC, THE GIRAFFES: Reunion show. \$15. 9 pm. The Wick [260 Meserole St. at Bushwick Place in Bushwick, (347) 799-1049], www.thewicknyc.com.

MUSIC, MORLEY: Free. 10 pm. BAM Cafe (30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene), www.bam.org/programs/bamcafe-live.

MUSIC, ANTHONY PARASOLE, MARCEL DETTMAN, SILENT SERVANT, PHIL MOFFA, SHAWN O'SULLIVAN: \$20-\$30. 10 pm. Output [74 Wythe Ave. at N. 12th Street in Williamsburg, (917) 333-1000], www.outputclub.com.

MUSIC, PHAELEH, DIFFERENT SLEEP, MINT: \$12-\$14. 11:30 pm. Glasslands (289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg), www.glasslands.com.

THEATER, CIRCUS AMOK: A touring circus show exploring themes of climate change, dystopia vs. utopia, and the future of New York City. Free. 2 pm. Fort Greene Park Visitor Center [Enter park at Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park in Fort Greene, (718) 722-3218], www.circusamok.org.

THEATER, "THE SNOW QUEEN" AND "THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES": Puppetworks presents a puppet show of two classic fairy tales. \$8 (\$9 adults). 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm. Puppetworks [338 Sixth Ave. at Fourth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-3391], www.puppetworks.org.

SALES AND MARKETS

GRAND ARMY PLAZA GREEN-MARKET: Farm-fresh seasonal produce, meats, prepared foods, compost drop-off, and live perfor-

mances. Free. 8 am-4 pm. Grand Army Plaza (Union Street between Flatbush Avenue and Prospect Park West in Park Slope).

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.

BREUKELLEN COUNTRY FAIR:

Games, crafts, food, music, demonstrations, and family-friendly workshops. Free. 1-5 pm. The Wyckoff Farmhouse Museum (5816 Clarendon Rd. between E. 59th Street and Ralph Avenue in Canarsie), www.wyckoffmuseum.org/breukelen-country-fair.

OTHER**ART, "IMAGINING THIS"**

OPENING NIGHT: Featuring work by 200 artists, told in a narrative in visual art and written word. Opening night features jazz musician Paula Jeanine Bennett and the Imagine This Quartet. Free. 2-6 pm. Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition [499 Van Brunt St. near Reed Street in Red Hook, (718) 596-2506], www.bwac.org.

FILM, "VAMPYR": Silent horror classic set to a live performance by band Black Lodge. \$15. Noon. Nitehawk Cinema [136 Metropolitan Ave. between Wythe Avenue and Berry Street in Williamsburg, (718) 384-3980], www.nitehawkcinema.com.

FILM, ECO HEROES SAVE THE CLIMATE: A half-hour film from Hippo Works that inspires children to be eco heroes. 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.

BROOKLYN POUR CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL: Featuring more than 100 craft beers from around New York and beyond. \$55-\$85. 2-6 pm. Skylight One Hanson [1 Hanson Pl. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 230-0400], www.villagevoice.com/brooklynpour.

SUN, SEPT. 28**OUTDOORS AND TOURS**

ATLANTIC ANTIC: Brooklyn's largest street fair, featuring food vendors, crafts, live music, games, and more. Free. Noon-6 pm. Atlantic Avenue (Between Hicks Street and Fourth Avenue in Downtown), www.atlanticave.org.

BUS FESTIVAL: The New York Transit Museum's 21st annual celebration of buses in New York City, featuring a fleet of vintage buses to explore and \$1 admission to the museum. Free. 11 am-6 pm. New York Transit Museum [Boerum Place at Schermerhorn Street in Downtown, (718) 694-1600], www.mta.info/mta/museum.

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HIP TOT FAMILY DAY: Fall dance party with DJ Mishbehaviour and a boogie down art project with Barking Cat Studio. Free. Noon-5 pm. Greenwood Park [555 Seventh Ave. at 20th Street in Greenwood Heights, (718) 499-7999], www.greenwood-parkbk.com.

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, LINDSEY WILSON AND THE RECKONING, YATSUMI MURAKAMI, CHUEEMEE: \$7. 8 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-1000], www.thetrashbar.com.

THEATER, FALL FAMILY FUN: Two performances aboard Red Hook's antique floating theater. \$13 (\$10 for kids). 1 pm. Waterfront Museum Barge [290 Conover St. near Reed Street in Red Hook, (718) 624-4719], www.waterfrontmuseum.org.

OTHER

TALK, PANEL ON ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE: Ligo Project presents a discussion about climate change causes, policy, and new methods to combat it. 11 am. Open Source Gallery [306 17th St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (646) 279-3969], www.open-source-gallery.org.

READING, PAUL D. MILLER: Book launch of "The Imaginary App." 5-7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

COMEDY, "DEAD PAN ALLEY": Will Shaw's one-man show of physical and verbal comedy. \$13. 1 pm. Waterfront Museum Barge [290 Conover St. near Reed Street in Red Hook, (718) 624-4719], www.waterfrontmuseum.org.

MON, SEPT. 29

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

SPORTS, SENIOR FITNESS: yoga: Free yoga instruction for seniors. Free. 9 am. Marine Park (Ave S and E. 23rd Street in Marine Park), www.cityparksfoundation.org/sports/seniors-fitness.

OTHER

READING, JESSE SCHENKER: "All or Nothing" book launch. Free. 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

FILM, "PETER BROOK — THE TIGHTROPE": Documentary about tightrope walker Peter Brook and his creative process. Followed by a discussion with his son, Simon Brook. \$10. 7 pm. Theatre for a New Audience, Polonsky Shakespeare Center [262 Ashland Pl. between Fulton Street and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (212) 229-2819], www.tfana.org.

TALK, BAD VIBRATIONS — CAN MUSIC MAKE YOU SICK?: Historian James Kenaway answers this question. \$8. 8 pm. Morbid Anatomy Museum [424 Third Ave. at Seventh Street in Gowanus, (347) 799-1017], www.morbid-



Party time: The city's largest street fair, the Atlantic Antic, returns Sept. 28.

Photo by Stefano Giovanni

danatomymuseum.org.

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.

COMEDY, SACK MAGIC: Weekly comedy show hosted by Grant Gordon and Louis Katz. Free. 9 pm. Legion [790 Metropolitan Ave. at Humboldt Street in Williamsburg], www.legion-bar.com.

FILM, "BROOK BY BROOK": Screening of the documentary about the private life of tightrope walker Peter Brook. \$10. 9:15 pm. Theatre for a New Audience, Polonsky Shakespeare Center [262 Ashland Pl. between Fulton Street and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (212) 229-2819], www.tfana.org.

FILM, "FILMAGE — THE STORY OF DESCENDENTS/ALL": Includes post-screening Q&A with co-director Matt Riggle. \$16. 9:30 pm. Nitehawk Cinema [136 Metropolitan Ave. between Wythe Avenue and Berry Street in Williamsburg, (718) 384-3980], www.nitehawkcinema.com.

TUES, SEPT. 30

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, STEREO INTERCOURSE, DINNER AND A SUIT, IGOR DISCO: \$8-\$10. 7:30 pm. Rock Shop [249 Fourth Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Park Slope, (718) 230-5740], www.therockshopny.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.

READING, ANNE HELEN-PE-TERSEN: Launch of "Scandals

of Classic Hollywood". Free. 7-9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

TALK, FASHIONABLE DISEASES — DIAGNOSES FOR THE IN CROWD SINCE 1700: Historian James Kenaway looks at diseases associated with wealth, power, emotional sensitivity, and intellectual ability in the modern era. \$8. 8 pm. Morbid Anatomy Museum [424 Third Ave. at Seventh Street in Gowanus, (347) 799-1017], www.morbidanatomymuseum.org.

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 Fifth and Sixth streets in Park Slope, (718) 974-2412].

WED, OCT. 1

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, WHAT MOON THINGS, THE MIDNIGHT HOLLOW: \$10. 8:30. Glasslands [289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg], www.glasslands.com.

MUSIC, COMPOSERS' COLLECTIVE PREMIERE: Free. 7 pm. Brooklyn College, Studio 312 [2900 Bedford Ave. at Campus Road in Flatbush, (718) 951-5792], www.bcmusic.org.

MUSIC, MCBRIDE, BARELYON, SURF ROCK IS DEAD: \$7. 8 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-1000], www.thetrashbar.com.

OTHER

DANCE, BALLROOM DANCE PROGRAM: Free ballroom dance classes. Students learn merengue, foxtrot, tango, cha cha, and swing. 6 pm. IS 96 [99 Avenue P between W. 11th and W. 12th streets in Sheepshead Bay, (718)

232-2266].

READING, JOY PIERSON, ANGEL RAMOS, AND JORGE PINEDA: Book launch of "Vegan Holiday Cooking from Candle Cafe." 7-9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

TALK, BORN DIFFERENT — CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS, DISABILITIES, A CASE STUDY OF SIDE SHOW PERFORMERS: Jeffrey Birnbaum gives lecture relating his experiences as the "in house" physician at Coney Island USA's Sideshow by The Seashore. \$8. 8 pm. Morbid Anatomy Museum [424 Third Ave. at Seventh Street in Gowanus, (347) 799-1017], www.morbidanatomymuseum.org.

THURS, OCT. 2

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

PARK AFTER DARK: Learn how to identify nocturnal animals and eat s'mores. \$10 (\$30 for family of four). 6-8 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, GREASY HEARTS, THE FUCKTONS, HEAVY BIRDS, LUMPS, THE RIZZOS: \$8-\$10. 7:30 pm. Rock Shop [249 Fourth Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Park Slope, (718) 230-5740], www.therockshopny.com.

MUSIC, DUMB FRIENDS, THE PHRYG, THE MET: \$7. 8 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-1000], www.thetrashbar.com.

OTHER

TALK, EXPLORING BROOKLYN'S SHIFTING DEMOGRAPHICS: Demographers Joseph Salvo and Peter Lobo from the New York City Department of City Planning explore past and future demographic shifts in Brooklyn. \$10 (\$5 for BHS members). 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

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.goodbye-blue-monday.com.

FRI, OCT. 3

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, BILLI SHAKES: \$8. 7:30 pm. Rock Shop [249 Fourth Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Park Slope, (718) 230-5740], www.therockshopny.com.

MUSIC, PEOPLE GET READY, DAVE HARRINGTON ONE HEART TRIO, INVISIBLE FAMILIARS: \$12. 8 pm. Glasslands [289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg], www.glasslands.com.

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Stick it: The New York Islanders face off against the New Jersey Devils at Barclays Center Sept. 26.

Associated Press / Julio Cortez

COMING SOON TO BARCLAYS CENTER

FRI, SEPT. 26

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS. NEW JERSEY DEVILS: \$15-\$279. 7:30 pm.

MON, OCT. 6

SPORTS, WWE MONDAY NIGHT RAW: John Cena and Dean Ambrose v. Randy Orton and Seth Rollins. \$25-\$105. 7:30 pm.

TUE, OCT. 7

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. MACCABI TEL AVIV: Preseason game. \$20-\$250. 7:30 pm.

THURS, OCT. 9

MUSIC, JUDAS PRIEST: With guests Steel Panther. \$47.50-\$99. 8 pm.

THURS, OCT. 16

MUSIC, DEF JAM RECORDINGS 30TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT: Featuring Rick Ross, 2 Chainz, DMX, Fabolous, Foxy Brown, Jhene Aiko, Onyx, Method Man, Redman, Ashanti, Ja Rule, Warren G, EPMD, and Jeremih. \$60-\$190. 8 pm.

SUN, OCT. 19

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. BOSTON CELTICS: Preseason game. \$22-\$300. 3 pm.

MON, OCT. 20

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. PHILADELPHIA 76ERS: Preseason game. \$20-\$250. 7:30 pm.

SAT, OCT. 25

MUSIC, A NIGHT OF WORSHIP TO SAVE OUR YOUTH GOSPEL EXPLOSION: Featuring gospel artists Bishop Hezekiah Walker, Yolanda Adams, and Erica Campbell. \$49.50-\$99.50. 7 pm.

620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights
(917) 618-6100, www.barclayscenter.com.

MON, OCT. 27

MUSIC, DEMI LOVATO: With guests Christina Perri and MKTO. \$35-\$69.50. 7 pm.

THURS, OCT. 30

MUSIC, POWERHOUSE 2014: Featuring J. Cole, Ne-Yo, Young Jeezy, Kid Ink, T.I., Childish Gambino, French Montana, Migos, Tinashe and Bobby Shmurda. \$19.99-\$199. 7 pm.

FRI, OCT. 31

MUSIC, BOO!: Halloween dance party featuring Knife Party, DJ Snake, Tommy Trash, Tchami, and Milo and Otis, and Craze. \$29.50-\$85. 7 pm.

MON, NOV. 3

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER: \$69-\$4,000. 7:30 pm.

WED, NOV. 5

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES: \$20-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

FRI, NOV. 7

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. NEW YORK KNICKS: \$79-\$4,000. 7:30 pm.

SUN, NOV. 9

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. ORLANDO MAGIC: \$35-\$4,000. 3:30 pm.

TUE, NOV. 11

DISNEY ON ICE PRESENTS FROZEN: \$20-\$205. 7 pm.

WED, NOV. 12

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MUSIC, THE BOTS, AUGUSTINES: \$21. 8 pm. Rough Trade NYC [64 N. Ninth St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 388-4111], www.roughtradenyc.com.

MUSIC, ASHLEY DAVIS: Free. 9 pm. BAM Cafe [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene], www.bam.org/programs/bamcafe-live.

MUSIC, BEN THE BEYONDER AND DJ-C-PROD-G: Soul and funk dance party. With special guests. \$5. 10 pm. Rock Shop [249 Fourth Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Park Slope, (718) 230-5740], www.therockshopny.com.

MUSIC, MARK E, SIGNAL FLOW, ATAXIA, SAOIRSE: \$30 (\$20). 10 pm. Output [74 Wythe Ave. at N. 12th Street in Williamsburg, (917) 333-1000], www.outputclub.com.

MUSIC, DAFT CLUB — DAFT PUNK TRIBUTE PARTY: Featuring DJ Orion and DJ Holla. Free. 10 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouseeny.com.

MUSIC, MICHAEL SERAFINI, JASON KENDIG: Discovery fifth anniversary. \$10-\$15. 11:30 pm. Glasslands [289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg], www.glasslands.com.

OTHER

ART, "CROSSING BROOKLYN — ART FROM BUSHWICK, BED-STUY, AND BEYOND": Works by 35 Brooklyn artists and collectives. \$12 (suggested). 11 am-6 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklyn-museum.org.

DANCE, "LOVE & MONEY: Egypt to New York": Liberation Dance Theater performs a physical essay charting the evolution of love. \$14 (\$10 advance). 7:30 pm. BRIC Arts Media House [647 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 683-5621], www.bricartsmedia.org.

FILM, "LA SANTA MUERTE (SAINT DEATH)": Documentary screening with director Eva Aridjis. \$8. 8 pm. Morbid Anatomy Museum [424 Third Ave. at Seventh Street in Gowanus, (347) 799-1017], www.morbidanatomymuseum.org.

COMEDY, DAVE HILL: Comedy show with music provided by the Valley Lodge band. \$10. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

SAT, OCT. 4

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

"COFFEE BARK": Dog gathering and information session on off-leash activities and issues. \$10 (\$30 for family of four). 7-9 am. Prospect Park Picnic House (Prospect Park

West and Fifth Street in Park Slope), www.prospectpark.org.

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, CAKE AND KISSES:

More than 50 DJs and musical artists perform, including Nitty Scott MC, Dice Raw, Akrobatik, Akir, Icon the Mic King, and Napoleon Da Legend. \$10. 1 pm. The Paper Box [17 Meadow St. between Bogart and Waterbury streets in Williamsburg, (718) 383-3815], paperboxnyc.com.

MUSIC, ROBBERS, GENERATOR OHM, BERNARDO,

AIRCRAFTING: \$8-\$10. 7:30 pm. Rock Shop [249 Fourth Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Park Slope, (718) 230-5740], www.therockshopny.com.

MUSIC, HAPPINESS, WICKED

KIND, RON GALLO: \$10. 8 pm. Glasslands [289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg], www.glasslands.com.

MUSIC, HOPELESS OTIS, RUDE

CAB DRIVER, TIED FOR LAST, THE MESS AROUND, THE BULLYS, THE VIBRATORS: \$10. 8 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-1000], www.thetrashbar.com.

MUSIC, BROOKLYN JAZZ WIDE

OPEN: Featuring jazz musicians Scott Robinson, Michel Gentile, Daniel Kelly, and Rob Garcia. \$10. 8 pm. Brooklyn Conservatory of Music [58 Seventh Ave. between Lincoln Place and Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 622-3300], www.bqcm.org.

MUSIC, FRED HO MEMORIAL:

A Scientific Soul Green Monster Big Band Tribute. Free. 9 pm. BAM Cafe [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene], www.bam.org/programs/bamcafe-live.

OTHER

ART, TARGET FIRST SATURDAY:

This edition of the Brooklyn Museum's monthly open house will highlight Latino music, dance, and discussions on issues facing the community. Free. 5-11 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklyn-museum.org.

ART WORKSHOPS:

Children their very own unique project. Free. 10 am-2 pm. Boerum House and Home [314 Atlantic Ave. in Boerum Hill, (212) 274-0986], cmany.org/events/ explore.

MASQUERADE PARTY:

Music, dinner, drinks, and dancing. \$50. 7 pm. Sanders Studio [525 Waverly Ave. between Fulton St. and Atlantic Ave. in Fort Greene], www.prattarea.org.

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BLOG SING-ALONG: Joss Whedon-themed sing-alongs, contests, and trivia. \$10. 9:45 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

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BOROUGH-WIDE

Cheers to Brooklyn brawler **Amanda Serrano**. She scored an impressive six-round knockout over Argentine boxer **Maria "Tily" Maderna** from Buenos Aires



to wear the golden World Boxing Organization World Lightweight belt. The bout took place at the Argentine Boxing Federation Stadium in August.

Our boxing babe, formerly a Featherweight and Super Featherweight World champion, dominated the fight with a rapid one-two punch that sent Maderna to the mat. In the sixth round, she connected a very solid right hook that sent her opponent down for the count.

Amanda told Standing O, "I promised my people in Puerto Rico and Brooklyn another world title. Hard training and patience are the keys to success."

In 2011 Amanda became the first female boxer in International Boxing Federation history to win the Super Featherweight world title, in 2013 she captured the Featherweight Universal Boxing Federation and Women's International Boxing Association world titles, and in 2014 she wears the gold in the lightweight division.

She now adds the coveted Standing O title to her list of achievements.

Welcome and ben venutti

Standing O is putting out the welcome mat for **Winston Von Engel**, the new Brooklyn director of **City Planning**. Our pal **Carlos Scissura**, president and CEO of the **Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce** let us know of the appointment and added his congratulations stating, "There is no one more qualified for this position, and I look forward to continuing to collaborate with him to make Brooklyn even better!"

Carlos added that Winston has nearly three decades of experience and was an excellent choice for the director of the Brooklyn offices. "I have known him for years and we have worked together on countless projects across the borough, from Coney Island to Downtown Brooklyn to Bay Ridge."

Standing O wishes Winston a very long and successful tenure.



YOU CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW: Dr. Thomas Aiello, Dr. Adam Pass, Harry Cadiz, Councilman Vincent Gentile and staff snip the ribbon on Specialized Eye Care in Bay Ridge on Sept. 10.

I spy with my eye a ribbon-cutting

BAY RIDGE

Snip, snip hooray for the eye guys. **Dr. Thomas Aiello** and **Dr. Adam Pass** have joined forces, merged their practices, and opened up Specialized Eye Care with a "spec"-tacular ribbon cutting on Sept. 10. Councilman **Vincent Gentile** (D-Bay Ridge), optician **Harry Cadiz**, and staff were on hand to help celebrate.

The dynamic duo of docs — both board-certified ophthalmologists — specialize in advanced cataract surgery and the diagnosis of eye diseases, added an optician to their practice and now offer a wider range of services.

From simple eye exams to complex surgeries, you can also add getting

your specs and lenses to the list — thanks to Harry in the on-site eyewear boutique.

Longtime customer **Johnny Philips** told standing O, "I went to the new place. They were all so nice. Everyone was great — the staff was friendly and helpful, and Harry was great in helping me pick out the latest glasses."

He added, "I'm so glad that I can get all my eye needs in one place now."

Both doctors treat patients of all ages and keep the office open six days a week. Emergencies are accepted and appointments can easily be made by the helpful staff.

Specialized Eye Care [8723 Third Ave. at 86th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-2001].

FORT GREENE

It's speechifying

Congratulations to the speech language pathology graduate program at **Long Island University** for being ranked number one in a national survey by **GraduatePrograms.com**. The rankings encompass ratings and reviews posted by more than 60,000 graduate students.

LIU president **Dr. Kimberly Cline** said, "It is significant that being ranked number one is based on peer-to-peer data. Our speech program emphasizes small classes, close interaction and comprehensive preparation for a successful career within this in-demand field."

The program at LIU focuses on advancing the study of human communication sciences and disorders within a culturally and linguistically diverse society.

And if Brooklyn is anything, it's linguistically diverse.

Dr. Nelson Moses, chairman of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders explained, "We have a student-driven program that leads to greater career opportunities and our faculty takes on a mentoring role, working closely with students and their clients."

Long Island University — Brooklyn [1 University Plaza at Willoughby Street in Fort Greene, (718) 488-1000].

BAY RIDGE

Going for the gold

Kudos to the students in **Xaverians'** middle school program, **Genesis**, and in the high school. The groups joined forces to **Go Gold** and raise awareness of pediatric cancer. The "Go Gold" effort was



BOROUGH PARK

High standards

It's a heartfelt huzzza and hooray for our **Cardiac Surgery Department** at the **Maimonides Heart and Vascular Center**. The hospital is once again setting new standards in cardiac care. According to a recent report published by the New York State Department of Health, Maimonides is one of only two hospitals to achieve lower-than-expected re-admission rates for patients undergoing heart surgery.

Now that is heartwarming news.

"While this news is gratifying for our doctors and nurses, the real winners here are our patients," said **Dr. Greg Ribakove**, Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery at **Maimonides Medical Center**. "The low readmission rate means we are getting more and more folks back to health without setbacks."

The good doctor explained, "In cardiac surgery we believe in minimizing risk."

No setbacks, low risk, and up and about in shorter time — it's a win-win-win for heart patients.

Standing O suggests that if the old ticker needs repair, look no further than the Maimonides Heart and Vascular Center. Your heart will be glad that you did.

Maimonides Heart and Vascular Center [4802 10th Ave. at 48th Street in Borough Park, (718) 283-7489].

spearheaded by **Camille Orichio Loccisano**, mother of **Frankie Loccisano**, a member of Xaverian's class of 2008 who succumbed to the disease in 2007. Camille runs **Frankie's Mission**, an organization dedicated to helping families affected by childhood cancer.

Student Leadership Council members cut more than 400 yards of gold ribbon and worked with high schoolers to hang the ribbons around the exterior of the school. The gold ribbons acted as reminders of all those affected by the disease and especially to the family of Frankie Loccisano.

Xaverian High School and Middle School [7100 Shore Rd. at 71st Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-7100].



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Business bosses: Bins are bad

BY MATTHEW PERLMAN

Ban the bin!

Neighborhoods above Prospect Park have been hit by the scourge of illegal, sidewalk-hogging clothing donation bins that have long plagued commercial corridors in Bay Ridge and elsewhere, according to business groups that are backing proposed Council legislation to tighten restrictions on the boxes. Current rules give bin owners 30 days to remove the containers, which often advertise clothing recycling and occasionally tout charitable contributions but are generally for-profit. That grace period is way too long to let the bins sit in a public walkway, one local administrator said.

"I own a big metal box too. It says 'Ford,' front and back," said Robert Perris, district manager of Downtown's Community Board 2. "If I parked it on the sidewalk, it would be gone within days, if not hours."

The metal bins have been proliferating citywide during the past few years, according to trash commissioner Kathryn Garcia, highlighting the problem at a Sept. 19 Council hearing. The sanitation department logged 2,093 reports of illegal bins in the 2014 fiscal year, which ended in June, up from just 97 in the 2012 fiscal year, Garcia said.

"The dramatic increase in numbers highlights the fact that the current law is no longer effective in deterring bin owners," Garcia said at the hearing.

Current rules do not impose a fine for illegally placed bins, and area busi-

ness alliances say that after the city issues warnings, clothing recyclers simply move their bins.

"It's like a game of Whac-a-Mole," said Phillip Kellog, director of the Fort Greene and Clinton Hill merchant group the Fulton Area Business Alliance.

A coalition of merchant groups including Kellog's, as well as ones from Boerum Hill, Cobble Hill, and Park Slope, is lining up behind the law that would require the city to remove bins on public property immediately, fine bin owners, and bill bin owners for the removal costs. Representatives from Myrtle Avenue, Atlantic Avenue, and Fifth Avenue pro-business groups all testified at the Council hearing last week in support of such a clamp-down.

"They are unsightly, block access, and attract trash and graffiti," said Meredith Phillips Almeida, from the Myrtle Avenue Brooklyn Partnership, which also operates in Fort Greene and Clinton Hill.

The bins are so out of control that one turned up in a crosswalk in Almeida's area, she said.

The head of the Park Slope Fifth Avenue Business Improvement District complained that a bin in his area was bolted to the sidewalk.

"Let's face it: the owners of these bins are playing games with the city's law," said Mark Caserta, director of the Fifth Avenue group, at the Council hearing.

Josef Szende, the Atlantic Avenue merchant rep, said Council members

should tighten restrictions as soon as possible.

"I think this issue is a slam-dunk," Szende said. "And I hope the Council dunks it."

The anti-bin bill was penned by Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito (D-Bronx) and has the backing of 22 Council members, including Jumaane Williams (D-East Flatbush), Carlos Menchaca (D-Sunset Park), Antonio Reynoso (D-Bushwick), and Ma-

thieu Eugene (D-Flatbush). Notably absent from the list of pols supporting the proposal are councilmen Brad Lander (D-Park Slope) and Steve Levin (D-Boerum Hill) and Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo (D-Fort Greene), whose districts contain the agitated Brooklyn business boosters.

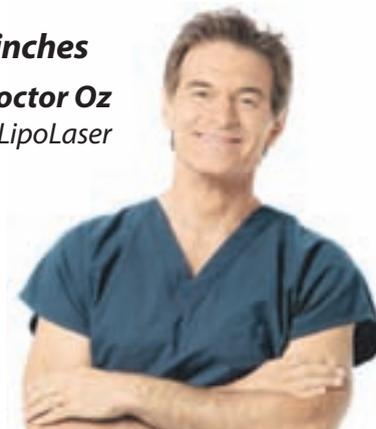
Bins placed on private property with the owner's permission are not illegal and are not in the business groups' sights.



BID VS. BIN: Dan Scoreseis is on the business improvement district clothing bin working group, which is trying to solve the problem of illegally placed collection bins. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

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● 'She is definitely numero uno. If it wasn't for her, we wouldn't be in the game.'

— Fontbonne coach Linda Strong on the performance of junior hitter Emily Greenstein

● 'We have been working all summer for this.'

— Canarsie's Palyte Stubbs on his team's 26-0 victory over Midwood

Canarsie powers past local rival Midwood

BY STEPHEN ZITOLO

Canarsie turned in its best overall performance of the season last Friday, and laid rival Midwood low.

The Chiefs could do no wrong behind a dominant running game in a convincing 26-0 victory against the host Hornets on the road in Public School Athletic League football on Sept. 19.

It is the Chiefs' second-straight win after a season-opening loss to New Utrecht. Canarsie has won 18 of the last 19 meetings between the rival schools that are four miles apart.

"I'm very happy," said Canarsie coach Kyle Allen about his team's play. "We got a quarterback playing well. We're not making a lot of mistakes. We just got to keep grinding."

The backfield for the Chiefs (2-1) had a night to remember. Junior running back Shawn Cabbell got the ball rolling on the game's first drive as he broke away from Midwood's defense for a 49-yard run and score.

Classmate Palyte Stubbs, who ran for 120 yards on 13 carries, followed it up with two straight running scores of his own. The first came in the first quarter on an 18-yard run. The other came on a three-yard dash to the end zone in the second quarter. Senior running back Jeffrey Pyle had the final score of the game with a 24-yard touchdown run late in the fourth to put the contest well out of reach.

"The whole team played well," Stubbs said. "We have been working all sum-



STUBBS STRUT: (Above) Canarsie's Palyte Stubbs high steps it into the end zone for a touchdown. (Right) Canarsie quarterback Jeffery Killebrew throws for a touchdown in a win against Midwood on Sept. 19.

Photos by Steven Schnibbe

mer for this."

The defense was just as much a factor as the offense. Junior linebacker Jesse Rivera, with his two interceptions of Midwood's quarterback Nicholas Falzone, led Canarsie's defense, which forced four Hornets turnovers on the day.

"We did a fantastic job," Rivera said.

The game for Midwood (1-2) would be best summed up on two plays in the second half. Mid-

way though the third quarter, Midwood's junior running back Carl Colas broke away from the Canarsie defense and it looked like he would put the Hornets at the two-yard line on a 78-yard run. But that was brought back on a holding call and the drive went nowhere after that. Later, the Hornets drove down the field in the fourth quarter to the Canarsie four-yard line, but then fumbled the ball.



"I felt like we could have tried harder this game," Colas said. "We weren't focused today."



DIGGING DEEP: Fontbonne's Emily Greenstein digs the ball during a match against St. Francis Prep. Photo by Robert Cole

Fontbonne fights but falls to St. Francis Prep

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Fontbonne Hall girls' volleyball team came out of its first meeting with rival St. Francis Prep with greater confidence, if not a win.

The Bonnies squad was admittedly anxious and a little intimidated facing the defending Catholic Class AA state champions in Fresh Meadows on Sept. 18. The Queens school beat Fontbonne three times last year, including in the Brooklyn-Queens final. Fontbonne left feeling like it can hang right with the Terriers despite the 25-20, 25-13, 25-9 defeat. Fontbonne was without star outside hitter Francesca Castellano due to a herniated disc. She was just cleared to return to the team that day.

"I think we were more intimidated by them because they have such great players," said junior hitter Emily Greenstein. "I think next time we are

going to get in there because we know what we have to work on for when we play them next time."

The Bonnies trailed just 22-20 in the first set, despite giving away too many points on poor serves. They scored five-straight points behind the serving of freshman Katie Mahoney during a rally to get back into the game, before watching St. Francis Prep close out the set. Fontbonne (1-1) led 9-8 early in the second set and were down just 13-12. The Terriers turned up the level of play from there and closed the set on a 12-1 run.

Fontbonne which was down three starters from last year, is still trying to find consistent cohesion on the court.

Bonnies coach Linda Strong felt her team outplayed St. Francis Prep (2-0) in the opening set, but gave up too many points in service errors.

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New Utrecht shuts out Brooklyn Tech

Another tough goal-line stand helps keep Utes unbeaten

BY PATRICK MCCORMACK

Goal-line stands are becoming New Utrecht's thing.

Dayquan Russell and the Utes defense used a stop at the goal line to ensure victory in a second-straight game — this time for a 16-0 win over host Brooklyn Tech in a battle of unbeaten Public School Athletic League teams on Sept. 21.

New Utrecht ended a win against South Shore the week prior with another goal-line stand.

"They followed the plan well," Utes coach Alan Balkan said. "Two weeks in a row, two big goal-line stands, it's huge."

Quarterback Angelo Carrera hooked up with Walid Othman for a 12-yard score on fourth down and then found Yousef Othman



ANGEL ARM: New Utrecht quarterback Angelo Carrera prepares to pass the ball.
Photo by Carroll Alvarado

to complete the two point-conversion to give New

Utecht an 8-0 lead in the third quarter. It was all the

points the Utes would need thanks to a big day from Russell. No play was bigger than when he jumped over the top of the defensive line to tackle Brooklyn Tech's Lawrence Manyah at the goal line, to keep the Utes ahead 8-0 midway through the fourth quarter.

"The goal-line stand was big," Russell said. "I went over the top and that was it."

Russell called for the ball after his big defensive play. He then gave his team insurance on an 82-yard touchdown run, which after a successful two-point conversion put New Utrecht up 16-0.

"After the goal-line stand, I told Bryan [Burroughs] go in and get two reps and I'll come in af-

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Big opportunity awaits Grand Street football

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Grand Street, we will all be watching.

The eyes of Brooklyn high school sports fans and the New York City football community will be on Aviator Sports Complex on Friday night, but not to watch the Railsplitters.

Sure, Lincoln will be playing, but on Sept. 26 the stage will really belong to its opponent — Grand Street.

The Wolves went 1-7 in coach Bruce Eugene's first season three years ago. Since then, Grand Street has improved through player development and transfers.

It wasn't quite ready for the big moment last year. Grand Street went 6-3 and lost in the first round of the playoffs.

But is it ready for primetime now? We'll find out on Friday under the bright lights.

Grand Street comes into the game with a perfect 3-0 record. It beat Midwood in its opener and earned impressive victories against Curtis and New Dorp.

Lincoln, however, is a whole different level.

The defending Public School Athletic League City Conference champions, the Railsplitters won 16 straight games, and 19 of the last 20 contests. Friday provides a chance for Grand Street to show it belongs with the elite squads in the league — that it's a contender.

I'm not asking for a victory from the Wolves — though, boy, would that turn the city on its ear! Just compete. Show that you belong on the field with the clear early favorite to win the city title. Lincoln can be intimidating and physical, and has steam-rolled the competition early on.



JOE KNOWS

by Joe Staszewski

Grand Street has to push Lincoln. Put it on its heels. Make it work.

If you are the Railsplitters, Friday night is just another game. It's another chance to dish out a reality check to a program that wants to get to your level.

For Grand Street, this game is a chance to truly earn respect. Its best win last season came against New Utrecht in the regular season finale.

Grand Street has plenty of talent. It has out-scored opponents 100-26 in its first three games. Quarterback Justin White tossed four touchdowns to three different receivers against Curtis, and running back Rhamel Ashby is a big play waiting to happen. Grand Street also has 6-foot-6, 260-pound defensive lineman Kaamal Seymour with whom to wreak havoc. The Rutgers commit had nine tackles, including a sack, against Curtis.

The opportunity is there for Grand Street, and it appears to have the talent to make some noise. The stage is set and the field is open. We'll all be watching.

Poly Prep falls at homecoming

BY STEPHEN ZITOLO

Poly Prep girls' volleyball just couldn't wrestle the momentum away from rival Fieldston at its homecoming-weekend game.

The Eagles defense, with its hustle and precision, blocked almost every opportunity Poly Prep had to gain control of the match.

Poly senior Julianna Puleo believes the nerves of homecoming and the pressure of a large crowd rattled the squad, as Fieldston swept Poly Prep, 25-19, 25-16, 25-15, on Sept. 20.

"We haven't had a lot of fans this season," Puleo said. "It has been mostly the parents of players on the team, but today we had a huge crowd of supporters. I feel it may have frazzled us a little, along with the pressures of homecoming."



GOOD SAVE: Poly senior Julianna Puleo saves the ball from going out of bounds.
Photo by Steven Schnibbe

Blue Devils coach Vanessa Munz agreed.

"The nerves definitely

got the best of us today," Munz said. "It's tricky that we had to play a tough Fieldston team on such an important day."

Even though Poly Prep struggled that afternoon, the Blue Devils did have two bright spots in the two senior leaders, Puleo and Flora Gallina-Jones. Puleo had six kills and two blocks and Gallina-Jones had 16 assists. Freshman Storm Bookard also turned in a strong performance.

"We expect our seniors to lead us this year," Munz said. "Especially having our two seniors Flora and Julianna being our captains. We know we have a great team this year and we have a lot of young talent."

On almost every play, the Blue Devils tried to

catch the Eagles off guard, but Fieldston was ready for everything thrown at it.

"We tried 100 percent today and we wanted to win it," Puleo said. "We came out with that fire, but they're a very good team on offense and defense. It was a hard fought game."

Munz said her players will bounce back and set their sights on the chance to give a little payback — an Oct. 18 rematch at Fieldston on the Eagles' homecoming day.

"We have to shake this off," Munz said. "It's early in the season and every game is important. We can't let this hang over our heads. We have to work even harder to go and beat Fieldston on their home court on their homecoming day."



GET A GRIP: New Utrecht's Dayquan Russell struggles to keep possession of the ball as Brooklyn Tech players try to bring him down. Photo by Carroll Alvarado

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ter you," Russell said. "I came in and the O-line said 'we got you Day, just run hard and with your head up.' I got the ball, cut it back and I was gone."

New Utrecht coach Alan Balkan was impressed by the junior's ability to make plays on both sides of the football and called him the real deal. Kadeem Dryden added three sacks.

Before the Utes got rolling, Brooklyn Tech had opportunities to score. On the Engineers' first drive of the game, quarterback Elijah Rueda connected with Alpha

Gamby for a 27-yard gain to set up first-and-goal at the 2-yard line. Man-yah found his way into the end zone on the next play, but it was called back because of a holding penalty. The Engineers couldn't get past the 10 on the next four plays after the penalty. Brooklyn Tech coach Kyle McKenna felt his team could have played better.

"I am disappointed in the inability to score on the goal line," he said. "We came out strong on the first drive and we got some bad field position, which changed the way we called things. I think we are a better football team that we showed on the field today."

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The team played well in the second set as well, until its defense began to fail. That allowed Terriers hitters Jessica Vishnudet and Steph Bogda to gain confidence and get into a groove. Strong felt St. Francis Prep's points were as much about its strong play as her players not doing their jobs.

"I thought we did better than them the first game," she said. "We picked up their hitters better and then we fell asleep. I was moving people in and out in the back row trying to find the solution."

Castellano's absence put a lot more responsibility on Greenstein, who

did a superb job digging from the back row as well. Juniors Bryn Nagel and Caroline Good delivered scrappy play, but a consistent second hitter didn't emerge when Greenstein was in the back row.

"She doesn't give up," Strong said of Greenstein. "She is definitely numero uno. If it wasn't for her, we wouldn't be in the game."

Greenstein is hopeful Castellano's return will allow everything to fall into place for the future. It should take pressure off everyone to have her on the court again.

"Once we have her back, I feel like the team can come together more and really just calm down," Greenstein said. "We were a little on edge."

Homecoming win for Poly Prep over Canada

Plus highlights of the week in Brooklyn high school football

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Poly Prep and its offense continue to roll.

The Blue Devils, led by Chris Parker and Brendan Femiano, routed visiting Canada Prep 40-24 during homecoming last Saturday in Bay Ridge.

Parker, the quarterback, ran for 204 yards and a touchdown, and also tossed a pass to Nick Storz for another score for Poly (3-0). Femiano rushed for 107 yards and two touchdowns. Storz added a sack and Ray Marten had two sacks of his own. Poly Prep continues its drive for a perfect season when the team travels to the Hun School in New Jersey Sept. 20.

Abraham Lincoln 41, Boys & Girls 6: Paul Litvak completed 10 of 16 passes for 152 yards and three touchdowns to three different receivers for Lincoln (3-0). Daquan Audin rushed for 136 yards and two touchdowns on 11 carries. Alejandro Oregon added seven tackles.

South Shore 34, Truman 14: Jason Martin went seven of 19 passing for 175 yards and two touchdowns for South Shore (2-1). Tylik Brown caught four passes for 135 yards and a touchdown. Rafael Cordero carried the ball 13 times for 70 yards and two touchdowns. Norris Winter added 10 tackles, including four sacks.

Thomas Jefferson 23, Campus Magnet 18: Olatundo Bruin completed five of nine passes for 144 yards, including a 65-yard touchdown pass to Domonick Hausen for Thomas Jefferson (1-2). Jahanathan Trouche ran for 70 yards and a touchdown on 18 carries. Matthew Donato added two interceptions.

Tottenville 40, Fort Hamilton 12: Sharif Legree went seven of 16 passing for 94 yards and a touchdown to Juan Tejada



COMING HOME: (Above) Poly Prep quarterback Chris Parker runs for the end zone against visiting Canada Prep on homecoming weekend. (Right) Poly Prep's Nick Storz hauls in a pass from Parker for a touchdown during Saturday's game. Photos by Steven Schnibbe

for Fort Hamilton (0-3). Troy Booker ran for 107 yards on 18 carries, and Noah Solano added a rushing score.

Lafayette 30, Columbus 16: Nasir Thompson went seven-for-15 passing for 97 yards and two touchdowns to Mark Wallace, and added 68 yards and a score on the ground for Lafayette (3-0). Moses Costello-Edwards carried the ball 13 times for 92 yards and a touchdown. Olivier Antoine and Michael Stanovic recovered two fumbles each.

Franklin Roosevelt 44, Tilden 6: Tristin Thomas rushed for 112 yards and three touch-

downs on 11 carries for Franklin Roosevelt (2-2). Jerrell Richard added 74 yards and two touchdowns on the ground.

James Madison 40, Petrides 6: Daniel Martinez threw for 192 yards and two touchdowns for James Madison (3-1). Keenan Sylvester carried the ball 16 times for 88 yards and a score. Shamar Logan added three scores.

McKee-Statens Island Tech 22, Grady 14: Maxene Jeudy and Rohan Matthews both had rushing scores for Grady (3-1). Quincy Jiles had 138 yards of total offense and Alex Adams added 76 yards in the air. Elijah Edwards had



an interception and recovered a fumble.

Kellenberg 34, Xaverian 7: Brendan Peterson carried the ball 16 times for 138 yards and a touchdown for Xaverian (1-1). Phil DePaulis completed nine of 16 passes for 53 yards. Zach Salvato added ten tackles, including a sack.

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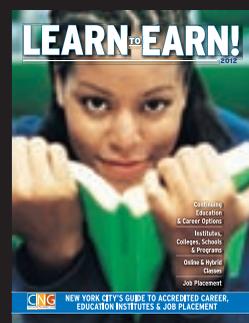
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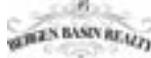
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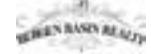
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