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Working at the car wash – again!

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

A group of car wash workers in Greenwood Heights are back on the job with a union contract after a bitter, four month-long strike.

The eight employees of Vegas Auto Spa, on strike since November, were back at work last Monday after hashing out a two-year contract that includes two wage increases and paid time off along with a \$1,500 signing bonus. The contract is the result of a hard fight, said a union organizer in the wake of the agreement.

“This is a perfect example of what can happen when courageous workers stick together in the face of adversity,” said Stuart Appelbaum, president of the Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Union. “They understand the difference being in a union can make, and I am proud they are part of the RWDSU.”

The car wash workers went on strike in November with a list of grievances, including allegations of stolen

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SNOWED-OUT!



PEEKABOO: A Parks worker hoists a tarp over a bust of Edward Snowden that was installed in Fort Greene Park by a trio of guerilla artists early on Monday morning.

Justine Williams

City removes whistle-blower bust from park

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

Busted!

A group of rogue artists mounted a large statue of National Security Agency whistle-blower Edward Snowden in Fort Greene Park early on Monday morning, but Parks workers had covered the bust with a blue tarp by 12:30 pm and removed the statue by 1:30 pm on Monday.

The move to remove the statue of Snowden did not sit well with passers by in the park.

“This is censorship!” yelled a woman, who only identified herself as J.B., in the direction of police and Parks workers. “The statue was great.”

The unidentified artists slipped into Fort Greene Park under cover of darkness early on Monday and attached the bust to a pedestal that makes up part of the Prison Ship Martyrs Monument, fixing at the bottom a plaque that read “Snowden.”

The bust weighs 100 pounds and is sculpted from

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BY MAX JAEGER

They came back for more.

A group of Cyclone fanatics who got stranded on the Coney Island coaster after it malfunctioned during its March 29 opening returned a week later to take the ride they missed out on. The loyal coaster fans said they wanted to show that the People's Playground icon isn't as rickety as critics say.

"The reason why were out here is to prove that the ride is safe, because there are tons of negative people out there who say the ride should be shut down because of this one little incident," said Bensonhurst David Zobin, one of a handful of stalwarts calling themselves The Cyclone Seven who got their belated first ride of the season on April 4.

The thrill-seeker said he was a little worried that the coaster would stall out again as it climbed the first hill.

"I was like 'c'mon, keep going, keep going,'" Zobin said.

And the plunge was pure catharsis, another rider said.

"It was worth the wait — the ride felt incredible," said Adam Myers, a high-schooler who added that — counting the opening-day mishap — he has ridden the Cyclone 13-and-a-half times.

The octogenarian thrill ride locked up on its second run of the season on March 29, stranding about a dozen riders atop the first hill for 20 minutes before park staff helped them climb 85 feet to the ground without the aid the fire department and without any ambulances standing by in case of a stumble.

Luna Park, which operates the ride, let the Cyclone Seven ride for free because they were so unlucky on March 29.



THIS WEEK

ROUND TWO: (Above) Fun-seekers who got stuck on the Cyclone's opening day ride on March 29 came back on April 4 to give the ride another shot. (Right) Last week, riders were forced to ignore the "Remain seated" sign.

Members of the group were strangers before the attraction brought them together, they said.

"I knew two people — everybody else I met while we were stuck on the ride," Zobin said. "That's how we kind of clicked."

Zobin and Myers exchanged contact info with some of the Seven and tracked the rest of



LAST WEEK

the riders down on Facebook after reading their stories in the news, they said. Now the group, which has members from Brooklyn, Long Island, and upstate New York, plans

to meet up for future rides. "These are some of the nicest people I've met," Myers said. "We're already planning to ride on the Cyclone's 88th anniversary in June."



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WHOOPIE!: Katie Rosenhouse, owner of Buttermilk Bakeshop, shows off her red velvet whoopie pies.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Flavors of Fifth

'Taste' food festival draws hundreds to Slope

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

Talk about street food!

Adventurous foodies explored an exotic smorgasbord of regional Park Slope specialties last Wednesday evening at the annual A Taste of Fifth food festival.

The culinary celebration, now in its fourth year, drew a sold-out crowd of gourmands to Grand Prospect Hall on Prospect Avenue to sample local delicacies from the Fifth Avenue region of the neighborhood. Local food peddlers including Fleisher's Meats, Blue Sky Bakery, and Gorilla Coffee shared their specialties with the crowd, such as the whoopie pie and the bagel, which is said to be especially popular with local peoples.

But seriously, the event, which was organized by the Park Slope Fifth Avenue Business Improvement District, was a big success and raised plenty of dough (the kind that folds, not the kind you bake) for neighborhood charities, organizers said. The epicurean extravaganza generated a record \$13,000 for local institutions, including Park Slope Christian Help homeless shelter, Brooklyn Pride, and sev-



NEIGHBORHOOD BEEF: (Above) Julie Hinson, left, and Sophie Grant of Fleishner's hand out samples of ropa vieja, made from pasture-raised beef. (Left) Sloper Jessica Tom samples a dish from Bogota Bistro. Photos by Elizabeth Graham

eral schools, said an organizer.

"It was wildly popular," said festival spokeswoman Carol Klenfner. "We raised more money this year than ever before."

Hero councilman honored, to wed

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

He keeps popping questions, and she keeps saying "Yes!"

Councilman Steve Levin, who last week famously listened to his girlfriend and saved a dying cat from the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, got a much bigger "affirmative" from his bride-to-be this week — when he asked for her hand in marriage.

Levin told The Brooklyn Courier that while vacationing in Italy this weekend, he asked his long-time girlfriend Ann Carroll to marry him and — just like she did when he asked her if he should help the cat, she said "Yes."

"I am very excited to be engaged and my fiancée and I are very happy," said Levin, who added that the two have not yet set a date for a wedding.

The news of the engagement comes on the heels of Levin being honored by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals for his hero's work spotting a badly abused cat on the side of the highway, turning around, picking it up, and bringing it for treatment.

Of course, he didn't do the job before checking with his better half — he credited Carroll with encouraging him to do it by telling him it would weigh on his conscience if he did not.

The group sent Levin (D-Williamsburg) a framed certificate and a box of vegan chocolates, saying that his actions showed great bravery.



CAT-MAN-DO: Councilman Steve Levin saved this cat, which was wandering on the Brooklyn Queens Expressway. Now, he is being honored by Peta.

Vinny Spinola

"Councilmember Levin went to extraordinary efforts to make sure that this cat escaped a life-threatening predicament and made it to a safe haven," said Colleen O'Brien. "Peta hopes his kindness and tenacity will inspire others to stop and help animals in need."

Levin was thankful for the accolades, but said what he did was no big deal.

"I think anybody in my situation would have done the same thing," Levin said.

The cat, who the Brooklyn Animal Resource Coalition named Loretta (which they claim means "Little Survivor"), still has not given birth, but she is now eating on her own, is showing other signs of improvement, and is becoming more comfortable around people, said the coalition's Vinny Spinola.



LEVIN, STEVE LEVIN: The councilman is off the market.

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Pols and school push Hook ferry

Demand connection to Gov.s Island

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

The city must provide year-round ferry service between Red Hook and Governors Island if a Bushwick-born school is to thrive across the Buttermilk Channel, some of the school's officials say.

Representatives from the New York Harbor School — a nautical-themed high school that started life in the once-gritty section of Brooklyn before moving to Governors Island in 2010 — say a ferry from Brooklyn would make life a lot easier on kids traveling to school from the Borough of Kings, and could help increase the size of the student body at the house of learning.

“Having a ferry from Brooklyn would make the Harbor School a lot more tenable for families of eighth graders thinking about high school,” said Ann Fraioli, a teacher and co-founder of the school.

Right now, students heading to the school from Brooklyn have to travel to Manhattan's southern tip and catch a boat to the island from there — a long journey that might dissuade some of the students the school hopes to court — especially those in far-off neighborhoods such as Brownsville and East New York.

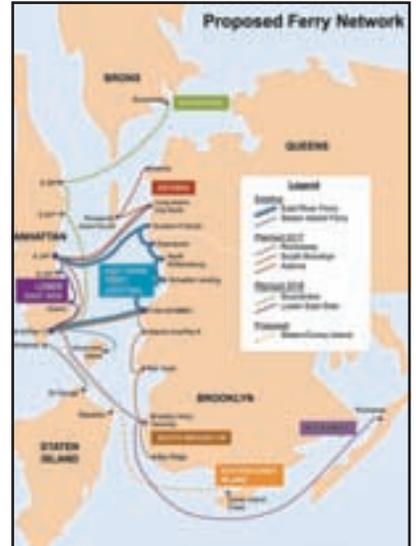
The Harbor School's mission is to help troubled students find their way by introducing them to work on the water, but since its move to Governors Island it has increasingly attracted wealthier students, Fraioli said, and giving more Brooklyn students easy access to the island would help keep poorer kids banging down the doors.

“We like diversity, but we don't want the pendulum to swing too far the other way,” she said.

Mayor DeBlasio in February announced plans for an expansion of the city's ferry network, set to begin in 2017, that would give seafaring straphangers the chance to commute by boat from stops along the waterfront from Coney Island to Greenpoint for the price of a MetroCard swipe.

But notably absent from the plan was a weekday route between Brooklyn and Governors Island, where year-round commuters, including those attending the Harbor School and art residencies on the island, have increased recently.

A group of pols representing waterfront districts appealed to DeBlasio to consider the route, citing the Harbor School as one reason for Brooklynites to travel to Governors Island year-round. Thanks to the island's close proximity to Brooklyn — about a quarter mile away — extending service to weekdays throughout the year would



FERRY TALE: This map, which lays out Mayor DeBlasio's ferry expansion proposal, doesn't include a boat from Red Hook to Governors Island, and some people want to change that.

not be much of a hassle, said the councilman leading the charge.

“This would be a very modest expansion,” said Councilman Brad Lander (D-Park Slope).

And the Council members aren't the only ones considering the route.

In fact, a request for proposals put out by the Economic Development Corporation gives companies bidding on the ferry service the option of proposing a plan for linking the borough with the island.

Lander and his fellow ferry advocates estimated that a Governors Island expansion would cost about \$2 million, based on the \$900 per hour it costs to run the East River Ferry, and could work with the addition of just one extra boat, which could make the extra stop along the existing East River Ferry Service route, according to the March 17 letter.

Students at the Harbor School learn to build and operate boats, spawn and harvest millions of oysters, design submersible, remotely-operated vehicles, and dive underwater.

The school was founded in Bushwick in 2003 with a freshman class of 125 students. It moved to Governors Island in 2010, and now has an enrollment of 432 students in grades nine through 12, according to its website.

Presently, Governors Island is only open to the public from the late spring until the early fall, and while ferries plow the East River from Manhattan all year round, they are only available to students and those conducting business on the island during the off-months.



Egg slingers!



BY NOAH HUROWITZ

Tots from across the borough convened Downtown on April 2 to comb Albee Square for Easter treasure.

The children scoured the untamed grasses of the square in search of the colorful bounty.

The kids came for the brightly colored eggs strewn about the square, but when the hunt was finished and baskets filled, stayed for entertainment from balloon whizes Balloonasaurus Rex, and face painting.



EGG SENSES TINGLING: (Above) Joziah Parrish of Cobble Hill does his best Spider-Man pose at the Easter egg hunt at Albee Square Downtown on April 2. (Top left) Abraham Zaragoza, 3, of Williamsburg shows off his catch. (Left) Gus Schonfield, 2, has his hands full at the Downtown Easter egg hunt on April 2.

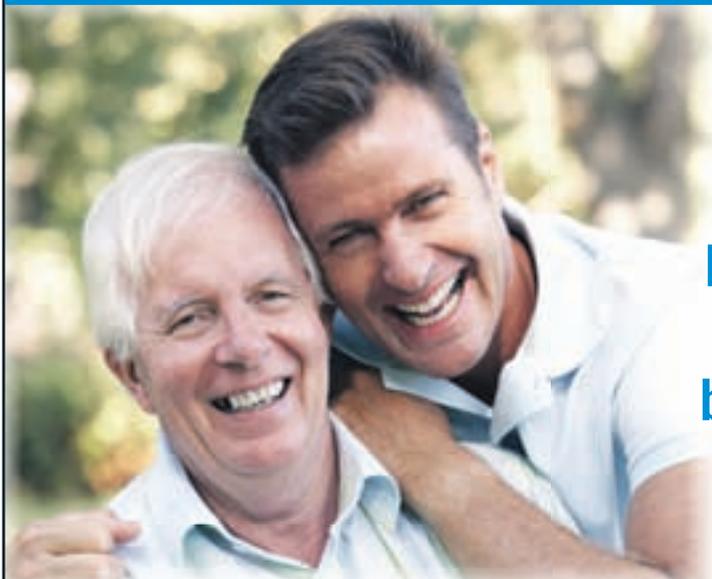
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Hole-y sidewalk!

Bedford Ave. path is a walker's nightmare

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

An ankle-wrecking hole in the sidewalk at the corner of Bedford Avenue and N. Eighth Street that no one has bothered to fix for almost a month has become an impromptu garbage can for passers-by to throw their junk.

The hole, which is at the corner right next to Southern restaurant Sweet Chick, has been threatening elderly people, toddlers, and people in high heels for at least three weeks, and is now filled with coffee cups and — ick! — condom wrappers.

Someone did mark the

hole with bright orange spray paint, but no one has made a move to actually fix the hole, which neighbors say is growing by the day and is a constant menace.

"I saw it at the last minute, luckily," said Cassie Spellman, who navigated the hole as she walked around Williamsburg with a friend on Thursday night. "I would have totally broken my ankle on that."

The owner of Sweet Chick said he believes that the building's owner Jerry Lebedowicz should step up and fix the hole if he knows what's good for him.

"Anyone could break an ankle or it could fall in," said restaurant owner John Seymour. "It is definitely a lawsuit waiting to happen."

Typically, a building owner is responsible for maintaining the sidewalk, even though it is technically owned by the city. This means that the building owner must keep the sidewalk in front of his property free of snow, ice, and garbage, and that he must fix the sidewalk so that it is safe to walk on.

There could be some exceptions to landlord responsibility. If a sewer problem breaks the sidewalk, the city might



WATCH YOUR STEP: There has been an ankle-breaking hole in the sidewalk at the corner of Bedford Avenue and N. Eighth Street for at least three weeks, and no one has fixed it. Neighbors say the city needs to step up and get it fixed.

Photo by Jason Speakman

step up to fix it.

A spokesman for the Department of Transportation said the agency will look into

the problem.

The building's owner and the city did not return requests for comment.

CAR WASH

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wages and lack of overtime pay. Their complaints are laid out in a lawsuit — filed in October and settled along with the contract negotiation — that accuses their

boss, car wash owner Marat Leshchinsky, of bilking them out of more than \$600,000 in pay. Some workers put in as many as 91 hours per week and were paid as little as \$4.50 an hour, according to the filing.

In an interview in March, Leshchinsky denied the

claims in the lawsuit, and accused the workers' union backers of putting them up to the court case and the strike for political gain.

The strike became a *cause célèbre* for local pols, some of whom tossed themselves into the fracas, purposefully getting arrested last month in a

protest outside the suds shop on Seventh Avenue between 19th and 20th streets. One of the supporting pols trumpeted the workers' victory.

"It's an all-around win for the brave workers who so courageously put their jobs on the line, and another win for low wage workers ev-

erywhere," said Councilman Brad Lander (D-Park Slope). "When workers stand up for better treatment, their actions have echo effects that stretch far beyond their shop."

Leshchinsky could not be reached for comment on Friday.

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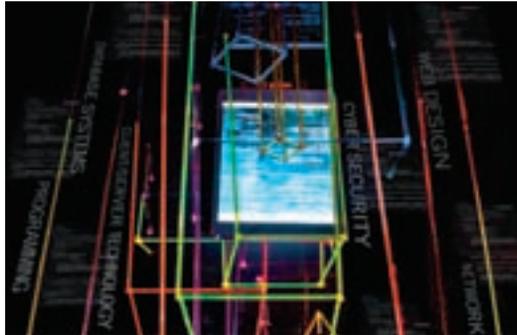
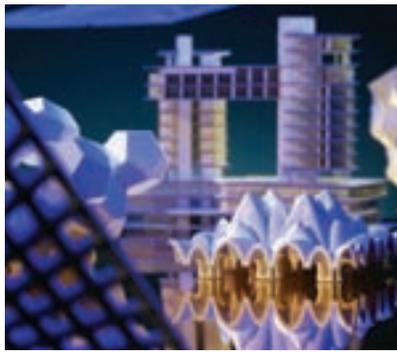
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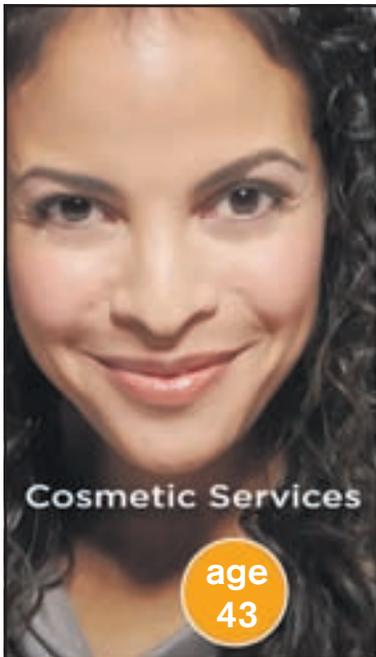
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CARROLL GARDENS-COBBLE HILL
-RED HOOK

Drive-by

Police arrested an alleged gunslinger who they said attempted a drive-by shooting on Van Brunt Street on April 3, according to a report.

The intended victim told cops he was sitting outside a building between Sullivan and Wolcott streets at 7:20 pm when the alleged shooter, who the victim knew, drove by in a black Ford pick-up truck and aggressively stared the victim down, police said.

In response to the adversarial staring match the alleged attacker circled the block and upon his return let out two shots through the open driver's-side window in the direction of the victim, according to a report. Police later recovered one spent bullet from a small-caliber handgun, a report said.

The alleged shooter, who lives in Staten Island but hails from Red Hook, turned himself in at the 76th Precinct station house, where cops collared him and charged him with reckless endangerment and depraved indifference to human life, according to a report.

84TH PRECINCT

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS-DUMBO
-BOERUM HILL-DOWNTOWN

Power of Thor

Cops arrested a hammer-wielding Canarsie man after the brute allegedly whacked another man in the head with a hammer in the middle of an argument on Bond Street on March 30, a report said.

The two had a verbal spat outside a government career center between Livingston and Fulton streets at 12:34 pm when the suspect took a swing at his victim, cutting his head and causing considerable pain, cops said.

Responding officers collared the alleged attacker and charged him with assault, according to a report.

Lights, cameras, stolen

A sneak swiped a bunch of camera equipment from the office of an education facility on Jay Street sometime overnight on March 30, according to a report.

The burglar entered the office between John and Plymouth streets sometime after the last student to leave locked the door at 1:30 am on March 30. When an employee showed up at the office at 9 am on March 31, \$4,250 in camera equipment, including cameras, lenses, and other accessories, were gone, police said.



Respect your elders

An anti-social ruffian savagely attacked a senior on Dean Street on March 24, cops said.

The two men got into an argument at a healthcare facility between Hoyt and Bond streets at 10 am, when the aggressive lummoxx socked his 72-year-old victim in the face, fracturing his jaw, according to a report.

Cops are on the lookout for the attacker, known only as Marlon, who fled after he brutalized his elderly victim.

Good morning to you

A gun-toting robber stuck up a woman in broad daylight on April 1 as she got off a bus on Livingston Street, cops said.

The marauder flashed a handgun at his victim as she hopped off a Downtown-bound B45 bus at Bond Street at 9:30 am, taunting her with a false greeting, according to a report.

"How are you doing? If you turn around I will shoot you. Empty your pockets," the bandit said, before relieving his victim of \$690 in cash, cops said.

The victim offered cops no description of the stick-up artist.

Blue jeans blues

A pair of ne'er-do-wells bum-rushed a Montague Street clothing store on March 29, making off with a load of merchandise a report said.

The two goons walked into the store between Henry and Clinton streets and grabbed 14 pairs of jeans totaling \$1,590 and 10 sweaters worth \$795 and strode out of the shop before employees or cops could stop them, police said.

— Noah Hurowitz

90TH PRECINCT

SOUTHSIDE-BUSHWICK

Handout

A group of ruffians on bicycles surrounded a woman and stole her phone on on Meserole Street on April 3.

The woman told police that she was between Bushwick Avenue and Westbury Street at 10 pm when a group of guys rode up behind her on their bicycles and one of them grabbed the phone out of her hand and they all rode away.

Beat the fare

Police arrested an alleged turnstile jumper who they said beat a police officer when she was trying to sneak into the Grand Street subway station on April 4.

The police officer said she saw the woman was trying to jump into the station at the corner of Bushwick Avenue at 2:40 pm and tried to grab her. The suspect shoved the officer and then punched her in the face, police reported.

The officer arrested the suspect and charged her with assault as well as resisting arrest.

Stepping in

A bully stabbed a good Samaritan in the chest on Wilson Street on March 21 when he tried to break up a fight.

The 18-year-old victim told police that he tried to break up a fight between his friend and another guy between Wythe Place and Bedford Avenue at 6 pm when the guy suddenly pulled out a knife and stabbed the victim in the chest.

Emergency services personnel took the victim to Bellevue Hospital, where he was treated and released.

Bunch of tools

Stealth burglars got away with tens of thousands of dollars worth of tools from a Bedford Avenue construction site sometime between April 4 and 5.

The manager of the company working at the site at N. Sixth Street told police that burglars broke on to the premises sometime between 7 pm on April 4 and 12:35 pm on April 5.

The crook got away with a variety of tools, including two jackhammers, drill bits, hand tools, and a diamond core drill bit.

Doggone it

An elderly man beat a woman with his cane on S. Fifth Street on April 3 when she let her dog sniff him, cops reported.

The woman told police she was walking her pooch between Hewes and Hooper streets at 2:50 pm when a man got upset that the canine was standing near him.

"Get the dog away from me," the man said to the woman, right before he struck her in the hand with his cane, according to the police report.

Namastaker

A teenager who pretended to be eager to join in a Flushing Avenue yoga class on March 30 instead stole from a woman in the class.

The victim told police that she was in the yoga class at Knickerbocker Avenue between 11 am and 11:50 am. While she was in class, a guy came in and asked if he could sign up. Then he took a cellphone and wallet from the woman's bag, she alleges. — Danielle Furfaro

68TH PRECINCT

BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

Close call

A home invader almost caught in the act made off with \$550 in jewelry from an 11th Avenue home on March 30.

The thief climbed through a window into the home between 74th Street and Bay Ridge Parkway in Dyker Heights just after 4 am and grabbed a Bulova watch, earrings, and a necklace, police said.

The resident heard footsteps and went to investigate, but the commotion spooked the sneak, who fled through a rear door before the victim saw him, a police report states.

Brush with burglars

Two burglars escaped a 97th Street home on April 3 just before the resident caught them red-handed.

The dastardly duo got into the house between Fourth Avenue and Bay Ridge Parkway in Bay Ridge by climbing through a bedroom window at 10 pm, police said. The woman heard the loud larcenists and went to investigate, catching a glimpse of two ski mask-wearing men flee through the window, a police report states.

Cash snatched

A goon grabbed \$100 from a woman's hand on 71st Street on March 2.

The victim was between Eighth Avenue and Fort Hamilton Parkway at at 8:30 pm when the cretin copped the cash right out of her hand, police said.

Robbed at gunpoint

A good-for-nothing robbed a guy at gunpoint on 94th Street on March 30.

The victim was between Ridge Boulevard and Third Avenue in Bay Ridge at 9 pm when the goon pulled out a handgun and said, "Give me the money and I won't kill you," a police report states.

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BAM's interfaith gala

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

A who's who of Christian, Jewish, and Muslim leaders descended on the Brooklyn Academy of Music on April 4 for an interfaith gala honoring Passover, Easter, and the anniversary of the assassina-

tion of Martin Luther King Jr.

The "Freedom's Feast" celebrated the holidays with interactive performances of Easter stories as well as passages from the Haggadah, the Jewish text that dictates the

Passover seder.

The event was a collaboration between developers Forrest City Ratner, the Auburn Theological Seminary, and Jewish community groups Bend the Arc, Kolot Chayeinu, and Lab-Shul.

GALLANT GALA: (Above) Karen and Herbert Daughtry of the House of the Lord church at the gala. (Left) Mark Graham, Danielle Naylor, Jim Naylor, Heidi Lahart, and Katherine Krantz pause in the lobby of the Brooklyn Academy of Music on April 4.

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Feds: Fourth Brooklyn man helped raise money for 'Islamic State'

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

A federal grand jury has indicted a fourth Brooklyn man on terrorism charges in connection to an alleged plot to send fighters and money to the Islamic State.

Dilkhayot Kasimov allegedly helped raise \$1,600 to send another Brooklyn man to Syria with the intention of joining Islamic State militants, and handed the cash off to his co-defendant Akhror Saidakhmetov at John F. Kennedy Airport shortly before cops nabbed Saidakhmetov on his way to board a flight to Turkey, according to prosecutors.

Raising money for terrorist groups like the Islamic State, which is also known as "Isis" or "Isil," is essential to helping those groups carry out attacks, and should be dealt with severely, said one top law enforcement official.

"Money is the oxygen that fuels terrorism," said Police Commissioner Bill Bratton. "This investigation proves again that we will leave no stone unturned to disrupt the

finance, support, or membership in terrorist organizations like Isil."

Cops arrested Kasimov on Feb. 25 along with his codefendants and held him on an immigration charge, according to an Associated Press report. Federal officials charged Saidakhmetov and Abdurasul Juraboev, who shared a Midwood apartment, with attempting to join a foreign terrorist organization and charged Abror Habibov with material support for allegedly helping raise money to send the two to Syria, but Kasimov was not named in the original indictment. A spokeswoman for United States Attorney Loretta Lynch, who is prosecuting the case, declined to comment on why it took more than a month to indict the fourth suspect.

Kasimov worked closely with his coconspirators to raise money for the two men allegedly intent on traveling to Syria, and encouraged others to wage jihad, prosecutors said in a press release announcing the indictment.

Habibov, who was arrested in Florida, was allegedly the ringleader and main fundraiser in the plot, according to officials.

Kasimov was arraigned on Wednesday. His attorney, Frederick Cohn, declined to comment.

Prosecutors have depicted the four men as hardened supporters of international jihad, but a 23-page criminal complaint released on Feb. 25 against Kasimov's codefendants describes two indiscrete young men who openly told investigators they would be willing to carry out attacks on American soil, and a fund-raiser, Habibov, who questioned the intelligence of at least one of the men he was helping to finance.

Key allegations from that complaint include:

- Well before his arrest, Juraboev told agents he believed in the agenda of the Islamic State group, including the establishment of an Islamic caliphate by force in Iraq and Syria, but told agents at the time that he lacked the means



ISIS-ISIS-BABY: A fourth Brooklyn man helped raise the cash to send another Kings County resident to Syria to join Isis, Feds say.

to travel there.

- Juraboev was aware that he had landed on agents' radar, telling a militant in Iraq that he could not fly anywhere but Uzbekistan without facing arrest.

- Saidakhmetov's mother confiscated his passport and hung up on him when he

begged for it back, telling her that it "is a sin to live in the land of the infidels."

- Responding to calls by Islamic State propagandists for supporters in the west to carry out attacks, Juraboev and Saidakhmetov discussed alternative plans in case they

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Heights blog chief dies at 52

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

John Loscalzo, the trail-blazing Brooklyn blogger and occasional Brooklyn Courier contributor known to Brooklyn Heights residents as Homer Fink — his pseudonym on his popular website the Brooklyn Heights Blog — died suddenly last Wednesday at Brooklyn Hospital. He was 52.

The cause of death was not released.

The Queens-born Loscalzo, who also worked for CBS radio, moved to the Heights in the mid-2000s, and started the blog soon after, updating the web-viewing public with his “dispatches from America’s first suburb” a few times a day, covering goings on with humor and an eye for detail, whether the issue at hand was local development or the treasures found in re-treating snow banks.

It was a job he loved to do, said his wife of 23 years, Tracy Zamot, and one he hoped that would make the world better.

“He wanted nothing more than to create positivity for the place he knew we would raise our family,” said Zamot.

That family soon included a daughter, his now 4-year-old daughter, whom he also leaves behind.

“He was a brilliant father,” said Zamot. “We had 20-something years together, and we fell in love all over again when that little girl was born.”

Zamot added that she wasn’t sure if the blog would continue, but hoped it would.

“It might take a pause,” she said.

As of last Friday, only two posts had gone up on the blog, one announcing his death and a second a video tribute to his life.

Loscalzo’s deep knowledge of his neighborhood shone through on his Hidden Brooklyn Heights walking tours, where he schooled people on the oddities and lesser-known histories of the area.

“John was a dog with a bone when he was interested in something,” Za-



RIP: Brooklyn Heights Blog founder John Loscalzo, who wrote under the name “Homer Fink,” died last week at Brooklyn Hospital Center.

mot said. “He was a sponge.”

Loscalzo spent years spinning tunes and entertaining listeners as radio disc jockey, and most recently worked as director of music content for CBS radio stations nationwide. His boss at CBS remembered a hard worker who knew the industry inside and out, and who was downright fun to have around.

“John was just a really unique person,” said Adam Wiener, a vice president at CBS Local. “He could defuse tension very quickly because he had these great radio voices that he could employ at any moment.”

Zamot encouraged people to take a page out of his book and do something good for other people in the wake of her husband’s death.

“Don’t wait for somebody to die before you reconnect,” she said. “Help someone get a job, don’t take anyone

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Cops: B'Hill woman kidnapped daughter

Ulrike Berger may have fled to Germany



ON THE LAM: Cops say, right, Ulrike Berger fled the country with her, left, daughter Kaia, possibly to Germany, in violation of a custody agreement. NYPD

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

Cops are on the lookout for a Boerum Hill woman who they say may have illegally fled the country with her 7-year-old daughter amid a custody battle with the child's father, according to police.

Authorities believe Ulrike Berger absconded to Germany on March 22, with her daughter Kaia Berger in tow, according to an alert released last Thursday.

Kaia's father dropped the girl off with her mother on March 21 at Berger's Butler Street home, with the agreement that he would pick her up later at an agreed-upon date, police said. But the next day, Berger allegedly took the couple's daughter to Germany in violation of a court order prohibiting her from leaving the country with the child, according to a report.

The alleged abduction is not the first time Berger has come under scrutiny for leaving the country with her daughter. Court records show that Berger has been locked in a custody dispute with Kaia's father since at least 2012, when a Maryland court ruled that Berger had violated the custody rights of Kaia's father when she took their daughter to Germany that year without his permission.

A lawyer for Berger did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at (800) 577-8477. The public can also submit tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website at www.nypd-crimestoppers.com or by texting tips to 274637 (CRIMES) then entering TIP577.

City worker accused of bilking 94-year-old gal

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

A city employee who swore to look after elderly people allegedly stole hundreds of thousands of dollars from a Greenpoint nonagenarian, reports the district attorney.

The woman, who was a case worker for the city's Adult Protective Services, siphoned more than \$214,000 from a 94-year-old woman in her care, according to Ken Thompson's office.

"This defendant was entrusted by the city to help an elderly woman live safely at home," said Thompson. "Instead, she allegedly defrauded the victim in a shameful act of greed and deception against a 94-year old woman."

The case worker allegedly stole the money from the Greenpoint woman when the woman was in her care between Jan. 10, 2013 and Sept. 12, 2013 and again from Jan. 24, 2014 to Sept. 8, 2014.

She allegedly set up online banking to the elderly woman's Capital One bank account and ordered a debit card. She also allegedly had more than \$105,000 in online checks sent to her post office box in Brooklyn, according to the indictment.

She faces up to 15 years in prison if she is convicted.

The defendant's attorney did not return calls for comment.

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Trash Bar recycled!

Beloved pub rockin' after threatened closure

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

Looks like there'll be more time before they take out the Trash.

The beloved Williamsburg rock venue Trash Bar, which announced last year that it would close by the end of March, is still open for business and will likely stay that way for at least a couple more months.

Bar owner Aaron Pierce said the closure is on hold as he continues to negotiate with the building's owner — springing the hope that the music haven could remain in Williamsburg, which has been hemorrhaging music venues for the past couple of years.

"There is always a chance that we will stay here," he said.

The booking agent at the music venue, dive bar, and occasional church located on Grand Street between Roebing Street and Driggs Avenue announced that it would close in March last December because the building owner was reluctant to renew the club's lease.



PRAY ON: Pastor Mike Turrigiano is often accompanied onstage by a band that sings religious songs at the Trash Bar in Williamsburg.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Two stabbed in bloody Williamsburg brawl

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

Police are looking for two fiends who stabbed two other men during a street brawl in Williamsburg last Tuesday evening.

The suspects stabbed a 21-year-old in the neck and an 18-year-old in the chest amidst a melee that erupted between a group of men on Wilson Street between Wythe Place and Bedford Avenue at about 6 pm, then moved to the

corner of Wilson Street and Division Avenue, cops said.

The wounded pair will likely survive their injuries, authorities said. Emergency services rushed them to Bellevue Hospital Center in Manhattan, where cops said both are recuperating.

A police report described one of the suspects as a 25-year-old white or hispanic male who is 5-foot-10 and 250 pounds with brown hair.

The bar first opened in 2006 and bills itself as "the cheapest place to drink in Williamsburg," offering a Pabst Blue Ribbon and a whiskey for \$5 and Tater Tots to soak up the booze.

A hopeful Pierce says he has booked shows through the summer, but is telling all musicians who want to play there to book at their own risk.

"They understand that

there are issues with the Trash Bar," said Pierce.

The once-booming live music scene in Williamsburg has changed dramatically in the past couple of years, with 285 Kent, Death by Audio, and Glasslands all closing to make way for Vice Media's expansion, and Spike Hill and Good-bye Blue Monday shuttering suddenly in the fall.



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could not make it to Syria, including joining the military in order to pass information along to the group, shooting military personnel, and killing police if they attempted to arrest them en route to Syria.

•Saidakhmetov told the informant "I will just go and buy a machine gun, AK-47, go out and shoot all the police ... It is legal in America ... We will go and purchase one handgun, then go

and shoot one police officer. Boom ... Then we will take his gun, bullets and bulletproof vest ... Then we will do the same with a couple of others. Then we will go to the FBI headquarters, kill the FBI people."

•Habibov apparently had reservations about the competency of the two men despite his willingness to finance the journey. He referred to Saidakhmetov as "little brother" and another person, presumably the informant, as "smart brother" In a recorded conversation with an unidentified person.

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for granted, overtip your waiter. That is what he was about."

There was a memorial service for

Loscalzo on Wednesday at Scotto Funeral Home in Carroll Gardens. In lieu of flowers, his family is requesting donations to an education fund for his daughter Gracie. The Brooklyn Heights blog has details on how to make a donation.

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Things to consider before CHOOSING A SUMMER CAMP



Many parents want their youngsters to have a well-rounded experience, while others might want their kids to attend a more specialized camp.

Summer camp is often something kids look forward to, and something they will fondly recall long after they reach adulthood. For many kids, summer camp provides a first taste of independence, as youngsters spend significant time away from home without their parents for the first time in their lives.

But as great an experience as summer camp can be for youngsters, it can be just as difficult an experience if parents don't find the right fit for their children. That's why it behooves parents to start thinking about summer camps for their kids in winter, before camps start filling out their rosters, which tends to happen in early spring. The following are a few things parents should take into consideration when seeking a summer camp for their kids.

Staff

The right summer camp staff can make all the difference. Many children are understandably shy when arriving at a camp, as their friends from back home might not be joining them. That can make kids hesitant to participate in activities or less enthusiastic about those activities. But

a good staff will know how to make kids feel welcome, which should help them come out of their shells and make the most of their summer camp experiences.

The quality of staffs can vary significantly depending on the camp, so it's important that parents ask camp

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representatives about their staffs before making any commitments. Ask how long the staff has been together and the types of training new and even veteran staff members undergo before the start of camp season? Does the training include first aid and emergency medical training and certification?

It's also good to ask about the vetting process the camp employs be-

fore hiring new staff, including the extent of its background checks. Are criminal background checks conducted? How many references must potential staff members supply to be considered for employment? A good camp will be forthcoming with answers to all of your questions, so eliminate those that appear hesitant to share information about their staffs.

A day in the life

When vetting camps for kids, parents should ask what a typical day is like once the season hits full swing. Many parents want their youngsters to have a well-rounded experience, while others might want their kids to attend a more specialized camp, whether it's a sports camp focusing on a particular sport or a music camp devoted to helping kids become better musicians.

Regardless of the type of camp parents are considering for their kids, they should ask about what daily life at the camp is like. Ask to see schedules and how strictly camps adhere to those schedules.

When considering specialized camps, ask the staff representative if

kids will have the chance to simply have a little fun and which types of recreational activities are planned to give kids a break from what are often rigorous schedules.

Camp goals

Another thing parents must consider before choosing a summer camp for their kids is the goals of each individual camp.

A camp should be dedicated to ensuring kids have fun, even when kids are attending more specialized camps that tend to be more strict. In addition, parents should look for a camp that wants its attendees to foster relationships with their fellow campers. Camp can be lonely for some youngsters, especially those attending summer camp for the first time, but a summer camp that strives to promote friendship among its campers can reduce, if not eliminate, any feelings of homesickness.

Now is the perfect time for parents to start looking at summer camps for their kids, and there are a host of factors moms and dads should take into consideration during the vetting process to ensure their youngsters have as much fun as possible.

CAMPING AWAY FROM HOME

Fostering self-esteem in first-timers

Although camp is a time to develop new skills, have fun, gain independence, and experience new wonders, the camping experience is also one of the first times that many children will be away from home for an extended period.

In order to lead a more happy and productive camp life, children need to develop a positive self-image, the feeling that "I am somebody," before they go to the first day of camp, and that's your job as the parent.

The following ideas can help foster self-esteem in children:

Level with children. Don't talk down to a young person; instead, put yourself at eye level with a child. It can often minimize a problem, as well as make the child feel equal.

Let children make decisions. For example, early participation in health care decisions such as, "Do you want liquid medicine or tablets?" lessens a

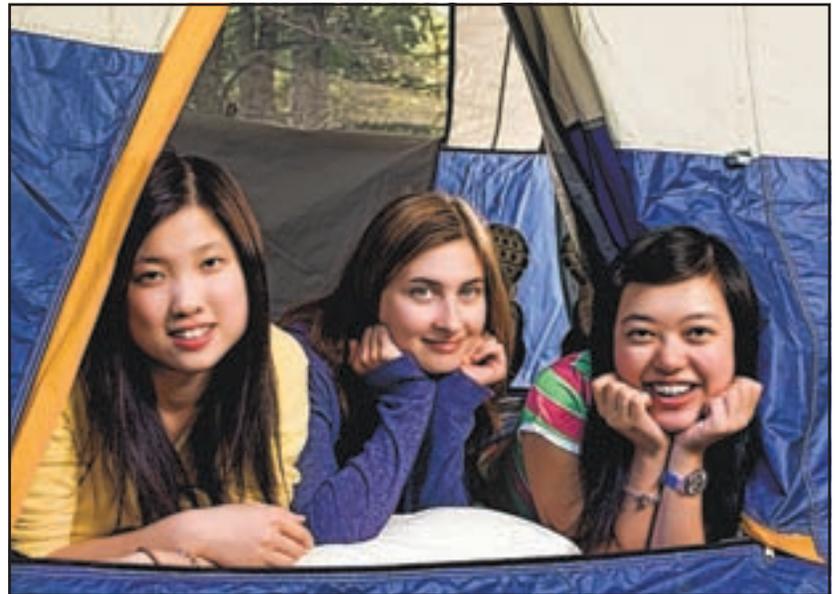
child's feeling of powerlessness, and can foster an intelligent consumer attitude in children.

Value rules. The purpose of rules is to help people get along with each other and, in turn, feel good about themselves. The best rules are written during calm times with the participation of the child.

Show the child you understand. Share your childhood memories. Children need to know that their parents had trouble learning things, too. By showing understanding, you will help your child become more confident.

Develop your own self-esteem. Parents need to feel valued and self-confident before they can help their children develop self-esteem. Parents should try to show their children that they don't have to have it all together all the time to feel good about themselves.

Children need to feel that they



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are special in and outside of camp. Parents have the advantage at home, because they can tailor the environment to what the child needs and wants. The following activities will help create some memorable one-on-one times between a parent and child:

- Keep a notepad ready to jot down ideas of special things to do with each of your children.
- Take your young child to the gro-

cery store. Talk about prices, and let him pick out one thing to buy.

•Help your child make a scrapbook of a trip or something that he enjoys.

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CAMP GUIDE

Sharing the message about healthy eating

A talk with Viki Kappel Spain

Viki Kappel Spain is the author of "The Camp Kitchen Guidebook," and has been cooking in the camp industry since 1985. She is a frequent contributor to camp publications and coordinates regional and national kitchen staff training for the American Camp Association.

What do you consider the biggest trend in camp meal preparation and nutrition in recent years?

Viki Kappel Spain: Choice is the biggest news for camp. Family or buffet-style serving has replaced the cafeteria trays of yesteryear, though line serving still takes place. The "lunch lady," line-served food is basically out the door. Food served in a family setting, with a bowl of salad, a pan of lasagna, and loaf of garlic bread for each table, offers the opportunity for children to sit, relax, enjoy each other's company, learn table manners ("please pass the butter"), and to think of others (taking one or two pieces and passing the bowl around instead of taking half the bowl and thinking of no one else).

What are the top concerns expressed by parents about children and eating at camp?

VKS: Parents know their children best. Most parents are concerned about their children getting the healthy foods they need, and they want to make sure they will get their favorite foods, as well. The major topic of concern from most parents is about meat and the assurance that the meat will be thoroughly cooked. Parents worry about their children who have special dietary concerns (dairy-sensitive, vegetarian, food allergies) and contact the food service director regarding the menu, asking how the camp can support this need. Many parents also express concern about sugar and caffeine, and some even ask about the availability of a low-carb program.

Practically speaking, how do health and nutrition translate into menu planning?

VKS: I have five principles for delivering the highest nutrition to campers:

SH2 - Serve food items separately

To accommodate most dietary requests, it's best to serve food items separately, for example, pasta and two sauces, one with meat and one without.

SH2 - Choice and more choice

The concept of having many items

to choose from (such as a salad bar, taco bar, baked potato bar, dessert bar, sandwich bar, etc.) offers a key element of teaching children to make good choices from a selection of good choices.

SH2 - Serve a wide variety

A major health and nutrition challenge is to offer balanced nutrition in an appealing format, and the best way to offer healthy choices is in a salad bar array.

SH2 - Substitute or eliminate non-dairy items in cooked foods

One of the ways to address healthy eating and still maintain food quality is to substitute high-fat, high-cholesterol items like butter or cheddar cheese with margarine or a cheddar-and-mozzarella-blend cheese.

SH2 - On the side

The most important feature to offer at all meals is salad dressings, sauces, and gravies on the side to allow each individual to select the amount they desire.

How are camps addressing special diets and food allergies?

VKS: The days of serving everyone in the dining hall exactly the same food is definitely a thing of the past. Each and every camper may have slightly different dietary needs that camps consider when planning a menu. Allergies and sensitivities have taken center stage for food service directors and their focus on foods served at camp. With peanut allergies so rampant and extremely dangerous, even having peanut butter on the shelves can cause problems, let alone serving peanut butter and jelly or peanut butter cookies to the whole room.

For those who are dairy sensitive or lactose intolerant, having dairy-free options are a must, from soy milk to cheeseless pizza, and even butter-free desserts. Cooks are encouraged to make Rice Krispy treats with margarine, not butter, to ensure a safe environment for all.

Some parents make a great effort to contact the food service director when their child has serious food issues, and every effort needs to be made from the camp kitchen to support any plans or arrangements the parents are willing to make.

It is important for the camp food service operation to understand its role in supporting special diets, stocking as many unusual food items for special requests or emergencies as the budget and reality can accommodate.

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Some sports camps focus on a particular sport.

Summer camp is a beloved tradition in many families. Many parents of young children fondly recall spending their summers at camp, where they made lifelong friends and learned the finer points of roasting marshmallows and competing in three-legged sack races.

The following are some of the options parents can expect to encounter as they search for the right camper for their kids:

Day camp

Day camps are not overnight camps, which means kids will return home each night rather than sleep over at camp. Day camps typically offer many of the activities people have come to associate with camps, including crafts, sports, and even day-trips to

experience local culture or attractions. Many day camps are co-ed, and counselors typically live within the community.

Faith-based camp

Faith-based camps offer many of the same activities as more traditional summer camps, but do so while simultaneously offering campers the opportunity to celebrate and further explore their religious beliefs. Some faith-based camps may focus heavily on religion, incorporating faith into daily camp activities, while others may be more subtle with regard to integrating religious beliefs and lessons into camp activities.

Sports camps

Some summer camps focus on a particular sport, ca-

tering to young athletes who want to further develop their athletic talents. Sports camps may feature guest lectures and lessons from notable local athletes and coaches, while some camps may provide instruction from current or former professional athletes. Some sports camps are overnight, while others are day camps.

Family camps

Family camps typically tailor their activities around tasks families can complete together, with counselors providing assistance when it's needed. Family camps may be faith-based or secular, and families typically stay overnight, sleeping in facilities on the campsites or in lodging away from home.



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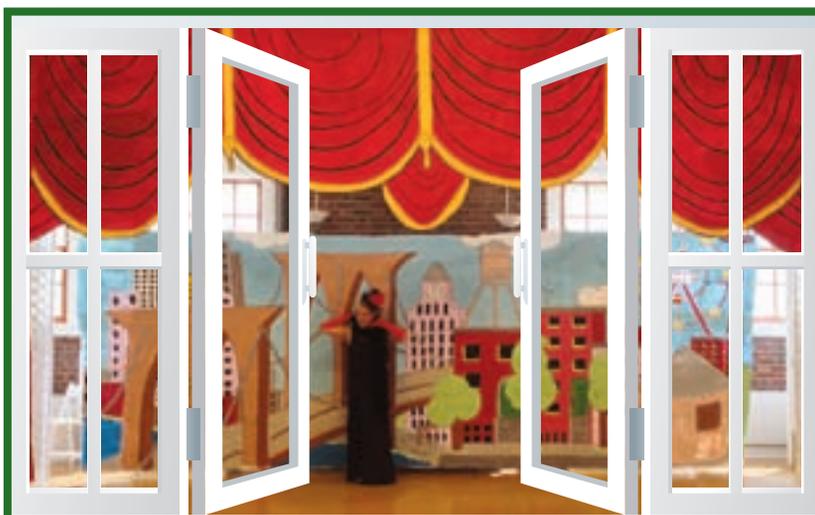
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SNOWDEN

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material called hydrocal, according to the website Animal New York, which documented the installation. The artists created it to honor Snowden's release of reams of security files in 2013 before fleeing to Russia, and chose the Prison Ship Memorial to compare Snowden's cause with that of the founding fathers.

"We have updated this monument to highlight those who sacrifice their safety in the fight against modern-day tyrannies," said the trio of artists in a statement to Animal New York. "Our goal is to bring a renewed vitality to the space and prompt even more visitors to ponder the sacrifices made for their freedoms. We hope this inspires them to reflect upon the responsibility we all bear to ensure our liberties exist long into the future."

A small crowd of dog walkers, curious neighbors, and reporters had converged on the statue shortly after noon when one woman, who had stumbled upon the bust while exercising earlier in the day, lauded the artists for paying tribute to the infamous leaker.

"I thought this was a fantastic stunt and act of resistance," said Justine Williams, an artist who lives in Fort Greene.

Parks workers at the scene on Monday afternoon ignored questions from reporters, with one man shrugging, kicking at the dirt, and walking away when asked why they had covered the bust.

The issue is under investigation, according to a police spokeswoman. A Parks Department spokeswoman deferred requests for comment to police. But the head of the Fort Greene Park Conservancy, while pointing out the stunt violated the procedure for installing monuments, said she could see where the guerilla artists were coming from.

"I can completely understand why people who feel strongly about privacy rights and freedom of speech would choose the memorial as a place to put up this statue," said Conservancy founder Ruth Goldstein. "It was inappropriately done in a place that seems completely appropriate for what they're trying to do."

A police spokeswoman was mum on where the statue ended up, saying only that the



STANDING TALL: A bust of National Security Agency whistleblower Edward Snowden surveys Fort Greene Park.

Justine Williams

matter was under investigation.

But the park was not yet

free of tributes to the infamous whistle-blower. Following the removal of the bust, a

group calling itself the Illuminator Art Collective snuck into the park by dark and shone a holographic likeness of Snowden above the column where his bust had briefly rested hours earlier. The representative of the group said he and his comrades were inspired by the original bust and the reaction by authorities to recreate the stunt in a way that would be more difficult to remove.

"The Illuminator Art Collective recreated the intervention ephemerally by projecting an image of the sculpture into a cloud of smoke," group member Kyle Depew wrote on his Instagram. "Our feeling is that while the state may remove any material artifacts that speak in defiance against incumbent authoritarianism, the acts of resistance remain in the public consciousness. And it is in sharing that act of defiance that hope resides."

This is not the first time that self-declared artists have used a Brooklyn spotlight as a springboard for their expression.

A group of artists illegally climbed the Brooklyn Bridge and replaced the American flags atop the towers with white flags. Those flags were also quickly removed by city workers.

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Mayor's workout Bill-ooney in the Slope

Mayor DeBlasio — a self-professed greenie — is an eco-klutz for letting his taxpayer-funded motorcade idle outside while he works out at the Park Slope Y, fumed area residents ("Idle worship! Mayor's cars running while he jogs at Slope Y," online March 31).

Hizzoner gets in a lather about home fireplaces, Styrofoam cups, and plastic bags, but he isn't breaking a sweat about his lolling tailpipes spewing poisonous pollutants linked to asthma, heart disease, chronic bronchitis, and cancer, they claimed.

Readers grilled Bill online.

Outrageous, simply outrageous. I am outraged. This is outrageous.

Tit from Tat

Why did he and his family ever leave Park Slope? Sure they still own their house and rent it, but surprise he hasn't made use of asphalt green which is right by Gracie Mansion. But then again all the cool people are here in Brooklyn.

bkmanhatman from nubrucklyn

Hey, don't make trouble as we slopers would so miss the giraffe exhibit! (ha, ha)

funny from the Slope

He should be on a bike. Nobody needs a car.

ty from pps

I hope The Brooklyn Courier will be submitting this important expose to the Pulitzer committee. Noah Hurowitz is a national treasure; equal parts Woodward, Bernstein, and Rachel Carson.

Mike from Clinton Hill

So any of you voting for the other person next election? Didn't think so.

why bother anymore from the city

Too bad he's too busy destroying the city to buy himself a treadmill! Or how about jogging instead of driving there? He's too busy to wake up before 11 am. What a slacker. And a Marxist to boot.

Jim O'Reilly from Park Slope

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SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

You folks need to choose your battles wisely. This is not one of them!

sh from park slope

What about the hundreds of FDNY and hospital-based 911 ambulances that sit on street corners and idle all day and night in between calls? I'm not sure what the solution is, but I'm not sitting in an ambulance without it running when it's 35 degrees outside or 100 degrees.

Medic from NYC

Ambulances need to idle. You ever see all the refrigerated things some of them carry? Also, some of those things are rolling hospitals with computers and life-sustaining medical equipment. I'm sure if you were a medic (as your title says) you would understand.

Tony from Carroll Gardens

Every ambulance I see idling has two fat slobs inside eating and playing with their iPhone.

ANT from ENY

How about the MTA money trucks that idle for extended periods while "servicing" neighborhood subway stations. Emergency?

John from Windsor Terrace

Keep in mind that Bloomberg was known for being driven around in an SUV, despite how much he said he was all about using green energy.

Tal Barzilai from Pleasantville, N.Y.

What is wrong with an upper East Side gym? I suppose DeBlasio would not be a man of the people then. I love the hypocrisy of it all. Why do the tax payers have to pay for these trips?

Francis Facciolo from Carroll Gardens

DeBlasio is not green, think of him driving his kid to high school everyday from Park Slope when the G trains was two blocks away on either end.

Bee from Park Slope

Wass-up?

To the editor,

John Wasserman here. If you don't mind my asking, I'd like to know more about this job ("Carmine's still here — until you replace him!" online April 5).

Thanks in advance pardoning this particular interruption, as I know that this must be a busy time of day. I look forward to your immedi-

ate correspondence.

**John Wasserman
Prospect Heights**

Thanks, Hillary

To the editor,

Three cheers for the honorable Hillary Clinton in her choice of location for her presidential campaign headquarters at One Pierrepont Plaza, which is right next door to the doomed Brooklyn Cadman Plaza Library. For as long as Hillary resides in her "cool" Brooklyn Heights address, our invaluable community library will be spared; granted a stay of execution for construction of the 55-floor skyscraper condominium.

This is the reason why the library, which is next door to Hillary, is not being excavated this year as originally planned. Can you imagine the dignitaries having to put up with ear-piercing pile-driving and dynamite blasting the bedrock four sub-basement floors deep, shaking the ground? Or the noise and congestion of construction crews adding to the stew of air pollution and hazards of flying debris on windy, gusty days?

Thank you, Hillary! For the time being thousands of our neighborhood children and young adults will have a safe haven to study and socialize for a few more years. Our seniors will not lose their second home. Our unfortunate homeless will have their only sanctuary in Brooklyn Heights not demolished. And the wonderful hardworking librarians will still be employed. Good luck on the campaign! You have my vote.

**Justine Swartz
Brooklyn Heights**

Jes' saying

To the editor,

I came across a poster that read: "If the USA can't afford to provide basic medical care, feed the poor, protect the environment, maintain our infrastructure, or teach our children anymore, then what exactly is our bloated military budget defending?"

This question has been asking umpteenth times and never seems to be acknowledged and addressed by those whom are elected to office to represent the welfare of the citizens who put them in office.

The electoral and political systems in place in Washington D.C. and in most state legislatures represent and focus on the welfare of those who pay to put them in office, the so-called one percent corporate class.

Extreme party gamesmanship

and partisan politics has taken over this country. I do believe the GOP has been, since the day President Obama has taken office, purposefully and maliciously obstructionist to prevent this administration from having successes, and will continue to do so until a new president is sworn into office in 2017. Despite all denials to the contrary, obstruction seems to live in the hearts of many Republicans, as does a perceived racism which includes disdain for the poor.

Reasonable discourse and ideas need be put on the table by all sides of a debate with compromise ruling the day so that advances and laws and such can be put in place that do address the needs of the country, of the citizenry. This is not happening at all. The GOP can claim to have made effort, but in reality all they do is knock down ideas put forth that do appear to have the best interests of "the many" at the core of the discussion. They also tend to create many distractions, that though some may be valid concerns, in reality they shut down all conversation and thus possible movement.

I think many politicians on both sides of the proverbial aisle are inept, partisan, and do not have our best interests at heart.

To quote the great John Lennon: "everybody's talking and no one says a word...everybody's runnin' and no one makes a move...strange days indeed...most peculiar."

**Barry Brothers
Homecrest**

Oaf-icials

To the editor,

Looks as though the veterans' affairs chief was caught with his foot in his mouth, lying about his military service, and on camera too! It is a sad state of affairs as one by one, our leaders, our so-called impartial newsmen and the people that seek the trust of the populace are exposed. Especially when they boast of experiences they never had or college degrees they never earned, though, most have an excellent B.S. in bull!

My generation was taught not to trust anyone over 30 (I'm 63 now), and my father had a saying that pretty much covered his opinion of politicians and glad handlers: "They all lie — like a rug!" As each politician is disgraced or carted away in handcuffs, it only reinforces my opinion of these leaders. Dad was only too right.

**Robert W. Lobenstein
Marine Park**

Bay Ridge dermatologist treats variety of skin care issues

BY ELIZABETH GRAHAM

Years ago, David Biro used to go to work with his dad, hanging around the office in Bay Ridge as the elder Biro, a dermatologist, diagnosed and treated skin ailments.

Today, David Biro, now a doctor, continues the practice that his dad Dr. Laszlo Biro started 50 years ago.

"I always thought it would be great if I could do what he did," David Biro said in the Fourth Avenue office that he's occupied for the past 21 years. "I always had that as a goal. I would never want to leave Bay Ridge."

During its half-century in existence, Bay Ridge Skin and Cancer Dermatology has built a dedicated patient base from the neighborhood and beyond by offering comprehensive skincare services for a whole spectrum of patients, from infants to seniors.

"We treat all age groups, and we treat all kinds of dermatologic conditions. We have a real melting pot of patients," Dr. Biro said.

The practice has evolved over the years, now offering a wide range of cosmetic services, along with sophisticated treatment for the most serious of skin ailments.

Patients come in for help with psoriasis, acne, eczema, hair loss, red spots and birth marks, and diagnosis and treatment of skin cancer. Unsightly leg veins are no problem. He also specializes in tattoo removal.

The office uses la-



Dr. Biro treats all age groups for a variety of skin care concerns at Bay Ridge Skin and Cancer Dermatology on Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge. Photos by Elizabeth Graham

sers, X-ray therapy, and specialized equipment like a narrow band UVB box to provide relief and removal of a long list of skin health and appearance issues.

The past decade has seen a spike in demand for cosmetic procedures, and as more and more people are undergoing injections to hide crow's feet, treatment options have evolved. Dr. Biro is quick to

pass the improvements on to his patients.

"Now we have all these fillers that last much longer and have almost no risk of allergic reactions," he said. "These are relatively easy procedures now."

Traditionally, it's been women from about 30 to 70 years old who come to the office seeking a more youthful appearance, but men have started to undergo procedures

like Botox injections as well, the doctor says.

New technology has also allowed for dramatic improvements in the quality of care that the office can provide in the diagnosis and treatment of skin cancer.

"There's been a huge change in the last 15 years in the field of dermatology," Dr. Biro said, adding that he regularly performs specialized skin can-

cer removal, known as Mohs surgery.

All procedures are done in the office.

Bay Ridge Skin & Cancer Dermatology [9921 Fourth Ave. between 99th and 100th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-7616, www.bayridgederm.com] Open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am to 8 pm, Tuesday and Friday from 9 am to 5 pm, and Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm.

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Game on



Game on: "Arcade Classics" artist Maximilian Mueller with his piece "Feed Me."

Photo by Jason Speakman

Painters reimagine classic video game characters

By Max Jaeger

It's no two-bit idea — more like eight bits!

A bunch of artists are putting classic video games on canvas for an exhibition called "Arcade Classics," which opens April 10 at Bushwick's Image Gallery. The show is celebrating Game Over for winter and a new life for spring, organizers said.

"We decided that we wanted to do something to kick off the spring that could resonate with a lot of people — that brought them back to their childhood," said co-curator Steven Gonzalez. "Ultimately, we decided on video games, because it would be very pop art and we wanted those bright colors for the spring."

Gonzalez and partner Che Morales approached 20 artists to paint their versions of characters from classics including "Super Mario Brothers," "Street Fighter," and the ground-breaking "Mike Tyson's Punch-Out!!" All the painters were turbocharged about the idea, Gonzalez said.

"We did not get a single no," he said.

Organizers said they recognize the irony of celebrating spring with the pastime of pasty basement-dwellers, but they're embracing fond childhood memories of ignoring their parents' pleas to go outside and play in the sun.

"When we were kids we didn't want to put the controller down to go outside even when the weather was nice —



Press start to play: Image Gallery creative director Che Morales tests out the iPad arcade.

Photo by Jason Speakman

the goal is bringing that nostalgia back," Gonzalez said.

Many painters first picked Mario as their paint-able character for the show, but the curators urged them to select some of the franchise's more esoteric sprites. One

artist opted to put his own spin on the "Little Shop of Horrors"-esque plants that plague the portly plumber, adding eyes to make them appear more sinister.

"It's a more vicious venus fly trap," said artist Maximilian Mueller. "They don't have eyes in the game, but I paint a lot of flowers with these crying eyes, so I added my style."

And show-goers can also test their hand at some arcade classics — without the classic problems of sticky buttons or losing all their quarters. Organizers are bringing "Pac-Man" and "Space Invaders" on iPads and setting up the tablet computers in old arcade machines to give the games more of a retro feel, Gonzalez said.

Despite the name, not all the artists are from the quarter-dropping generation. Mueller said he first played Mario on a Nintendo 64, which came out in 1996 when arcades were already on their last lives. Still, he said he is more comfortable around a paintbrush than a joystick.

"I'd like to say that I definitely played a lot outside — I was never really a full-on gamer," Mueller said. "But Mario probably has the most recognizable characters of any game."

"Arcade Classics" exhibition opening at Image Gallery [1501 Broadway between Jefferson and Cornelia streets in Bushwick, www.imagegallery.nyc, (718) 439-4807]. April 10 at 7 pm. Free.

WEIRD OF FORTUNE!

Artist creates bizarre tarot cards



Deck the halls: Artist Richie Brown uses his oracle deck to help people open up about their lives.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

By Vanessa Ogle

The future is in his hands. An artist will tell people's fortunes using pictures of smiling poop, a hairy scrotum, and a unicorn wearing a velour outfit at Reverse gallery in Williamsburg on April 10. Richie Brown created his own original deck of tarot-style cards featuring the weird images mixed in with more traditional tarot symbols, which he will use to give live readings during an exhibition opening. But Brown said he is no clairvoyant — the cards just answer people's questions by showing them what they subconsciously already know, but can't admit.

"The way the deck works is it empowers the people who are using it to make decisions with things they already know, but need an outside source to tell them," said Brown.

Brown said the photo of grinning excrement in his "Brown Magick Oracle Deck" symbolizes "satisfying relief." Another card features an alien, which represents the feeling of being ostracized, he said. These are shuffled in with more established tarot

images, such as swords and vases. Brown made the cards by taking photographs of the people or objects in question — he even posed for several of the cards, including dressing up as the devil and the maid.

Brown's fortune-telling performance piece is part of a broader exhibition at Reverse called "Myth and Mutations," which features five other works that combine modern and traditional symbols, including a series of 3-D printed sculptures posed in classical Renaissance forms, and a video animation of pink creatures performing a workout routine designed by the South Korean government.

Brown said he first became interesting in cartomancy — that's telling fortunes using a deck of cards — after encountering a friend's grandmother's oracle deck from the 1920s, and being surprised when the cards correctly analyzed his life. But he wasn't convinced, so he made an identical deck — and those nailed it, too.

"I'm a super skeptical person," he said. "We started doing parallel readings with the two decks — we

would read each other doing both decks at the same time to see if the same message came across, and it did."

After that, he decided to make his own cards with more universal themes. Brown said he began bringing them to parties and everyone, even those who professed to be private people, started sharing their life stories after the readings.

"It is almost like you're playing the role of a therapist in a way," said Brown, who will also teach others how to give readings during the exhibition opening.

Brown said he still doesn't believe in the supernatural or psychics. Instead, he said he plays the earthly middleman.

"I try to stay agnostic in all aspects of my life so I sort of don't believe or disbelieve," he said. "I like straddling those two because it leaves me open."

"Myth and Mutations" at Reverse (28 Frost St. between Union Avenue and Lorimer Street in Williamsburg, www.reversespace.org). Opening reception April 10 at 7 pm. Free. Show runs through May 2.



Maid in America: Intrepid reporter Vanessa Ogle studies one of her cards.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Decked out!

Our reporter finds out what is in the cards for her future

By Vanessa Ogle

Play your cards right and you might just learn what the future holds.

Your intrepid reporter sat down to do a reading with Richie Brown and his "Brown Magick Oracle Deck" before the opening night of the show. Here are my cards.

Maid

This card represents someone taking care of someone else and it has subservient connotations — but it can also represent the other side of the equation, according to Brown.

"It is a power dynamic," he said.

Books

This card represents knowledge — but Brown said it can be either a quest for knowledge or a closed-off approach to challenging what already exists.

"It could be resistant to change," he said.

Masculine skeleton

Brown said this card does not represent gender, but rather feelings that can be associated with masculine traits. I can only hope this translates to always being paid like a man throughout my career.

Fan

This symbol represents opportunity, Brown said.

"It has to do with things opening up to you or the fanning of a flame," he said.

Bee

Brown said this is the ultimate symbol of productivity, especially within a group.

"It is working with people and finding a way to compromise," he said.

My editor confirms that this is highly apt.

Brown was supposed to end the reading here, but we were on such a roll, that he pulled out another card to see if it fit with the story.

Fuzzy birds

The pair nestled together represents companionship — but not lovers, per se, Brown said.

"It is not necessarily romantic," he said.

Summary

My overall reading? I'm going to relax more — presumably because I'll be richer and more accomplished.

"You may have previously been rigid and you are putting that away and moving on — like with the male card facing forward — and looking at the new opportunity and productivity through collaboration," said Brown.

The readings may sound supernatural, but Brown said the results, which readers often use to form a narrative, reaffirm how human — and rational — we really are.

"Everything doesn't happen for a reason — reason is why everything happens," he said.



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GOING VIRAL!

Marathon reading of pro-vaccination book in Dumbo

By Trupti Rami

They are taking a jab at the vaccination debate.

A herd of Brooklyn writers and parents will read the pro-vaccination book “On Immunity” from cover to cover in one marathon recital on April 16 at Dumbo’s PowerHouse Arena, in an effort to spread awareness about the importance of inoculation. The best-selling tome, which non-fiction writer Eula Biss published in 2014, offers a calm and reasoned discussion of the hot-button topic, said the event’s organizer.

“I have never read such a well-researched, insightful, rational book about an issue that people yell about on social media,” said Williamsburg resident Maris Kreizman, who read “On Immunity” in one sitting.

Kreizman said she first pitched the idea to the public via social media, and was overwhelmed by the positive response. She subsequently recruited readers for the event including the Hairpin contributing editor Jazmine Hughes, novelist Teddy Wayne, and comedian and sex educator Lux Altraum.

Park Slope writer and editor A.N. Devers said she put her hand up to read straight away. Devers said she feels a particularly strong connection with the book, because she read it for the first time while pregnant.



Marathon reader: Maris Kreizman is organizing a four-hour reading of “On Immunity” at PowerHouse Arena in Dumbo on April 16. Photo by Jason Speakman

“I read it deliriously fast because it felt like it was written for me,” said Devers, who has now read the book twice. “Eula Biss wrote ‘On Immunity’ from the perspective of being a new mother, and her experience caring and nurturing a newborn and facing big questions and cultural attitudes about health care and vaccination resonated deeply with me.”

Kreizman said she calculates it will take the 30 readers four hours to get through the entirety of the 205-page book, with each volunteer

taking on one chapter.

“There’s no completely scientific way to estimate in advance, so I’m going with the assumption based on my own reading that each chapter will take approximately eight minutes to read,” she said. “I am crossing my fingers really hard!”

“On Immunity” reading at PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. between Water and Front streets in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049, www.powerhousearena.com]. April 16 from 6–10 pm. Free, but donations accepted for Doctors Without Borders.



A dollop of history: Chef Andrew Gerson has designed a meal based on the diet of Dutch colonial settlers. Brooklyn Brewery

Pass the Dutch meat

A 1650s-inspired dinner party

By Noah Hurowitz

Talk about a Dutch oven!

Brooklyn Brewery’s chef is attempting to recreate the food 1650s Dutch colonists ate in New York — well, New Amsterdam — at a dinner party at Williamsburg’s Humboldt and Jackson on April 16. The history-loving culinarian said he hopes to teach New Yorkers a thing or two about the dining habits of their forebears, and to make them forget what century it is outside the restaurant.

“There will be an aspect of theater to it,” said chef Andrew Gerson. “We want to make you feel like you’ve transcended time.”

The “Nieuw Amsterdam” dinner will combine elements of colonial Dutch cuisine with dishes inspired by the fare of the region’s native Lenape people, Gerson said. Lenape cuisine leaned heavily on the seafood that was bountiful at the time, so Gerson will begin the meal by cooking up clams smothered in butter that he has infused with sumac, which the salt-deprived Lenape used as a spice.

On the Dutch side of mid-17th century dining, attendees will feast on salt-pork porridge, a New Amsterdam staple that Gerson will spruce up for modern palates.

“Porridge was a main form of sustenance for the settlers, but I’m going to make a nicer version,” he said.

For dessert Gerson will fry up some olykoeks, a doughnut-like flatbread that he said was another Dutch favorite of the era.

And it wouldn’t be a Brooklyn Brewery event without beer. Gerson has paired each course with a house brew, designed to imitate the suds colonists were guzzling down at the time thanks to a shortage of potable water. Alongside the main course of venison, he will pour the brewery’s K is for Kriek, a cherry-infused Belgian wheat beer that he said is reminiscent of the sweet, barrel-brewed brewskis made in New Amsterdam.

The event is the first in a series of time-traveling dinners the brewery is cooking up this year, each inspired by distinct periods in the city’s past. In future meals, Gerson will celebrate the menus of the city’s first restaurants in the 1820s, the Prohibition-era, and the 1980s, when Brooklyn Brewery got its start.

Nieuw Amsterdam dinner at Humboldt and Jackson [434 Humboldt St. at Jackson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 349-3355, www.brooklynbrewery.com/events]. April 16 at 6:30 pm. \$65, including tax, gratuity, and all beverages.

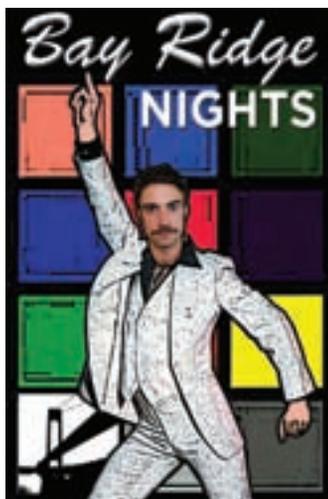
Ridge opens hearts — and wallets!

By Max Jaeger

Fund-raisers? More like fun-raisers!

Here at Bay Ridge Nights, we like to advocate for drinking, rocking (occasionally in conjunction with rolling), and all things Saint Patrick’s Day, but we’re deeper than that! Sometimes you have to give back to the neighborhood that has given you so much. So open up your wallet and give some of these neighborhood fund-raisers your hard-earned dough — if philanthropy doesn’t give you that warm feeling inside, the complimentary booze will.

On Friday, bound over to neighborhood knick-knackery **Hom** (8806 Third Ave. between 88th and 89th streets) and hand those cats \$10 to get into the “Party for Paws” — a benefit for animal rescue group Twenty Paws Rescue starting at 7:30 pm. You’ll get a free drink and the chance to win swag in a bevy of raffles, and there will be booze specials all night. All of the cash you throw down will go to the organization’s operating budget.



Then sail to **No Quarter Tavern** (8015 Fifth Ave. between 80th and 81st streets) at 6 pm on Saturday to help the hard-drinking buccaneers raise money to cure Multiple Sclerosis. Hand the pirates 20 doubloons, and they’ll give you a free shot. Plus there will be raffles and live music.

On Sunday, beat feet over to **Leif**

Bar (6725 Fifth Ave. between 67th and Senator streets) for a Fleet Week fund-raiser from 2 pm to 9 pm. Sure the money is technically for a Staten Island thing, but you’d be lying if you said you never enjoyed the bucolic borough’s water show from Bay Ridge’s cosmopolitan shores. For a mere \$20, you get to enjoy hours of some of the Ridge’s best bands — Cherry Bomb, Sha Doobie, Steppin Back, Prodigal Child, and Nowhere Man will all be tickling strings for your pleasure. And all the cash will go toward tent, stage, and equipment rental for a Fleet Week concert.

But don’t stick around at Leif Bar’s Richmond-focused fete too long, because a more parochial organization needs your cash. **The Salty Dog** (7509 Third Ave. between Bay Ridge Avenue and 76th Street) is collecting donations for the annual Norwegian Day Parade from 4 pm to 8 pm. Fork over a Jackson, and you’ll get to stick your snout in a buffet and dessert — plus there will be raffles and door prizes.

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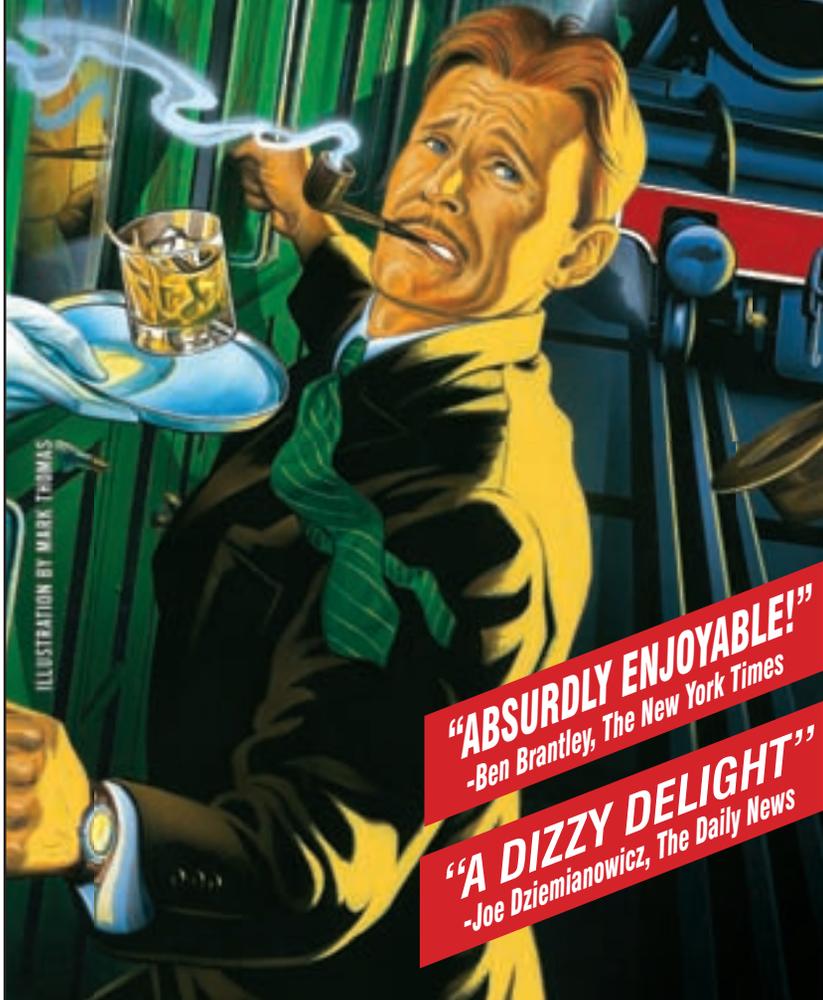


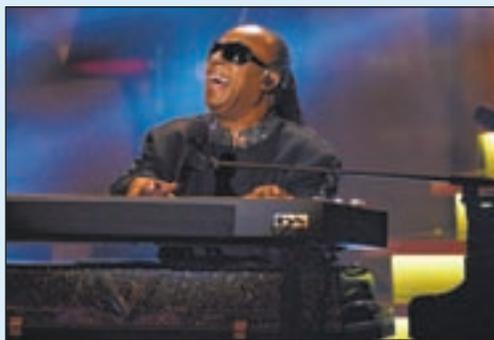
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FRI, APRIL 10

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. WASHINGTON WIZARDS: \$30-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

SAT, APRIL 11

SPORTS, BROOKLYN BOXING: Danny Garcia vs. Lamont Peterson, Andy Lee vs. Peter Quillin. \$57-\$307. 7:30 pm.

SUN, APRIL 12

MUSIC, STEVIE WONDER: \$49.50-\$165. 8 pm.

MON, APRIL 13

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. CHICAGO BULLS: \$55-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

WED, APRIL 15

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. ORLANDO MAGIC: \$22-\$3,000. 8 pm.

FRI, APRIL 17

SPORTS, JORDAN BRAND CLASSIC: Prep basketball event featuring four bouts. \$10-\$85. 1:30 pm.

TUE, MAY 26

MUSIC, THE WHO: \$49.50-\$154.50. 7:30 pm.

SUN, MAY 31

MUSIC, ED SHEERAN: \$65-\$85. 7:30 pm.

SAT, JUNE 13

MUSIC, RMM COMBINACION PERFECTA ANNI-VERSARY SALSA CON-CERT: Featuring Oscar D'Leon, Tito Nieves, La India, Ismael Miranda, and others. \$70.50-\$305.50. 8 pm.

WED, JUNE 17

MUSIC, BARRY MANILOW: \$19.75-\$249.75. 7:30 pm.

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

SAT, JUNE 27

MUSIC, CONTEMPORARY COLOR: Featuring David Byrne, Nelly Furtado, How to Dress Well, Dev Hynes, Kelis, Nico Muhly and Ira Glass, St. Vincent, Tune-Yards, Lucius, and Money Mark and Ad-Rock. \$30-\$85. 7:30 pm.

SUN, JUNE 28

MUSIC, CONTEMPORARY COLOR: See Saturday, June 27. \$25-\$85. 7:30 pm.

MON, JUNE 29

MUSIC, BETTE MIDLER: Divine Intervention Tour. \$47.50-\$312.50. 7:30 pm.

TUE, JUNE 30

MUSIC, IMAGINE DRAGONS, METRIC: \$29.50-\$69.50. 7:30 pm.

THURS, JULY 9

COMEDY, KEVIN HART: \$49.50-\$200. 7 pm.

FRI, JULY 10

MUSIC, ROMEO SANTOS: \$34.50-\$184.50. 8 pm.

SAT, JULY 11

MUSIC, ROMEO SANTOS: \$34.50-\$184.50. 8 pm.

SUN, JULY 26

MUSIC, NICKI MINAJ: \$40-\$145. 7 pm.

TUE, AUG 11

MUSIC, YES AND TOTO: \$45-\$95. 7:30 pm.

WED, AUG 12

MUSIC, MOTLEY CRUE: \$39.50-\$149.50. 7 pm.

SUN, AUG 23

SPORTS, WWE SUMMERSLAM: \$30.50-\$530.50. 7:30 pm.

FRI, APRIL 10

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, KOJO RONEY: Ten-year-old jazz drummer prodigy Kojo Roney plays with saxophonist Antoine Roney bassist William Parker, and multi-instrumentalist Cooper-Moore. \$15 (\$10 in advance). 8 pm. Jack (505 Waverly Ave. between Fulton Street and Atlantic Avenue in Clinton Hill), www.jackny.org.

MUSIC, BRIDGE CITY HUSTLE: Free. 10 pm. Beast of Bourbon [710 Myrtle Ave. between Spencer and Walworth streets in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (347) 789-9901], www.beastofbourbonbk.com.

THEATER, "LUCREZIA BORGIA": LoftOpera performs Donizetti's melodrama, with a 29-piece orchestra and a full cast and chorus. \$30. 8 pm. LightSpace [1115 Flushing Ave. at Thames Street in Bushwick, (212) 202-0372], www.lightspace.tv.

OTHER

ART, "PERSONAL CORRESPONDENTS — PHOTOGRAPHY AND LETTER WRITING IN CIVIL WAR BROOKLYN": Personal stories of Brooklyn soldiers and their families during the American Civil War. \$10. Noon-5 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierreport St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklyn-history.org.

SENIORS RELAXATION AND MEDITATION: For those 60 and older. Free. 2 pm. Park Slope Senior Center (463A Seventh St. between Sixth and Seventh avenues in Park Slope), www.park-slopeseniorcenter.org.

SAT, APRIL 11

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

PURPLE STRIDE 5K: Run or walk to raise money for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. \$30 for timed run, \$25 to walk. 9:15 am. Prospect Park Band Shell [Prospect Park West and Ninth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-8900], www.purplestride.org.

PERFORMANCE

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

MUSIC, THE BROOKLYN RHYTHM BAND, RESIDENTS DJ HONKY AND MR. ROBINSON: \$20 (\$15 in advance). 9 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

SALES AND MARKETS

VINTAGE SHAUN POP-UP SHOP: The two-day pop-up shop showcases vintage clothing composed of recycled clothing and textiles, tying into Earth Day later this month. Free. 1-8 pm. Independent Runway Boutique (267 Kingston Ave. between St. Johns and Lincoln Places in Crown Heights), www.vintageshaun.com.

WHAT TO DO SEVEN EVENTS

THURS, APRIL 16

OTHER

TALK, BROOKLYN ACOUSTIC ECOLOGY FESTIVAL 2015: Exploring our understanding of sound in our environment through the work of a group of selected artists who will present performances, talks, and soundwalks in and around the Old Stone House. Admission by contribution, \$10 suggested. 7 pm. The Old Stone House [336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768-3195], theoldstonehouse.org.

INDEEDY MUSICAL BINGO: Like normal bingo but with songs instead of numbers. \$20 (\$15 in advance). 7 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhousesny.com.

FRI, APRIL 17

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, "FACE THE MUSIC": Kaufman Music Center presents the city's most talented teen musicians. 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, SALUTE TO BOB CUNNINGHAM: Hosted by Harold Valle-Keeper of the Secrets, with music by the Jeff King Band. \$15. 8-11 pm. Jazz 966 [966 Fulton St. between Saint James Place and Grand Avenue in Clinton Hill, (917) 593-9776], www.jazz966.com.

MUSIC, BROOKLYN FOLK FESTIVAL: Featuring music, workshops, a square dance, and the banjo tossing contest. \$20-\$80. 8 pm. Saint Ann's Church [157 Montague St. between Henry and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 395-3214], www.brooklynfolkfest.com.

SAT, APRIL 18

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, SAMBA WITH THE SEA LIONS: Free with zoo admission. Noon-3 pm. Prospect Park Zoo [450 Flatbush Ave. at Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 399-7339], www.prospectparkzoo.com.

MUSIC, "RAPUNZEL! RAPUNZEL! A VERY HAIRY FAIRY TALE": Wally Jones and the Casa Manana Theatre Company present the children's story. \$12. 2 pm. On Stage at Kingsborough [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5596], www.onstageatkingsborough.org.

MUSIC, TAKE 6: \$30-\$40. 8 pm. Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd. between Amersfort and Kenilworth places in Midwood, (718) 951-4500], www.brooklyn-centeronline.org.



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SUN, APRIL 12

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

BIRD FEEDER: The rangers teach children how to make a bird feeder. Free. 1 pm. Salt Marsh Nature Center [3302 Avenue U in Marine Park, (718) 421-2021].

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, AN EVENING OF CLASSICAL MUSIC: Brooklyn Art Song Society presents a program of work by art song composer Hugo Wolf. \$20 (\$10 students). 8 pm. The Old Stone House [336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768-3195], theoldstonehouse.org.

THEATER, "THE GREAT GATSBY": Montana Rep's adaptation captures the Jazz Age. \$30. 3 pm. Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd. between Amersfort and Kenilworth places in Midwood, (718) 951-4500], www.brooklyncenteronline.org.

OTHER

READING, ARTIE BENNETT: Children's book author will read his newest picture book "Belches, Burps, and Farts — Oh My!" Free. 2 pm. The BookMark Shoppe [8415 Third Ave. between 84th and 85th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-5115], www.book-markshoppe.com.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP: Social group forming for women in their 50s and 60s. No walk-ins, call and leave your number to reserve a spot. 2 pm. Perry's Restaurant [3482 Nostrand Ave. between Gravesend Neck Road and Avenue V in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 336-7908].

MON, APRIL 13

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, TALK IN TONGUES, BANANA KISS, THE RALLY, BEST BEHAVIOR, BAD HEAD: \$7. 7:30 pm.

OTHER

READING, MO WILLEMS: The children's author Mo signs copies of his latest children's book "Waiting is not Easy." Free (books sold separately). 5 pm. Barnes and Noble [267 Seventh Ave. at Sixth Street in Park Slope, (718) 832-9066], www.barnesandnoble.com.

TUES, APRIL 14

PERFORMANCE

THEATER, "THE EARTH AND ME": Celebrate Mother Nature with a with a tapestry of song, dance, puppetry and music. \$15 in advance (\$10 at door; \$8 groups of 10 or more). 10 am and 11:30 am. Walt Whitman Theatre [Campus Road and Hillel Place in Midwood, (212) 724-0677], www.shadow-boxtheatre.org.

OTHER

COMEDY, BEERPROV: Comedians improvise scenes based on audience suggestions, eliminated by audience vote during the show until only one player remains. \$20 (\$15 in advance). 7:30 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

WED, APRIL 15

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, "CRASH": An opera in six short acts following an unidentified older man and his attitudes and prejudices. \$25. 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (917) 267-0363], www.roulette.org.

THEATER, EMILY CLIMBS (MACHINE MERCHANT): A collection of sci-fi performances exploring a failed science-experiment. 8 pm. The Brick [575 Metropolitan Ave. at Lorimer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 907-6189], www.bricktheater.com.

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Three cheers for Maimonides Medical Center for being on the cutting-edge of patient comfort and safety. There have always been individuals who for whatever reason need to avoid the use of blood transfusions. So what is a hospital to do? Maimonides established a bloodless program about 10 years ago to meet the needs of those patients that were not able to get a transfusion, but still needed to have surgery, explained Dr. Richard Slatkin, the program founder and director.

"We wanted to provide the highest level of care for patients who objected to the use of transfusions, so we allocated time and resources to training a dedicated group of clinicians to perform surgeries without transfusions," he said. "It turns out this was only the beginning of a whole new approach that impacts all patients."



Now the Center for Bloodless Medicine and Surgery is setting new standards for excellence in patient safety and outcomes.

A very grateful patient Claudene West (inset), who need a C-section, shared her experiences.

"It was such a relief to me and my family that Dr. Slatkin was willing to perform my high-risk surgery without transfusions," she said. "He and his team made every step of the way less stressful for us."

Now she has a beautiful son, and Dr. Slatkin to thank for him.

Maimonides Medical Center [4802 10th Ave. at 49th Street in Borough Park; (718) 283-6000].

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MANHATTAN BEACH

Mazel tov

Congratulations are in order for the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center on being nominated to the State and



GO BLUE!: Assemblyman William Colton presents a proclamation honoring Police Officer Albert Mammon, coordinator of the Police Auxiliary Program at the 60th Precinct in Coney Island, for his heroism in saving a teenager in Florida while on vacation.

Hero 'Finest' Officer Mammon

CONEY ISLAND

Congrats to **Police Officer Albert Mammon** who selflessly saved the life of a teenage boy while on vacation in Florida. Our man in blue was honored by Assemblyman **William Colton** (D-Gravesend) with a plaque and a proclamation at the assemblyman's office on March 29.

Borough son Albert was relaxing in the sun and surf when he heard panicked screaming coming from the ocean. Going directly into hero mode, our man in blue rushed to the aid of 17-year-old Christopher Tran who was struggling to stay afloat in the choppy Atlantic waters. Without a moment's hesitation, our Finest jumped in, swam to the teen in distress, and brought him safely to shore.

Assemblyman Colton thanked the hero cop.

"Officer Mammon's courageousness led him to save the life of a young man who was having trouble swimming in the ocean," he said. "His bravery exemplifies the many brave heroes who serve as New York City's police officers."

Albert joined the NYPD's Explorer Program as a teen and then volunteered as an auxiliary police officer. He eventually was sworn to the badge and is now a 14-year veteran of the force. He currently serves as the auxiliary program coordinator at the 60th Precinct.

Standing O gives a deserved shout-out to Officer Mammon for his bravery on vacation, and for protecting our community on the job at home.

60th Police Precinct [2951 W. Eighth St. at Surf Avenue in Coney Island, (718) 946-3311].

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The center achieved the distinction of being one of 22 sites, resources, and districts in the state recommended for inclusion in the registry.

"60 West End Ave. is historically significant in the areas of ethnic history and religion as a mid-20th century synagogue surviving in Brooklyn," said an agency official. "Its design by Brooklyn architect Jacob W. Sherman reflects developments in Bauhaus-in-

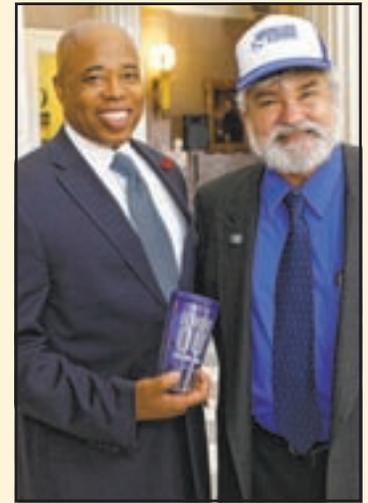
fluenced European synagogues of the 1930s."

Standing O says, "Mazel tov."
Manhattan Beach Jewish Center, [60 West End Ave. and Ocean View Avenue in Manhattan Beach (718) 891-8700].

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Can you hear me now?

A Standing O is dispatched to Shaunessy Leandrea Caine, a solution specialist who received the Verizon Wireless President's Cabinet Award, the



GERRITSEN BEACH

Dan, Dan he's our man

Borough President Adams honored Gerritsen Beach resident **Dan Foster** — a colorectal cancer survivor and **Ambassador of Brooklyn for the Colon Cancer Alliance** — who has raised more than \$185,000 for various cancer organizations, during a ceremony at Borough Hall last month.

Dan, who has our Standing O record for the most shout-outs, is a 19-year cancer survivor and the founder of the annual **Dan's 5K Fun Run** in Gerritsen Beach, and has raised thousands of dollars for colorectal cancer research along with many other causes.

Our man Dan recommends everyone get tested.

"There are many reasons to get a colonoscopy," he said, "Don't be scared and don't put it off."

So what are you waiting for? You know who you are, so get cracking.

Save the date: This year's 5K run is set for Sept. 19. All donations will benefit Cancer Care for Kids. E-mail Dan at DF003@aol.com or visit www.ccalliance.org or call (877) 422-2030.

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Standing O pal Shaunessy was one of 11 Verizon Wireless employees to receive the prestigious award in the New York metro region.

Shaunessy said that her mom was her true inspiration.

"Watching my mother work hard to provide for me as I grew into an independent woman, is why I am successful and why I work so hard," she said. "I try to be the best in every position I hold."

Shaunessy's first job was at McDonalds at the age of 16.

"I was so excited that I would finally be able to make my own money," she added. "I believe in working with integrity and I always look to be of assistance to others while accomplishing my personal goals."

Shaunessy can now add a Standing O to the list.

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● 'Once I got on the court ... I felt like I belonged here.'

— St. Edmund star Alexandra Jacques on playing with the city's best in the Mayor's Cup game

● 'We just ran out of gas down the stretch.'

— Vikings coach Anwar Gladden on his team's loss in the Dick's Nationals

Vikings' season ends in national tourney

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

South Shore's bid for a national level upset quickly got away in the fourth quarter.

The Vikings girls' basketball team trailed Dillard (Fla.) — ranked No. 3 in the country by USA Today — by just three points heading into the final quarter. The Panthers' pressure defense in the half court finally wore down the Brooklyn school, leading to a 65-44 defeat in the semifinals of the Dick's Nationals Tournament at Christ the King on April 3. South Shore turned the ball over 25 times in a game that was televised nationally on ESPNU.

"We just ran out of gas down the stretch in the fourth quarter," said Vikings coach Anwar Gladden. "It was a three-point game going into the fourth. We just couldn't sustain it."

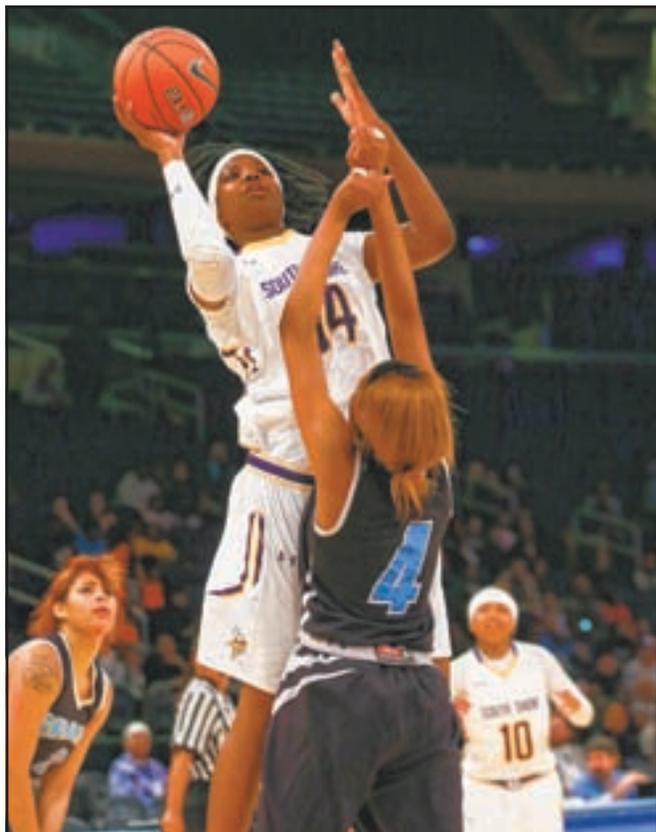
Dillard went on a 9-0 run with South Shore down just 39-37 and 6:27 to go in the game. The Vikings (23-5) couldn't stop the bleeding as Dillard rattled off a 21-3 spurt that put what was a close game for three and half quarters well out of the Vikings' reach.

The loss was especially hard for McDonald's All-American Brianna Fraser.

"It's a little emotional because this is the last time I can wear this uniform," she said.

Dillard hadn't played since winning a Florida State title the last week of February. Panthers coach Marcia Pinder said she wanted to test the South Shore guards and take Fraser out of her comfort zone. Fraser paced South Shore with 17 points and 10 rebounds in her final high school game. Valena Hickerson added six points.

"We had some problems with Fraser," Pinder said. "She's good."



FINAL CHAPTER: South Shore's Brianna Fraser scored 17 points on her final high school game, a loss to Dillard in the Dick's Nationals tournament.

Photo by Robert Cole

Fraser, who is headed to Maryland, didn't want to use a busy week as an excuse for her slow start. She scored a state Federation tournament record 46 points in a semifinal loss to Christ the King on March 27, and played in the McDonald's All-American game in Chicago on April 1.

"I just came out slow," Fraser said. "I don't think I ever got comfortable. We just needed to play harder and to play together."

Her team lead by as many as four with 6:39 to go in the second quarter, but Dillard (31-1) finished the frame on a 5-0 run to take a 25-23 lead into the break. South Shore had no answer for Dillard point guard Destiny Fraser. She

scored 23 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Courtney Parson added 13 points and nine boards.

The loss ends a historic season for the Vikings. The program won its first Public School Athletic League Class AA title after five empty trips to the championship game. It had Christ the King and Dillard on the ropes in its final two games, but could not pull out victories to give its senior class a few more games together.

"The seniors got to experience a championship in a South Shore uniform," Gladden said. "I think that is incredible. When we look back at the season we will be very appreciative of that."



OUT THE DOOR: Danielle Patterson, one of the city's best sophomores, is transferring from Medgar Evers to Mary Louis in Queens.

Photo by Steven Schnibbe

Medgar Evers star Patterson headed to Mary Louis

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

One of Brooklyn's best girls' basketball players is leaving for greener pastures in Queens, according to her father.

Medgar Evers sophomore wing Danielle Patterson will be transferring to Mary Louis this fall, he said. Patterson is arguably the best player in her class in New York City. She has scholarship interest from a host of Division I schools, including UConn. Huskies coach Geno Auriemma came to watch Patterson play for the Cougars this season.

Patterson's father Lamont said the family sat down after the season to discuss whether they wanted to return to Medgar Evers or move on to a new situation. They decided on change across the board.

His daughter will also be switching travel hoops teams. Patterson is moving from the Philly Belles to the New Jersey Sparks. The family decided it wants to expose

Patterson to playing against what in their opinion is better competition than what she saw in the Public School Athletic League.

"I want her to play against better talent," Lamont Patterson said.

Suiting up for coach JoAnn Arbitello-Pinnock at Mary Louis in the Brooklyn-Queens league will be a step up in the eyes of the family. Brooklyn-Queens is considered one of the most competitive leagues in the country and has produced four McDonald's All-Americans in the last five years.

"I have known coach Arbitello for a while and I like her coaching style," Lamont Patterson said. "I said, 'you know what, we will give it a shot and give it a try.'"

Lamont Patterson was happy with the school's academics, which he stressed was more important than hoops, and liked that idea of Mary Louis being an all-girls school. Mary Louis was a

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Mayor's Cup roundup

Larcher, McKennon still waiting for offers, Jacques hold own with city's best players

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Najee Larcher is still playing the waiting game with his basketball future.

The Xaverian senior forward didn't see a significant uptick in this college recruitment after playing a big role in the Clippers reaching the Brooklyn-Queens boys' basketball final and its first Catholic city title game since 2005. The 6-foot-7 Larcher has just a scholarship offer from LIU Post, a Division II school. Siena, Maine, Fairleigh Dickinson and New Haven are still showing interest.

"Nothing has really changed," Larcher said.

He was surprised that interest didn't pick up after the season he had with the Clippers. Larcher scored 12.9 points per contest and displayed the ability to rebound and block shots. The second-team All-League selection was dominant inside during a diocesan semifinal win over Holy Cross and in a title game loss to Christ the King. His consistent play earned him a spot on the league's all-tournament team and the Catholic League's roster for the Mayor's Cup senior all-star game.

"I feel like I personally played very hard during our whole run in the city playoffs and championships," Larcher said.



FINAL WAVE: Thomas Jefferson senior guard Jaquan McKennon is looking for more college scholarship offers. Photo by Robert Cole

But it apparently hasn't been enough to sell college coaches on him.

He is hoping to take that momentum into the spring travel-ball season. Larcher and Xaverian teammate Sayon Charles will both be playing with New Heights in the hope of securing more offers. Chris Alesi, assistant coach for both New Heights and Xaverian, thinks coaches need to consider how much growth there still is to be seen in Larcher's game, and not just the numbers he is putting up right now.

"His upside is scary," Alesi said. "He just turned 17, can shoot it, can handle, and is still growing. I am shocked — and quite frankly, disappointed — in the lack of attention in the way of offers he's received."

Jefferson's McKennon stuck in neutral: Jaquan McKennon came back to play his senior year in New York City knowing he had to prove to college coaches that he can play point guard. He feels he has done that, but doesn't have the scholarship offers to prove it.

The 5-foot-9 McKennon, who will be taking the SAT in May, averaged 10.2 points and 6.0 assists during the regular season. He stepped things up again in the post season with 17.8 points per contest and 5.5 assists. Jefferson reached the Public School Athletic League Class AA semifinals. McKennon tallied 13 points to help

lead his league to a victory over the Catholic schools' senior all-stars in the Mayor's Cup game on April 1.

"A lot of people said I was selfish, I wasn't a point guard," he said. "I just took it on to myself to show people that I am a point guard and I can get people involved."

There are still potential suitors out there. McKennon has scholarship offers from Binghamton and Canisius. Miami, Tennessee, Notre Dame and Rutgers have all shown interest — but he was hoping for more solid commitments by now.

"I'm really disappointed," he said. "All four years I did really well in my high school career and AAU season. I feel like I am being underrated right now."

St. Edmund star holds own against city's best: Alexandra Jacques admits that she had never played with — or even heard of — most of the other girls playing in the girls' basketball Mayor's Cup all-star game.

St. Edmund plays in the second division of Brooklyn-Queens, and doesn't see the league's and the city's Division I talent. Jacques led the Eagles to the program's first diocesan title since 2002, but hasn't been exposed to players like Molloy's Aryn McClure (Quinnipiac), Bergtraum's Ashanae McLaughlin (Seton Hall) and

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Chris Mullin to use St. John's past to shape its future

A Lord of Flatbush is hoping to be King of Queens again.

That was part of former Xaverian and St. John's hoops star Chris Mullin's message when he became the Red Storm's new head men's basketball coach last week. His answer each time he was asked about returning the Red Storm to its 1980s glory under coach Lou Carnesecca was simple: "That's why I'm here."

Mullin's return brought together members of the program's past behind the goal of improving its future. More than a dozen former basketball alumni turned out for the press conference, including Walter Berry, Felipe Lopez, and Boo Harvey, among others.

"I want to get it where coach had it, and then hand it off to someone else so we have consistency and it keeps growing, so we don't have droughts," Mullin said.

St. John's was a winning program again during Steve Lavin's five years at coach, which included two 20-win seasons and two NCAA tournament berths.

Mullin recapturing that glory starts with making sure the Red Storm dominates the local recruiting landscape again.

"I guarantee you, will see me in the public school gyms, the Catholic school gyms, the AAU gyms all over New York City," said Mullin, who won a state Federation title with the Clippers in 1981. "You don't have to tell me where they are. I played in all of them. I know the back doors, if not, I know the janitor in the gym. I'll get there."

The recruiting push started with hiring fellow Brooklyn native Matt Abdelmassih away from Iowa State. The former St. John's manager under Norm Roberts got right to work with Mullin. They have already offered scholarships to Christ the King star and Canarsie native Rawle Alkins, Stepinac's Jordan Tucker, and for-



JOE KNOWS

by Joe Staszewski

mer Kennedy wing Bashir Ahmed, among others, and are working to connect with Lavin recruits Cheick Diallo and Brandon Sampson.

"We don't want to have the kids leave the city," Abdelmassih said. "We want the kids to leave New Jersey. We want them to come to St. John's. We want the kids to come to the Big East powerhouse we know that it should be."

Mullin will bring his legendary work ethic as a player to his coaching. Lopez remembers Mullin when he was in the NBA coming back to St. John's to workout, and Lopez believes his drive will inspire Mullin's future players.

"If I was a player for him, I'd be well-dedicated, and made sure I am the hardest worker in order to show I have what it takes to not only raise the level of the school, but my own level too," Lopez said.

Mullin wants to get St. John's back to the level it was when he was still wearing a No. 20 red and white jersey. His presence has people hopeful and confident his vision can become a reality.

"It's going to be beautiful," Berry said. "I think a lot of people are going to want to come back and be around this situation now, because it is going to remind them of the glory days."



RAISING THE BAR: St. Edmund forward Alexandra Jacques scored 10 points to help the Catholic school all-stars beat the public school stars in the Mayor's Cup game. Photo by Robert Cole

PSAL not yet in clear for playing in Dick's Nationals

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

South Shore and Wings Academy playing in the Dick's High School Nationals Tournament puts them out of bounds, according to the director of the state's sanctioning athletic association.

Robert Zayas, the executive director of the New York State Public Schools Athletic Association and a member of the state Federation executive board, said his association did not sanction the basketball tournament both city Public Schools Athletic League champions participated in at Christ the King last weekend.

He also said he views it as a second post-season tournament, which would break a separate regulation of the State Commissioner of Education. Zayas believes the South Shore girls' and Wings boys' basketball teams clearly broke the state rules.

"Participating in an event like this is a violation of the commissioner's regs," Zayas told this paper. "That's pretty straight and pretty clear cut."

The tournament did fall within the 22 weeks allotted by the state for the winter season, since city public school teams began play on Nov. 3, 2014, and the city's Department of Education is standing behind the schools' decision to participate.

"Playing in this tournament was a wonderful opportunity for our student athletes," said department spokesman Jason Fink.

The ultimate decision on whether the PSAL is in violation and what action would be taken rest with the state Commissioner of Education. The matter would have to be appealed to the commissioner of Education, either by the department, an outside entity such as the Federation or the Catholic High School Athletic Association. There is no appeal before the commissioner at this time, according to department spokesperson Tom Dunn.

The Federation executive board already had its own discussion about the PSAL's participation in the Dick's tournament in a conference call on March 25 before the state Federation tournament.

Zayas and Tom Murray, one of the CHSAA's Federation board members, both



JUST CHATTING: PSAL Executive Director Donald Douglas, at left, has a lengthy talk with New York State Public Schools Athletic Association Executive Director Robert Zayas in the stands during one of the state Federation tournament games in Albany. Photo by Ken Maldonado



WAITING GAME: Xaverian's Najee Larcher with former Knick Herb Williams after the Mayor's Cup senior all-star game. Photo by Robert Cole

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Moore Catholic's Dina Montrechuk (Rhode Island).

"Once I first got here, I didn't know what to expect, honestly," said Jacques, who will play at Division III Brooklyn College this fall. "Once I got on the court, I felt the momentum was going and we were all working

together, and I felt like I belonged here."

She certainly played that way. The forward scored 12 points and hit an array of jumpers while helping the Catholic team to a win over the public school squad. Bishop Loughlin's Kiana Clark led all scorers with 18 points.

"I didn't take too many shots, but I felt confident when I was," Jacques said.

PATTERSON

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school Patterson considered before enrolling in Medgar Evers as a freshman. She will be able to play right away because of the league's updated transfer rules that no longer requires a change of address from a student-athlete coming from a New York City public school.

He insisted that Medgar Evers' lack of success during his daughter's two seasons there was not the main motivation for transferring. The Cougars went 8-23 in league play and only won one play-off game. Patterson averaged 16.5 points and 6.9 rebounds. Medgar Evers coach Mike Toro declined comment.

"We don't chase winning situations," Lamont Patterson said. "We never have chased winning situations, and being at Medgar Evers the last couple of years proves that."

His daughter joins a Mary Louis team on the cusp of being a real contender for a diocesan title. The Hilltoppers lost to champions Christ the King by two points in the semifinals and lose just one starter. The Hilltoppers feature one of the city best guards in Jasmine Brunson. Arbitello-Pinnock said she is excited about Patterson joining her roster.

"I think that we will be a good team with her," Arbitello said. "She is a nice addition, a really nice kid. Something that wasn't expected, but definitely something that we can use."

Lamont Patterson said his daughter is excited about the opportunity ahead of her. She thanked her former school on Twitter shortly after the news of her departure broke.

"To the Staff, my coaches, my team mates and the Students at MECPS, I thank you and I'm going to miss you guys," she wrote. "Wish You the Best."

voiced their displeasure to PSAL executive director Donald Douglas during the Federation tournament in Albany. Zayas said the matter came up in a long talk in the bleachers of the University of Albany's SEFCU Arena on March 28. Murray told Douglas a day later that a lot of people were asking him why their teams weren't allowed to participate in the national tournament, which was broadcast live on ESPN.

Unlike the PSAL, the other three associations in the Federation told their teams they could not play in the Dick's tournament. Long Island Lutheran girls' basketball coach Rich Slater said his club, which went on to win the Federation Class AA title, was asked before South Shore, but he refused because his league feels the season should end with the Federation tournament.

Members of the Christ the King girls' and boys' basketball programs watched or worked the event as its public school counterpart played. The Christ the King girls beat South Shore in the Federation tournament.

"How do you explain to kids and parents that you are hosting this tournament, why aren't you playing?" Christ the King girls' basketball coach Bob Mackey said. "Now the PSAL is going to play. I really don't understand that one."

The Federation could not

stop the PSAL teams from competing in the tournament, but it could deliver its own brand of consequences for doing so. In 2011, the CHSAA threatened to have its teams boycott PSAL squads after the league chose to allow its teams to take part in the ESPN Rise Invitational. The other two Federation members considered similar bans, but none of them followed through after a conference call with Douglas. The hope then was that this issue would not come up again.

The Federation executive board has not yet decided if it will take any action this time, according to Murray.

"Nothing [is] final, this will probably carry out until the May meeting, so we can sit down and talk about it," Murray said.

Both South Shore and Wings played well in their opening-round games before falling to teams ranked in the top three in the nation by USA Today. The Vikings enjoyed staying the night in a Manhattan hotel, coach bus rides to the games, and national television exposure. South Shore coach Anwar Gladden thinks every team in the Federation should be allowed to participate.

"This Dick's Nationals event is something everybody should get to experience," Gladden said. "It's a first class event."

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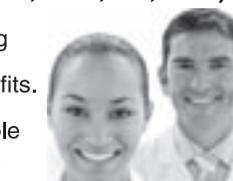
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