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Highway to swell

BY MAX JAEGER

Talk about sea change.

Two waterfront shipping facilities are now part of America's Marine Highway System, expanding availability of federal grants for the publicly owned sites, the city announced on June 29.

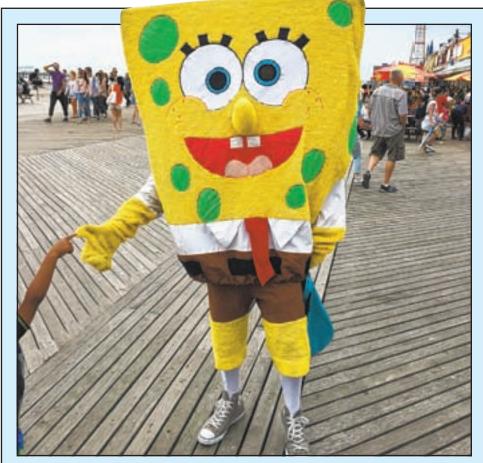
The so-called "reactivation" of the city-owned South Brooklyn Marine Terminal in Sunset Park will bring jobs to the under-used facilities, officials said. But the announcement may put the brakes on a plan by nearby Industry City to use a portion of the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal for parking, according to an area councilman.

"We will not sacrifice New York City's maritime and manufacturing future to short-term and shortsighted practices," Councilman Carlos Menchaca (D-Sunset Park) said during the presser. "And so, this site and the others will not be a parking lot. This site and the others will not be condos. If we prevent the piecemeal development that causes damaging gentrification, that is when we are successful."

The privately owned Industry City announced in March a \$1 billion plan to redevelop the massive campus for manufacturing, retail, educational, and hotel space. And Industry

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Character costumes come to Coney

SpongeBob is taking a vacation from his pineapple under the sea to visit children in Coney Island much to the chagrin of locals, who fear the Boardwalk will become like Times Square. For more on the story, see page 4. Photo by Joseph Altobelli

Mayor delays 'illegal home conversion' legislation

BY MAX JAEGER

Legislation to combat illegal home conversions that Borough President Adams and two Brooklyn councilmen promised months ago is still on the drafting table because of a legal snag.

The suite of bills would stiffen fines for ignoring building codes and dicing one- and two-family homes into multifamily apartments — and direct the collected fines into a fund to help families who get the boot when inspectors order illegally converted homes vacated.

Announcing the proposal in March, Adams and council sponsors Vincent Gentile (D-Bay Ridge) and Jumaane Williams (D-Flatbush) said they'd introduce the bill by the end of the month, but that never happened. Three months later. community leaders in Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights are

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OL THREATS

Lawyers say Ridge competition stole 'American' tune

BY MAX JAEGER

They're hogging the spotlight!

In a desperate attempt to reverse plummeting ratings, "American Idol," a network television talent show soon to become a pop-culture footnote, is seizing on the coattails of one of Bay Ridge's most popular institutions — Brooklyn Senior Idol.

Lawyers for the Fox network show sent Senior Idol sponsor state Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge) a letter threatening legal action if he didn't rename the beloved con-

"While our client appreciates your enthusiasm for the 'American Idol' and Idol brands, as a federal trademark owner, FremantleMedia cannot allow the unauthorized use of the Brooklyn Senior Idol Mark in connection with talent competition services," the letter states, according to a press release from Golden's office. "Cease using the Brooklyn Senior Idol Mark in connection with your talent competitions and remove ... any advertisements, promotions, signs, or other material containing the Brooklyn Senior Idol mark.'

The move is laughable, according to last year's Senior Idol winner.

"It's a little ridiculous, but that's the way people are - they have too much time on their hands," said Senior Idol's 2014 winner, Anthony Neve. "I don't think one has anything to do with the other. This is not televised — this is for a charity."

Senior Idol is an annual singing competition for older Brooklynites that raises money for Xaverian High School's music program.

The other "Idol" 14-years-running network television show that has spun



2011 contestant Richard Low – lawyers for "American Idol" have demanded the Bay Ridge charity talent show change its name. File photo by Alice Proujansky

off international adaptations -couldn't possibly be worried that Neilsen families in Iowa would ever confuse the show with Bay Ridge's Senior Idol. That leaves only one explanation — the missive is a publicity stunt the show breathlessly sputtered out amid the din of its own labored death rattles.

The show's ratings have declined since its second season and hit an all-time low during last year's season finale.

Idol's attorneys declined to comment or share a copy of the letter.

A local lawyer framed the conflict as one of biblical proportions and suggested Golden will come out the victor.

"Marty's reputation will only increase as a result of this David-versus-Goliath type of

situation," said Ridge attorney Bob Howe. "In the long run, Goliath may not get slain, but



AMERICAN IDLE: Lawyers for Ryan Secrest vehicle "American Idol" apparently have enough spare time to send cease-and-desist letters to the organizers of local charity talent shows such as Bay Ridge's own Brooklyn Senior Idol.

Associated Press / Carlos Osorio

he is going to get dinged up, and I think it's going provide a lot of entertainment and give Marty a lot of fun."

Indeed Golden is not standing by idle — the show will go on under a different name, he

"Brooklyn's talented seniors will make you laugh, cry, and celebrate at the show regardless of what we call it," Golden said in a statement.

He's taking residents' ideas for a new name. Perhaps a musical moniker that — without any apparent reference to the television show — is both patriotic and references a popular form of verse. Perhaps, "American Idyll."

To suggest a name, contact Golden's office at golden@nysenate.gov or (718) 238-6044.

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DELICIOUS SPREAD: Barbara Warner enjoys the food at the Cherry Hill Fourth of July celebration on June 25. Photo by Steve Solomonson

Cherry Hill celebrates its independence

BY ERIC FAYNBERG

Cherry Hill Market threw an early July Fourth party last week, celebrating both America's independence and its own freedom from a long-standing legal threat that could have put the market out of business.

The Sheepshead Bay gourmet market hosted a pre-Independence Day celebration on June 25, giving the local immigrant community a chance to give thanks to their adopted country.

"We as immigrants and children of immigrants are thankful that we live in a free society in the greatest country in the world," said Samuel Nitka, one of Cherry Hill's owners. "We've been given all these wonderful chances in this great country, and we just wanted to say thank you to this community."

That community's support was vital to the store's victory in securing a Council vote to allow it to remain in business at its current location in the landmarked Lundy's building, where it opened illegally in 2009, in violation of the Special Sheepshead Bay Waterfront District zoning, which doesn't allow for a supermarket.

amendment legitimizing its location for the next 10 years. The Council voted in favor of the change on May 27.

About 175 people — including members of Community Board 15, local clergy, elected officials, and veterans from several American wars — attended the June 25 event, enjoying ethnic delicacies and sharing memories about their shared American experiences.

Nitka, the son of Holocaust survivors from Poland, said that Cherry Hill would like to do twice-yearly events honoring local veterans. He said the store is honored to employ veterans, and offers a discount to anyone who has served.

"Any member from the military can walk in and show their military ID and get a discount," he said. "We don't know any other way to say thank you."

Sheepshead Bay native Jim Markson, a Vietnam veteran and author of "Vietnam & Beyond: Veteran Reflections" presented an autographed copy of his book to the store's majority owner, David Isaev. He was pleased with the market's support for military personnel.

"I think it is fantastic," Markson said. "You want to put a smile on a veteran's face? Tell him thank you and give him a discount to shop at your store."

Slave to history

Army won't change 'racist' street name despite pleas from black leaders

BY MAX JAEGER

Apparently, a road by any other name would spell defeat.

The U.S. Army has no plans to change a street named for a Confederate general stationed at Ft. Hamilton Army Base — despite pleas from black church leaders who say the name is racist.

Members of Rev. Al Sharpton's National Action Network rallied in front of the 190-yearold Bay Ridge base on June 25 to denounce General Lee Avenue — named for Gen. Robert E. Lee — and call for a less racially charged moniker following the shooting death of nine black South Carolina churchgoers — including a state senator — allegedly by a white gunman who posted photos of the Confederate flag to social media. The activists said newly minted congressman Rep. Dan Donovan (R-Bay Ridge) could use his position to urge the Department of Defense to rename the road, but they say he isn't taking Sharpton's calls.

"The silence is deafening, but it's not surprising — this is the same individual who did not think Eric Garner deserved justice," said National Action Network Brooklyn chapter president Kirsten John Foy, referring to the grand jury empaneled by then-Staten Island district attorney Donovan that chose not to indict white police officer Daniel Pantaleo in the homicide of a black man who died while being arrested for selling loose cigarettes.

Donovan's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Lee was a decorated soldier in the U.S. Army who was stationed at Ft. Hamilton for five years before turning down command of the Union Army at the outbreak of the Civil War in favor of leading Confederate troops in his home state of Virginia. That choice supersedes any good he may have done prior to the Civil War, according to Foy.

"All that service went out the window when he decided to engage in treason," Foy said

The battle is personal for Sharpton's daughters, who



CALL TO ACTION: National Action Network Brooklyn chapter president Kirsten John Foy says Confederate general Robert E. Lee was a traitor to his country and a Fort Hamilton street named after him – General Lee Avenue – is racist and has to go. Lee (right) was stationed at the Bay Ridge U.S. Army base as a captain from 1842 to 1847, more than a decade before leading the rebel army in the Civil War.

grew up under the shadow of the street sign.

"My sister and I had to go through here every day to visit our mother serving as a sergeant in the U.S. Army," said Dominique Sharpton, who said she was born in the now-closed Victory Memorial Hospital and graduated from Poly Prep in Dyker Heights. "What kind of message is a sign like this giving to our youth?"

The demand for the name change comes as part of a national sea of change in attitudes towards symbols of the Confederate States of America in the wake of the Charleston shooting. National chain stores such as Walmart and Target have yanked products featuring the Confederate battle flag from their shelves, and online sellers including eBay and Brooklyn's own Etsy have banned rebel swag from their sites.

But the Army has no plans to alter streets or bases named for Confederate soldiers, according to a statement.

Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D- ning, Foy said.



Fort Greene) is also calling on the fort to nix Lee Avenue.

"Brooklyn is one of the most diverse counties in America, with sizable communities of color," Jeffries said. "There is no good reason for a street to be named after an individual who led the Confederate Army in the fight to keep slavery and racial subjugation alive in America. It is my hope that we will do the right thing and find an appropriate local hero for whom the street can be renamed."

Other federal politicians have not made their opinions clear. The National Action Network has not reached out to New York's U.S. senators or Mayor DeBlasio about the street, Foy said.

There are 5,000 Civil War veterans interred at nearby Green-Wood Cemetery — including 74 Confederate soldiers and two Confederate generals, according to cemetery historian Jeff Richman.

Rev. Sharpton will hold a candlelight vigil at the fort's entrance on Saturday evening Foy said

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Character building

Times Square plague afflicts our beloved Boardwalk

BY JOSEPH ALTOBELLI

And so it begins...

The invasion long dreaded by denizens of the People's Playground has finally come to pass, as costumed characters driven out of Times Square by a police crackdown have descended onto the Coney Island Boardwalk.

People dressed as children's favorite characters — from SpongeBob to Iron Man to Olaf from "Frozen" — have begun to congregate along the waterfront to pose for pictures with kids — and then demand cash from the parents.

Locals are not at all happy to see the photo-op phenomenon metastasize from the crossroads of the world to Sodom on the Sea.

"I think they should stay away from here," said Fernando Delvalle, a weekly visitor to the Boardwalk. "Leave that in Times Square."

Another Coney Island regular said the invasion would destroy the distinct local scene. "Idon'tlike Times Square," said Joe Hunt. "Coney Island is the farthest thing from Time Square."

Some local restaurateurs and shop owners agree that the sudden appearance this season of the costumed cohort bodes ill for the Boardwalk.

"I think overall it's bad for



ICE QUEENS: Even in the heat of summer, the characters from "Frozen" are here on the Boardwalk to pose for pictures with kids – and then demand money from their parents. Photo by Joseph Altobelli

business," said Michael Sarrel, a manager at famed Coney Island eatery Ruby's.

Sarrel said he has already seen some of the tactics that prompted the police to run them out of Manhattan for harassing tourists who refused to hand over "tips" after snapping a pic.

"People are intimidated having them here, begging for tips," Sarrel said. "Sometimes they get aggressive."

It is illegal to demand money for taking a picture of someone in a public place, and after signs to that effect were posted prominently around Time Square, some costumed characters have sought greener pastures — and less-savvy tourists.

"They're preying on people's ignorance," said Hunt.

Louis John, Tom's Coney Island's manager, doesn't think these new panhandlers will affect his business, but said he understands the complaints.

"There's so many people [in Coney Island] that I don't



NO JOKE: The Joker, Iron Man, and the Mask are just a few of the costumed characters that have been popping up on the Coney Island Boardwalk.

Photo by Joseph Altobelli

think it matters," he said.
"But, they make people feel
a little uncomfortable, they
make you feel like you have
to [tip.]"

Some visitors weren't worried about aggressive panhandling as much as they were annoyed at the low-quality, knockoff costumes.

"I don't come to the Boardwalk to hang out with inaccurate versions of characters," said Alex Thiel as she relaxed on the Boardwalk. "I don't think Coney Island, being what it is, needs it," she said.

Her friend Lauren Mark agreed, saying that the Peo-Continued on page 16

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HOOP THEMES: The court at the Nets' practice facility will feature the same herringbone design as the court at Barclays Center.

Brooklyn Nets

New nest for Nets

Team previews delayed Sunset Park facility

BY ERIC FAYNBERG

Better late than never.

The Nets will finally be practicing in Brooklyn come February 2016, once the club's state-of-the-art facility in Sunset Park is completed. The team gave an early tour on June 23 of the unfinished Hospital for Special Surgery Training Center, which was originally scheduled to open this year, in time for the 2015–16 season.

"It gives me a new sense of appreciation for getting Barclays Center done on time," said Irina Pavlova, president of Onexim Sports and Entertainment, the company through which Russian billionaire Mikhail Prokhorov owns the team. "There were so many little things that delayed the project. It wasn't one big event. Permits took longer, access took longer."

The \$45-million facility will cover the eighth floor and rooftop of an abandoned, century-old warehouse on 39th Street between First and Second avenues in Industry City. The plans include two full-size basketball courts with televisions and dry-erase boards for coaching purposes.

Nets front-office staff, coaches and players will enjoy luxurious amenities including a weight room, a hydrotherapy area, an 18-seat multimedia theater, a player lounge complete with kitchen, billiards, and ping pong tables, and a roof-top area with stunning panoramic views of the Manhattan skyline. The space will also include offices and workout rooms reserved for the coaches and for Billy King, the team's general manager.

The new facility will certainly be an upgrade. Since moving to Brooklyn in 2012, the team has continued practicing and operating out of its old facility in East Rutherford, N.J. But even that site was a step up for the team — before moving into the East Rutherford facility, the Nets actually practiced at a truck stop in North Bergen, N.J.

Head coach Lionel Hollins said said Pavlova. "We want that he hopes the swanky Sunset Park ize this neighborhood."



TOUR GUIDE: Nets director of operations Tony Brasile breaks down what the team's Sunset Park practice facility will include.

Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

practice center will help the Nets attract free agents.

"You try to show guys the city, the arena, and a facility like this enhances that," Hollins said. "We practiced at four or five facilities in one city when I played."

Pavlova said that the Nets looked at more than 50 potential locations, but settled on the Industry City site because of its proximity to airports and Barclays Center, but she also cited a desire to get in on the ground floor of the revitalization of the Sunset Park and Gowanus areas. The team plans to host community events, local business-development functions, youth basketball clinics, and job fairs and internships for neighborhood residents.

Allowing local college and high school teams to use the facilities is also a possibility, she said.

"We plan to be here for a long time," said Pavlova. "We want to help revitalize this neighborhood."

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Cruiser bruiser

A cretin clocked the clerk who tried to stop him from stealing a bicycle from a shop on 86th Street on June 25.

The goon rolled in to the establishment near Fifth Avenue in Bay Ridge at 6:45 pm and tried to walk out with a bike, but an employee confronted him, so the pedal pincher punched him in the face and fled. police said.

Road rage

A brute with anger issues smacked a guy in the face with a screwdriver during an argument in traffic on the corner of Fourth Avenue and Senator Street in Bay Ridge on June 25.

The two got into it at 6 pm, and one guy got so mad he got out of his car with a screwdriver and attacked his opponent, police said.

Hot air conditioners

A steamy scoundrel stole three air conditioners from an 82nd Street home on June 24.

The victim left his climate-controlled digs near 13th Avenue in Dyker Heights at 9 am, but when he returned at noon, it was a sauna, police said.

The thief busted the door handle while breaking in — and he apparently made of with the handle in addition to the appliances, a police report states.

Gone in 60 minutes

Someone stole \$10,000 from a house on 97th Street on June 26 while the resident stepped out for an hour.

The owner of the home near Ridge Boulevard left at noon and came back at 1 pm, but in the meantime, someone busted open the front door and took the cash, police said.

Dyker Heist

A chump stole change and credit cards from a car parked on 12th on June 25.

The vehicle's owner left his ride near Ovington Avenues in Dyker Heights at 8 pm, but when he came back at 10 am the next day, his stuff was gone police said. There were no signs of forced entry, according to a police report.

Cheap shot

Four people were stabbed — one in the groin — when a massive bar fight broke out at a Fifth Avenue dive on June 28.

What began as an argument in the watering hole between 84th and 85th streets escalated into an all-out melee at 12:35 am that sent four men to Lutheran Medical Center — in-



cluding one with stab wounds to his ico City, according to police. manhood, police said.

Cops have not made any arrests and the investigation is ongoing, po-- Max Jaeger

62ND PRECINCT

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

Minivan gangsters

Some vile gunslingers shot a man in the stomach on Benson Avenue in the early morning hours of June 28, before fleeing in a minivan.

The victim told cops he was walking to a bar to pick up his girlfriend from work around 4 am when two men approached him near 24th Avenue and asked, "What gang are vou in?" The victim said one of the men drew a long gun and shot him in the stomach before he could answer and fled in an unknown direction, police say.

A witness told cops he saw the two men exit a tan minivan with Pennsylvania license plates, and that after the shooting they ran into a waiting minivan driven by a third

Bottle rocket

Cops arrested a man at an 86th Street bar for allegedly attacking two people with beer bottles early in the morning on June 27.

One victim told cops the troublemaker hit him several times with a glass beer bottle across his head and face, causing lacerations and a broken nose. Another victim told cops the same man threw a glass bottle at her forehead, causing swelling and pain. The alleged bottle-basher was arrested, cops say.

Beck and call

A slimy criminal scammed an 88-year-old woman out of nearly two grand on June 24 by calling her Kings Highway apartment on June 24 and falsely stating her grandson was being held in a Mexican jail.

The grandmother told cops she received a phone call at her home near W. Seventh Street at 8:30 am from a man calling himself Mr. Beck from the U.S. Embassy, who said her grandson was arrested in Mexico and needed \$950 for a bond payment.

The scammer then called back saying he needed another \$950 for a lawyer and told the grandmother to send the money from a Western Union on Utrecth Avenue. The victim sent the fake a total of \$1,900 to a man in Mex-

Cash grab

A crook broke into a 79 Street and 17th Avenue home and swiped a wad of cash and some jewelry on June 26.

The victim told cops his son returned home around 2 pm and found the front door lock wasn't working correctly. The man's wife returned home two hours later and noticed someone had broken into a rear bedroom door and had stolen a large amount of cash and some jewelry.

-Allegra Hobbs

60TH PRECINCT

CONEY ISLAND-BRIGHTON BEACH-**SEAGATE**

Reptile raidPolice arrested one of eight men

who they said surrounded a man underneath the Boardwalk on June 27 and stole his snake.

The victim told authorities that he was near W. 16 Street at 3:30 am, when the man in custody - with several others - walked up and said, "I want your snake."

The group also took the victim's cellphone, wallet, watch, a duffel bag containing X-Box games, and other goods totalling \$300 in value, officials said.

Murder most foul

Police found a man dead on Bavview Avenue, across the street from the Gravesend Houses, on June 21.

The man, whose body was found at 11:30 pm, had been shot in the head, the back, and the leg. No suspects have been found yet, authorities said.

Pillow fight

Cops cuffed a man who they said beat and choked his girlfriend in their W. 11th Street apartment on June 23 over an argument about pillows.

The man strangled his significant other until she was dizzy at 1 pm and then dragged her off their bed, pulled her hair, and hit her with a children's toy, a police source reported. Emergency personnel took the victim to Coney Island Hospital, where she was treated for a swollen lip, a bruised neck, and scrapes to her face.

Group effort

Cops rounded up three men who they said took part in a group assault on a 16-year-old boy at E. 12th Street on June 22.

The victim was beaten at 9:50 pm near Neptune Avenue and had his bicvcle and cellphone stolen. Officials said that five others involved in the incident remain at large, but the cops managed to recover the stolen bike.

Third wheel

An unidentified louse took advantage of a lover's quarrel Surf Avenue on June 27, taking the woman offguard and attacking her to steal her purse, authorities said.

The victim told police that she was arguing with her bofriend near Stillwell Avenue at 1:30 am when the thief came out of nowhere and slammed her head against the car door before running off with the purse.

Rubber burn

An anonymous thief took the tires and rims off of a car at Bay 46th Street on June 22, officials said.

The perpetrator also caused approximately \$200 worth of damage to the car, which was parked near Shore Parkway, according to police.

61ST PRECINCT

SHEEPSHEAD BAY-HOMECREST-MANHATTAN BEACH-GRAVESEND

With friends like these

Cops seized two men who they said beat up and robbed their friend in his apartment on Avenue U on June 25 after he asked them not to smoke marijuana in his house.

The victim told police his socalled friends kicked him in the head and punched him repeatedly in the stomach in his home near E. 14th Street at 2:30 pm, then took \$1,900 from his dresser.

The victim, who cops reported was left with visible injuries, told police that one of the men had been staying with him for a while.

Knife to see you

Police apprehended a knife-wielding knave who held his weapon to a man's neck on E. 16th Street on June 26 and demanded money.

The victim told police the suspect, a friend of his, put the blade to his neck near Avenue Z at 5:30 pm and extracted \$50 at 5:30 pm.

Interior ransacker

An intruder ransacked the top floor of an E. 26th Street woman's home on June 26, moved her furniture, and broke her dresser while she was away visiting her son.

The invader entered the house on Avenue W through a bathroom window that had been left open, according to police sources. The 66-yearold victim told the cops that the bathroom window screen had been removed. - Eric Faynberg



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Happy Lunar New Year!

City adds new holiday to school calendar

BY HARRY MACCORMACK

After some creative scheduling, Mayor DeBlasio announced on June 23 that the Department of Education would be adding the Lunar New Year as a holiday for the coming 2015–16 school year.

Combining two half-days set aside for teachers' administrative work, the Department of Education has managed to include one more day off for the city's public school students without dipping under the minimum 180 days required for a full school year.

The Lunar New Year, which moves around the solar-based Gregorian calendar, but falls on Feb. 8 next year, is a significant event for many Asian cultures — known most prominently for marking the Chinese New Year. In heavily Asian neighborhoods such as Sunset Park, the lack of a formal school holiday has resulted in attendance rates as low as 20 percent for the day in previous years.

"I'm so glad that this has

been passed, we have been waiting for this a very long time," said Jerry Chan, director of general affairs for Brooklyn Asian Communities Empowerment, and a parent with children in public school. "It's my hope that by passing this, the rest of the nation will follow."

This marks the third new holiday added to the Department of Education's calendar in DeBlasio's tenure as mayor, with the Islamic holy days of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha being added to the calendar last spring. He promised to recognize all the three holidays during his mayoral campaign.

"We are proud to be the largest school district in the nation to recognize the heritage of our Asian-American community by recognizing Lunar New Year," DeBlasio said in his announcement.

The push to designate the Lunar New Year a school holiday has been in the works since last year, with the state legislature passing a bill sponsored in the state Senate

by state Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge) — that required all cities with Asian populations of 7.5 percent or greater to recognize the holiday.

But there are other communities that are still waiting for recognition from the Department of Education. Hindus, for example, would like to see Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, added to the school calendar as well.

"Holidays of all major religions should be honored and no one should be penalized for practicing their religion," said Rajan Zed, president of the Universal Society of Hinduism in a statement released after the Lunar New Year announcement.

Chan agreed, acknowledging that Hindus still face the dilemma his family never will again.

"We shouldn't be forced to take our kids out of school to celebrate our heritage, the Hindu community should have a day," Chan said. "Either you give none, or you give all."



SCHOOL'S OUT: Asian-Americans in Sunset Park have celebrated the Lunar New Year for many years, but starting in 2016, their kids will get the day off school. Photo by Steve Solomonson

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TERMINAL

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City officials asked the city to provide space at the marine terminal for parking. Industry City's president said that securing a parking lot near the campus was integral to the group's plan.

"What we've been clear about is one thing — in order to succeed here, we're going to need additional parking," Industry City president Andrew Kimball said during the March announcement.

But the mayor echoed Menchaca's sentiment that passive use was not ideal for the site.

"The goal here is to do the kind of job-creation that provides better jobs for people over the long haul that also complements the long-term vision of port facilities here—so I think it's safe to say that doesn't describe a parking lot," DeBlasio said. "Obviously, sometimes there's transitional uses, but what we're looking for is good-paying jobs and uses that are complementary to the bigger vision."

Now Kimball is weighing his options, he said.

"We're going to continue to explore, with local stakeholders and the administration, how there can be additional parking to serve both Industry City and other surrounding businesses and the community," Kimball said after the mayor's announcement. "We think, overall, this is a very positive step towards job-creation and we



PARKING BATTLE: Mayor DeBlasio says flat out that the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal has too much potential to just be used as a parking lot. But executives at nearby Industry City are hoping to use a piece of the terminal for just that as part of a \$1 billion redevelopment plan.

Demetrius Freeman / Mayoral Photography Office

think there's tremendous potential for synergies there between the two sites in the future."

In May the city inked a master lease for the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal with the Economic Development Corporation — allowing the corporation to sub-lease the property to shipping and manufacturing concerns.

Previously, the city leased the land to car shippers Axis Auto Group in 2007, but the group went bankrupt in 2012 — before it could roll out operations at the site, according to an Economic Development Corporation spokeswoman.

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CONVERSIONS

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asking "where's the bill?"

"I haven't seen any movement on anything," said Dyker Heights resident Bob Cassara, who heads the Brooklyn Housing Preservation Alliance, which has been advocating on the issue for the past year.

Lawmakers are working on the bills, but the legislation requires special approval from the mayor, a Gentile staffer said.

"We can set up the fine for the aggravated illegal conversions, and we can set up a fund to help disenfranchised tenants, but what we can't do—as Council—is demand that the money from the fines go into that fund," said Michael Bistreich, Gentile's legislative director.

Mayor DeBlasio would have to sign off on the plan for that to happen — something he has yet to do. The mayor's office did not respond by press time to repeated requests for comment on the bottleneck.

Gentile introduced two other conversion-related bills last year with little subsequent movement. One would help inspectors access buildings where landlords refuse to let them in, and the other requires the buildings department to give community boards an annual list of builders who lie on permit applications. Neither bill has yet come up for a vote, but

Gentile's office plans to push them as a package with Adams's complementary bill once it is introduced, Bistreich said.

Illegal conversions — and the city's lack of action to stem them — have long riled residents of Southern Brooklyn. Activists charged that the Department of Buildings was barely responsive to the hundreds of complaints residents logged.

But the city appears to have begun taking the problem more seriously in recent months, community leaders report.

Many people living in illegally converted homes are immigrants, and conversations about the issue often strike racial overtones.

Adams's proposal to pay for displaced families' housing begins to address social-justice issues inherent in the matter, according to an advocate for Asian housing issues.

"The underlying issue is xenophobia," said Afreen Alam, executive director of advocacy group Chaaya. "There's no way to get around it without policy changes — you can't change the mind of an anti-immigrant."

Chaaya is pushing a program to help homeowners legalize basement apartments by making them safe and bringing the underground operations into the sunlight. The group is also advocating for more below-market-rate housing as a solution to subdividing existing homes.

Fleece of mind

Lawman: Brooklyn 'psychic' man scammed lowans by mail

BY MAX JAEGER

He should have seen this com-

A Brooklyn man running a psychic scam has bilked elderly Mid-Westerners out of thousands of dollars, according to officials in Iowa. That state's top legal eagle says that Joseph Meisels of Borough Park has been sending ridiculous mailers to Iowans promising to rid them of their bad luck with his psychic powers — for a price.

"These mailings were outrageous and outlandish in their deceptive claims and promises from supposed clairvoyants, astrologers, and even extraterrestrials," Attorney General Tom Miller said. "Sadly, these predatory mailings found their way to the mailboxes of many elderly Iowans, bilking one 77-year-old Iowa woman out of more than \$1,500 in 2014 alone."

And outlandish they were, based on a copy of the mailer Meisels allegedly circulated.

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MISTAKEN IDENTITY: A phony mailer identifies this man as Professor Magnum Demorarth - but it's actually former Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke. United States Federal Reserve

as yours, with the knowledge I possess, with the psychic technology at my disposal, I can revive even the luck-dead and perpetual inheritors of misfortune," the seven-page mailer states. "There is no choice but to unleash the greatest super weapon in my psychic arsenal on your behalf."

But first he needs \$50.

The scam letter also included a testimonial from one Prof. Magnum Demorarth alongside a photo of the supposed professor — except the photo is actually economist and former Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke. It is literally the first result when you Google Bernanke's name.

So far, 78 Rust Belt rubes have sent Meisels a combined \$13,740, according to a press release from Miller's office. An Iowa court is ordering him to repay the money and cough up a \$20,000 fine.

On average, the pigeons mailed Meisels \$176 — but taking the bait exposed the marks to more scams, according to the Iowa attorney general.

"If an older Iowan sends money in response to a fraudulent mailing, he or she may be targeted by a host of other scammers — developing into a feeding frenzy that can bleed the victim's bank account," a nress release states

Meiselsmaintainsthehead-



THE MOTHERSHIP: The headquarters of the International Astrology Foundation is a nondescript office on 18th Avenue. The man who answered the door declined to give his name and said that Joseph Meisels was not in and would not be back that day.

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quarters of his International Astrological Foundation on 18th Avenue, according to the Iowa attornev general's office.

But the people who picked up the phone and answered the door at the two locations said Meisels wasn't there.



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Rover rescue

Group saves pooches from alleged abuse

BY ERIC FAYNBERG

They say cats have nine lives, but nine puppies in Gravesend could have lost the only lives they have if not for some generous animal rescuers from the neighborhood

Members of Rescue City, a recently organized animal rescue organization, paid \$1,800 out of pocket to buy the dogs from an Avenue X resident they allege was neglecting and abusing the animals. They then spent thousands more for veterinary care for the pups, which were extremely malnourished, suffering from parasites and ringworm. At least one had been burned with a cigarette.

One of Rescue City's co-founders said he paid the hefty price because he couldn't stand to see the dogs mis-

"I was very concerned for the dogs," said Dmitriy Perelshtein, a veterinary technician at Oceanside Animal Clinic. "I just wanted to get them out of those conditions."

When Perelshtein took the puppies to the Kings Highway clinic where he works, some were so skinny that their rib cages were visible. Two of the pups are still in critical condition, but all nine are improving every day thanks to the clinic's care.

"None of them are 100 percent, but they're coming along," Perelshtein said. "Hopefully, we'll be able to find them good homes once they're healthy."

The clinic gave Perelshtein a discount on the care the nine recovered puppies received, but it will still cost him approximately \$7,000.

Rescue City first learned of the puppies' plight thanks to Facebook posts and phone calls from other local animal activists. A group had gathered at the home of the dogs' owner, with one woman allegedly having a physical altercation with the owner's wife.

Perelshtein asked the owner if he could see the dogs, and when the owner let him in, the vet tech was so shocked by the puppies' condition that he immediately negotiated a price to take the puppies away.

The initial asking price was \$1,000 a dog, Perelshtein said, but he managed to bargain the owner down to just \$200 per pup.



HAPPY AND HEALTHY: This puppy and its littermates were rescued from an alleged puppy mill, and are improving by the day at Oceanside Animal Clinics thanks to caretakers like Searhi, a veterinary technician.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

"I think he's running a puppy mill, an illegal pet store, out of his house," said Perelshtein. "He's just trying to make a quick buck on these poor dogs."

The alleged puppy-mill operator had several other dogs on the premises that were also in poor condition, and Perelshtein implored him to bring them to Oceanside, promising that the clinic would give him a discount just to help the other dogs.

The remaining dogs were brought for an examination, but even with a discount the owner allegedly balked at the price of care and left without allowing the dogs to receive treatment.

Perelshtein said he has notified the NYPD's animal cruelty unit and it is investigating with the help of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The dogs' owner could not be reached for comment.

Anyone interested in adopting the rescued pups can contact Rescue City through its website: rescuecity.nyc.

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YOUNG BLOOD

Brooklyn Heights whiz kid invents wound-sealing gel for animals

BY ALLEGRA HOBBS

His work was in vein but not in vain.

A Brooklyn Heights wunderkind has invented a gel that stops bleeding animal wounds in seconds, and critter clinicians say they can't wait to start sealing up some seals.

"Vets I've talked to are very excited to start using it," said Dr. Jason Berg, a veterinary and neurology specialist at Yonkers animal hospital the Animal Specialty Center. "It's going to save a lot of lives."

Twenty-two-year-old Joe Landolina created his new product Vetigel while studying at Downtown's New York University Polytechnical School of Engineering, where he graduated with a master's degree in biomedical engineering last year at age 21. The whiz kid spent his student years tinkering with algae in the school's lab to create a goop that solidifies when it comes into contact with blood, instantly sealing up lacerations and stopping severe bleeding in under 12 seconds, he said.

Berg, who had a chance to test the product on his furry friends before it hits the market this week, says it works like a charm, rapidly clotting gushing veins and arteries, and keeping them shut during surgery.

"I was very impressed," said Berg. "It was easy to apply and it worked quickly. It was really amazing."

Landolina and his Park Slope biotechnology company Suneris officially launched Vetigel with a shindig at Prospect Park Zoo last Friday, and the plasma prodigy says he is now anticipating a flood of orders from vets around the country. Until now, animal doctors have been stopping their patients' bleeding by applying pressure to wounds or clamping off arteries — but there had to be a better way, they told him.

"We spoke to about 300 vets, and all of them said there was a huge need and they would buy our product," said Landolina.



MEDICAL MARVEL: Joe Landolina, the 22-year-old inventor of blood-clotting product Vetigel, in his Park Slope lab.

Photo by Sara Hylton

Vetigel is currently only approved for use on animals, but Landolina says he wants to start sealing up humans, too. Suneris is opening a new facility where it will begin the production of a similar product for homo sapiens, which Landolina is hoping to get approved by the Food and Drug Administration within a year.

A gel for people will require a slightly different formulation and also a different application method — Vetigel comes in little syringes for use on small animals, which isn't very practical for human-sized wounds, he said.

"You can't give a whole bunch of small syringes to a military medic and expect people to use it well under duress," said Landolina. "We're developing something easier to use in a traumatic situation."

CHARACTER

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ple's Playground already has enough
of its own distinctive attractions.

"I think [Coney Island] should just keep it to the classic freak show," she said. "Those were the people you came here to see if you are coming to see characters."

The Alliance for Coney Island said

it is still looking into the matter and talking to the appropriate agencies, but added that it will strive to keep Coney Island a pleasurable spot for people to visit.

"The Alliance will continue to dedicate efforts to ensure that the district's quality programming is preserved for the enjoyment of its visitors and residents," said Johanna Zaki, executive director of the Alliance.

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Car squawk!

Uber slams Levin over livery law

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

It is an über attack!

Controversial internet car service Uber is taking on a councilman it thinks doesn't support its service, using its inventory of digital addresses to send e-mails to every customer who lives in his district.

The internet taxi company Uber said that it sent an e-mail denouncing Councilman Steve Levin (D-Brooklyn Heights) last Wednesday, demanding they nag the councilman over his sponsorship of a bill that would severely limit the amount of new Uber cars allowed in the city next year. All riders who had signed up for the Uber app and live in Levin's district got the e-mail, according to the company.

"Your councilman, Stephen Levin, is sponsoring a bill that would limit your access to affordable, reliable Uber rides," read the e-mail. "Tell Councilman Levin to withdraw this bill and support riders like you."

Uber, which has been pushing its way into Brooklyn since that would have been added to the

2011 and recently offered riders \$2.75 trips along the L train line, is fighting back against a bill that Levin (D-Williamsburg) and Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez (D-Manhattan) proposed last week that would drastically limit the number of new livery cars that can get licenses in the city during a 12-month period.

Companies with large fleets would be allowed to ramp up by one percent of the current number of cars.

Since Uber now has about 18,000 licensed cars in the city, that means it would only be able to add about 180 more over the next 12 months - a significant cut fora company that has been registering hundreds of cars a month.

The one-percent plan comes on the heels of another Levin bill that demands a study of how the influx of internet-based car service could affect the city's air quality and already congested streets. Levin claims the bill will get the study done without the expected additional 25,000 cars



UNFRIEND: Internet car service company Uber is lashing out at Councilman Steve Levin on Facebook and in e-mail. File photo

city's roster.

"If left unchecked, it would render the study obsolete by the time it comes out," he said.

An Uber spokesman said the bill would be bad for the riders looking for easier ways to travel around the city.

"Unfortunately, this would reverse improvements made by Uber and others to our transportation system and most notably, stand between New Yorkers looking for work and their opportunity to make a better living," said spokesman Matt Wing.

Levin said he was only interested in making sure his constituents got the real scoop on the bill.

"This keeps the status quo intact," he said. "There will not be less Uber cars on the road. If anything, this will be a more efficient use of the system."

The letter angered some customers in Levin's district who deemed the e-mail rude and vowed to never use the service again.

"For Uber to throw its marketing muscle around like this seems remarkably uninformed and insensitive," said Michael Finelli-Brown, a Greenpoint resident who said he used the service 50 or 60 times before he got the e-mail last Wednesday afternoon. "It shows an arrogance and I do not want to give my money to companies that are insensitive to the needs of the community."

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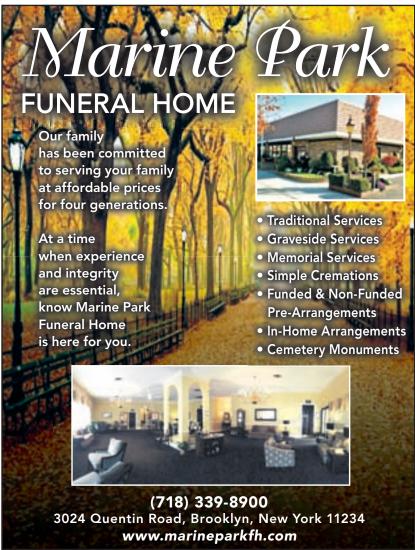


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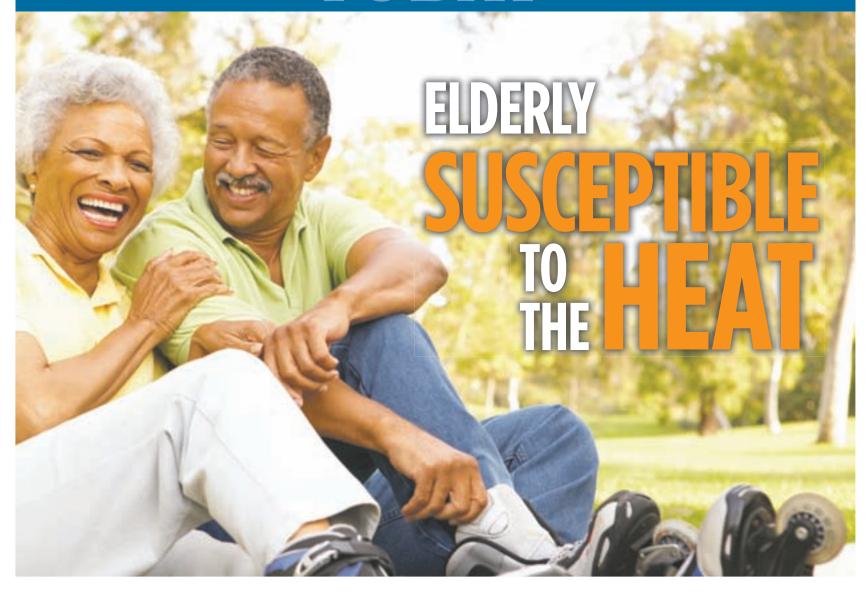
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any people might choose a nice, hot day over a blustery, cold afternoon. However, excessively hot days can not only feel uncomfortable, but they can also prove life-threatening. Elderly men and women, in particular, are susceptible to the effects of hot temperatures.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, people ages 65 and older are more prone to heat stroke and heat-related stress than those of other ages. Seniors' bodies are not able to adjust to sudden changes in temperature as quickly as younger people's. A chronic condition that affects the body's response to heat, as well as taking certain prescription medications also may play a role in seniors' susceptibility to the heat.

The City of Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation says that around 370 deaths from heatrelated illnesses occur across the .Dizziness

United States each year. Nearly half of those deaths are people who are 65 and older. Prolonged heat exposure can take quite a toll on the average person. Factor in the more delicate health of many seniors, and the hot weather can be quite dangerous.

Further compounding the problem is higher energy costs. Seniors living on fixed incomes may not be able to afford to turn on air conditioners because of the power draw.

There are different types of heatrelated injuries, though heat exhaustion and heat stroke are the most common. Here are signs that a person may be experiencing one or the

Heat exhaustion

- Weakness
- •Tiredness · Heavy sweating
- Paleness

- •Nausea
- Vomiting
- Fainting
- ·Fast, weak pulse rate
- Headache
- Fast and shallow breathing

Heat stroke

- ·Extremely high body temperature (more than 105-degrees F)
- ·Red, hot and dry skin
- · Absence of sweat
- ·Throbbing headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea

What to do

Friends or family members should check in with an elderly relative when the weather is especially warm to ensure she is safely handling the heat.

In addition, people of all ages can take the following precautions to keep cool when the temperatures rise:

- •Drink cool, nonalcoholic beverages. Water and diluted fruit juices can help rehydrate the body quickly.
 - Restrict physical activity.
- ·Take a cool shower or bath or wipe yourself down with a damp
- · Seek an air-conditioned environment. For those who won't or can't turn on the air conditioning, visit a shopping mall or library to keep cool. Some towns and cities also make cooling centers available in extreme heat.
 - · Wear lightweight clothing.
- •Try to remain indoors during the hottest hours of the day.
- ·Wear hats or use an umbrella to shield your head from sunshine outdoors.
- ·Eat cool foods, but avoid extremely cold foods. Otherwise you risk the chance of developing stomach cramps.

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How to reduce expensive prescription drug costs

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

But many people currently taking a brand name prescription might be quick to point out that brand-name prescriptions often rise in price in the months before they face generic competition. Such was the findings of a 2011 study from the AARP Public Policy Institute that examined the 217 brand-name drugs most commonly used by people in Medicare. Prices of drugs facing generic competition in 2010 rose by an average of nearly 14 percent in 2009, an increase that was nearly twice the

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

Ask for generics. If there are generic alternatives to brand-name medications available, always ask a physician for those medications instead of their more expensive brand-name counterparts. Don't just assume a physician will prescribe generics.

"Test drive" a drug first. Just because a doctor prescribes a drug doesn't mean the patient will respond to that drug. Many people find they are too sensitive to a given medication and stop taking it after just a few days. Unfortunately, they paid for a full prescription and cannot return the pills they don't plan to use. Those who have a history of sensitivity to medications should "test drive" a drug first, ordering just a few pills or asking a physician for samples to see how well the body handles them.

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

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

On a similar note, seniors taking medications for two different conditions might also be able to take just one medication that treats both conditions. But don't experiment on your own. Consult your physician about your medications.



Though drug manufacturers aren't likely to change their practices, there are still ways seniors can reduce prescription medication costs. **Greg Vote**



Tips for those caring for seniors from a distance

aring for an elderly friend or family member is not easy. It may only get more difficult when a caregiver lives far away.

Long-distance caregiving may not be ideal for the patient or the caregiver, but it's sometimes the only option. Long-distance caregivers can expect their out-of-pocket expenses to be higher, as the cost of travel alone is likely to be considerable. Long-distance caregiving may not be ideal, but here are some tips to help those entrusted with caring for an elderly friend or family member from afar.

Make sure your loved one's home is safe

When you get the chance to visit your loved one's home, make the most of that visit and ensure his home is safe. If he has trouble doing things around the house, address any of these issues before you return home. It can help to install some grab bars in the bathroom or purchase a shower seat to reduce the risk of falling in the shower. In addition, make sure handrails inside and outside the home are secure. If they're loose, tighten them so they provide adequate support.

Clean up around the house

Your loved one may not be ablel keep up with his chores around the house. A dirty home can be depressing, so clean up around the house to brighten the home and reduce the risk of an insect or rodent infestation.

Be ready for a crisis

No one wants to imagine a situation in which her loved one has an emergency, but caregivers need to do just that. Have someone you can count on nearby to check on your friend or family member if you suddenly cannot reach him. Introduce yourself to your loved one's next-door neighbor or meet a close friend who lives nearby that you can contact should your friend or family member prove difficult to reach.

Make a list of medications and update it regularly

Seniors often take certain medications, and caregivers should make a list of these medications, periodically updating the list if anything changes.

Make sure your loved one has a cellphone

Though it might seem hard to believe, some people, especially the el-



Age might make it hard for your loved one to get to a land line, so be sure she has a cellphone that she can carry with her at all times.

derly, still do not have cellular phones. When serving as a long-distance caregiver, it's imperative that you can easily and routinely reach your friend or relative. Age might make it hard for him to get to a land line, so be sure he has a cellphone that he can carry with

When serving as a longdistance caregiver, it's imperative that you can easily and routinely reach your friend or relative.

him at all times. Program important numbers, including your own number, as well as his physician's, and a neighbor's or nearby relative's number, into the phone.

Stay in touch with his physician

A physician might not be able to share all the details of your loved one's condition, you can keep in touch with him to stay abreast of how your loved one is doing. A physician can help you tailor your caregiving to best manage the senior's needs, adjusting that plan as need be.

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What is Parkinson's disease?

hough millions of people across the globe are living with Parkinson's disease, many people have limited knowledge of this disorder. The extent of many people's experience with or knowledge of Parkinson's disease begins and ends with Muhammad Ali and Michael J. Fox, two highprofile personalities who have publicly acknowledged their fight against this potentially debilitating disorder.

As much as Ali and Fox have done to bring awareness to Parkinson's disease, the disorder largely remains a mystery, even to those medical researchers who have devoted their lives to finding both a cause and a cure for Parkinson's. But there are some things the medical community does know about Parkinson's, and a greater understanding of this disease might help find a cause once and for all.

What is Parkinson's disease?

Parkinson's is a chronic and progressive movement disorder, which means the symptoms will continue and worsen over time. Parkinson's involves the malfunction and death of nerve cells in the brain, known as neurons. Some of these neurons are responsible for producing dopamine, a chemical brain that controls movement and coordination. As Parkinson's progresses, less dopamine is produced, making it more difficult for a person with Parkinson's to control his body's movements.

What are some symptoms?

Symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from individual to individual, but the Parkinson's Disease Foundation notes that the primary motor signs of Parkinson's include:

- Tremor of the hands, arms, legs, jaw, and face
- ·Bradykinesia, or slowness of movement
- ·Rigidity or stiffness of the limbs and trunk
- ·Postural instability or impaired balance and coordination

Parkinson's progresses slowly, and a person might begin to feel somewhat weak and notice slight tremors. These tremors gradually progress to additional symptoms. For example, a person might notice his voluntary movements, such as walking or even rolling over in bed, have become slower. Other symptoms can include difficulty rising from a sitting position or, in the later stages, difficulty swallowing.

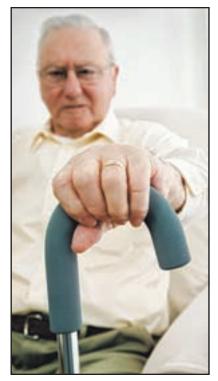
that sends messages to the part of the **Are there any known causes?**

There is no known cause for Parkinson's disease, but scientists are exploring a potential relationship between the loss of cells in other areas of the brain and body and Parkinson's disease. According to the Foundation, scientists have discovered that signs of Parkinson's disease have been found not only in the mid-brain, but also in the brain stem and the olfactory bulb.

Concerned men and women who have or have had a family member with Parkinson's disease often want to know if there is a genetic link. Evidence to a possible genetic link remains highly controversial and inconclusive, so any potential genetic implications regarding Parkinson's disease remain unclear.

Some evidence has suggested that toxins in the environment may cause Parkinson's disease. These toxins, which include manganese, carbon monoxide, and carbon disulfide, may selectively destroy the neurons that produce dopamine, potentially causing Parkinson's as a result.

Certain medications and street drugs have also been known to produce symptoms similar to those associated with Parkinson's. Antipsychot-



A person with Parkinson's disease may have tremors in his hands. Grea Vote

ics used to treat severe paranoia and schizophrenia as well as MPTP, a synthetic heroin contaminant, can cause Parkinson's-like symptoms.

More information about Parkinson's disease is available at www.pdf.

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Fear of falling?

Here are steps seniors can take to prevent injuries due to spills

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

About one third of the population over the age of 65 falls each year, and the risk of falls increases proportionately with age. People over age of 85 are up to five times more likely to fall as adults aged 65 to 74. In 2013, 2.5 million nonfatal falls among older adults were treated in emergency departments and more than 734,000 of these patients were hospitalized.

These are scary statistics. Falling is a big threat to seniors. That does not mean that every person over the age of 65 hurts himself when he falls. My father was an example of someone who fell well. Dad was a stubborn man and even at the age of 85, he often refused to use his walker and sometimes he fell. Fortunately, he never hurt himself. Part of the reason could have been luck, but a major reason he never harmed himself was because he knew how to fall.

My father was an active man; he was still skiing some fairly treacherous slopes up through his mid 70s. Like any good skier, Dad knew how to fall. Whenever he felt himself losing his balance, he would put his skiing techniques in practice. He would bend his knees to lower his center of gravity, twist at the waist to turn his shoulder away from the fall and spread the impact through his leg, thigh and pelvic. He would make sure that he did not fall on any one part of his body. By positioning himself in this way he never came away with more than a few bruises, even though my sister, brother and I would be emotional wrecks for days afterwards.

Of course my family would have felt better if he avoided falling all together. My father was unusual. There is no guarantee other seniors would be as lucky. The best way to avoid fall injuries is not to fall. Here are some common sense steps that seniors can take to avoid them:

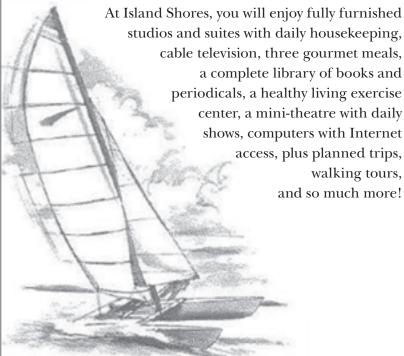
Make your home fall proof. One way to avoid falls is to strategically place grab bars in areas around the house where a person is most likely to fall. This includes placing a grab bar next the bed so even if you are groggy when you wake up you can insure your balance. Bathrooms are notorious for falls. Add grab bars inside and outside the tub or shower, and add one next to the toilet.

Remove obstacles. Get rid of clutter — like stacks of magazines, pillows, and low tables — from the living areas where you can easily trip on them. Make sure small carpets have non-slip padding underneath them, or better yet, replace them with wall-towall carpet. Finally, improve the lighting in each room and make sure light switches are accessible.

Wear sensible shoes. Your feet become less sensitive as you age, so you need shoes that offer more support. Rubber soles are less likely to slide than leather soles and offer a softer cushion. Get rid of platform and spiked heels — flat shoes offer better balance. If you must wear high heels, make sure the heel is wide enough to make balance easy and that the base is solid and extends from the heel to the arch. Finally, make sure your shoes Continued on page 26

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Explaining elder abuse

ach year, thousands of senior citizens are exploited, abused or neglected. This behavior is classified as elder abuse and can occur by way of strangers or even family members. In many cases, trusted friends and members of the family are the perpetrators of the abuse. Elder abuse is something widely recognized by courts, and there is legislature passed in all 50 states to protect against elder abuse.

In terms of what constitutes elder abuse, here are offenses that are broadly defined as abuse and may be punishable.

Sexual abuse: Nonconsensual sexual contact.

Physical abuse: Pain or injury caused to a senior, including injury from restraining by physical or chemical means.

Exploitation: Illegal use or concealment of funds/property/assets of a senior used for someone else's benefit.

Neglect: The failure to provide necessary resources, such as food, shelter, health care, etc. for an elder.

Abandonment: Failure to perform assumed responsibilities by a person who promised care

or custody of a vulnerable elder.

Emotional abuse: Causing mental pain, anguish or distress to a senior through various acts.

Self-neglect: The failure to perform self-care tasks that can threaten one's own health or safety.



FALLS

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have enough room for your toes to breath. This is particularly necessarily if you are diabetic.

Eat sensibly and take your vitamins. According to a study published in the Journal for American Geriatrics Society, vitamin D supplements increase muscle strength and improve gait and balance in older adults. This study states that a daily dose of supplemental vitamin D of 800 to 1,000 IU consistently demonstrates beneficial effects on strength and balance.

Vitamin E is another important vitamin for seniors. A vitamin E deficiency affects the central nervous system causing nerves in the hands and the feet to degenerate. It is responsible for muscle weakness, loss of balance and creates poor reflexes.

Exercise regularly. A regiment of regular exercise helps prevents falls. A combination of weight bearing, flexibility, and endurance exercises keep the muscles toned and lowers the risk of falls. Regular exercise is becoming such an important part of healthy aging that many public and private exercise programs are being initiated in many individual states and throughout the country. The Silver Sneaker Fitness program, a private program offered through

several Medicare Advantage health plans, is available at select YMCA programs and private health clubs nationwide.

Several states have similar programs. An exercise program called Project Enhance is a partnership between Senior Services; a Seattle Wash.-based company, the University of Washington, and Group Health Cooperative. In New York City, the Senior Parks Foundation offers senior fitness programs that include free tennis lessons, exercise classes, swim programs, and fitness walks in 14 parks across the city.

The nation is becoming more aware of the importance of senior health and is developing programs that encourage seniors to age safely and avoid dangerous situations such as falls. By exercising regularly, watching your diet, and making a few changes to your life styles, seniors can expect to live more healthy and productive lives.

Joanna R. Leefer is a senior care advisor and advocate who works with families to insure elderly loved ones find and get the best care. She will be interviewed on BlogTalkRadio, The Voice of Manhattan Business, on July 29 at noon. You can also hear her interviewed on nursing home care on Senior Talk Radio, http://www.wcwp.org. For more information, visit www.joannaleefer.com.



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At New York Methodist, vaccinations are crucial for seniors

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Vaccines are routinely administered to infants and children as protection against viral diseases to which they are particularly vulnerable. However, seniors can also benefit from vaccines. Older adults often have weaker immune systems than younger people, making them more susceptible to viruses and less able to fight those viruses off once contracted.

"After age 50, an adult's ability to fight diseases decreases, because lymphocytes [white blood cells] become more sluggish," says Emil Baccash, M.D., internist and geriatrician at New York Methodist Hospital (NYM). "Many seniors in Brooklyn are not up to date on recommended vaccines. Fortunately, it's not too late to play catch up. I stress the

importance of the tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis— or Tdap—vaccine for seniors who live in a household with young children who aren't yet old enough to receive their own immunizations."

One immunization that is highly recommended for elderly patients is the vaccine against pneumonia, which often starts with the flu or other viral illness. Pneumonia infection is one of the most fatal infections among older adults.

"I particularly recommend the pneumonia vaccine for elderly people whose health is compromised," says Louis Mudannayake, M.D., chief of geriatrics at NYM. "The vaccination consists of one injection at age 65, followed by another one a year later. It's a two-step process for a

importance of the tetanus, potentially life-saving imdiphtheria and pertussis— munization."

Dr. Mudannayake also stresses the importance of an annual flu vaccine—the most frequent immunization that seniors will need. This is because the flu vaccine protects against more than just influenza infection-- studies have found that people who receive the flu vaccine are less likely to experience other health complications that can be aggravated by the flu, like heart disease and stroke. While the 2014-2015 flu season may seem like a distant memory, the 2015-2016 flu season is only a summer away. The flu vaccine changes annually, and vaccinations for the 2015-2016 flu season will not be available until early fall, but they should be administered as soon as possible once they are released

"The influenza vaccine is up to 70 percent effective at preventing hospitalization for both influenza and pneumonia," said Dr. Mudannayake. "That is why NYM physicians recommend a flu vaccine annually for seniors at any age."

NYM physicians also recommend two doses of vaccinations for hepatitis A and three doses for hepatitis B for seniors if they have never contracted the illness and are at higher than average risk. Risk factors include having multiple sex partners, having close contact with an infected household member, traveling out of the country or having certain health conditions like end-stage renal disease, chronic liver disease or HIV infection. A vaccination against shingles (the same virus that causes chicken pox) is also recommended as well for those ages 60 and up.

Those who benefit secondarily from a senior staying current on vaccinations include his or her loved ones, and anyone else with whom he or she has regular contact. This is "herd immunity" in action—reducing one's chances of becoming contagious also reduces the chance that people with whom he or she interacts will be vulnerable to the spread of the disease.

To find a New York Methodist Hospital physician who specializes in preventive care, diagnosis and treatment of conditions affecting older adults, call NYM's Institute for Healthy Aging at (844) 780-9355.





Seniors can enjoy summertime safely

any people look forward to the warm weather, particularly senior citizens. Spending time outdoors can be healthy and refreshing, but seniors exposed to too much sun and heat could be at risk, medically.

Each year, exposure to high temperatures and humidity leads to hundreds of deaths across the country. Seniors comprise a large percentage of heat-related illnesses and deaths. They have a harder time adjusting to extreme temperatures than younger adults, which puts them at risk. Also, certain pre-existing medical conditions and medications could make older individuals more susceptible to heat-related illness.

One of the factors contributing to seniors' risk of health implications from hot weather is their loss of the sensation of thirst as they grow older. Without the desire to drink regularly, individuals could become dehydrated very easily. This, factored in with changes in body temperature regulation, can result in confusion, falls and other adverse, but preventable, effects.

Safety is of utmost concern during the warm weather. Do not take any situation lightly because it could impact



one's health. Here are some precautions to follow:

Move slowly: Rushing around in hot weather can cause body temperature to rise more quickly and make you even hotter. Slow down when it is warm and do plenty of relaxing.

Know the ambient temperature indoors: The heat inside can quickly rise. Keep curtains and blinds drawn to reduce the amount of heat from the sun. Check the thermostat to find out

the temperature. If you have an air conditioner or fan, turn it on to cool down the house if the temperature is creeping above 85 degrees Fahrenheit. Otherwise, seek a cooler location until your home cools down.

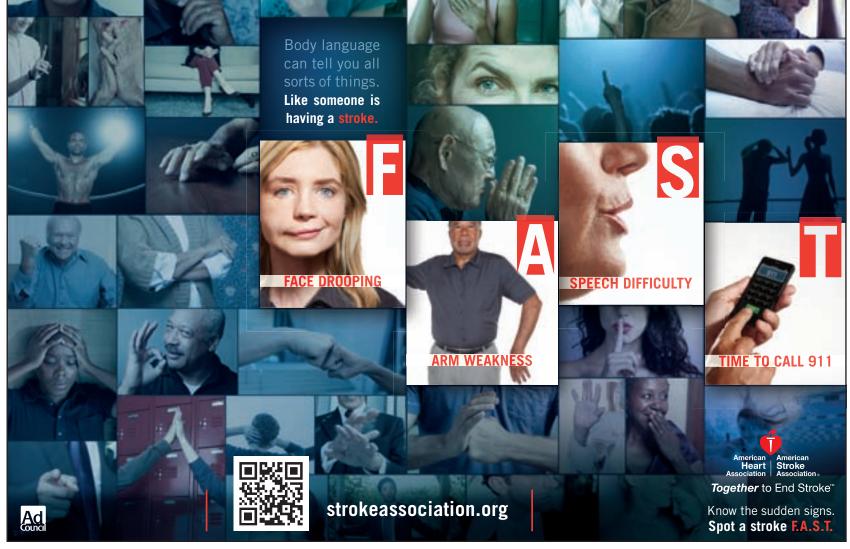
Drink plenty of fluids: Beverages — such as water, fruit juices, decaffeinated teas, and the like — can keep you hydrated and in top form. Avoid alcoholic beverages, soft drinks and caffeinated products.

Skip hot, heavy meals: Opt for cooler fare, such as cold sandwiches, fruit, and salads to keep your body temperature cooler.

Plan outdoor activities during cooler hours: If you must spend time outdoors, do so early in the morning or in the evening when the temperatures are bound to be lower and less taxing.

Indulge in a little "cooling off:" Take a dip in a neighborhood pool or treat yourself to an ice cream sundae. Do what you need to stay cool.

Don't ignore signs of health problems: If you feel dizzy, have shortness of breath, have stopped sweating, or experience confusion, it could be heat exhaustion. Call for medical help immediately.





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SIBLING POWER: Brothers Donnie, Paul, and Mark pose on the red carpet in front of their new restaurant in Coney Island.

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BURGER BROS

Mark, Donnie, and Paul Wahlberg hit Coney to promote newest burger joint

BY JOSEPH ALTOBELLI

Marky Mark made his mark in Coney Island last week.

The super cool mack daddy and his brothers came to the People's Playground on June 23 to christen the newest outlet of their eponymous burger chain, Wahlburgers.

All three Wahlberg brothers showed up to promote the first Wahlburgers in the city, located on Stillwell Avenue at Bowery Street, which is set to open to the public in July.

They were greeted by droves of fans crowding the velvet ropes that flank the red carpet, and the Boston-based brood sounded humbled to be welcomed into Sodom by the

"We are just so happy to be in Brooklyn," said Paul

"We are just so happy to be in Brooklyn... it's Coney Island, so the fact that they even let us in the door is amazing to me, so we're thrilled."

burger joint and star of the A&E show of the same name. "I mean, it's Coney Island, so the fact that they even let us in the door is amazing to me, so we're thrilled."

Councilman Mark Treyger (D-Coney Island) joined Wahlberg, head chef of the Paul and Donnie Wahlberg file eatery will be a boon to

in the ribbon cutting before the brothers took their time schmoozing with fans along the red carpet before heading inside to film an episode of the reality show.

Even a sudden downpour couldn't dampen the enthusiasm of devout fans who toughed it out waiting for noted teddy bear aficionado and erstwhile leader of the Funky Bunch Mark "Marky Mark" Walhberg to show up. But the wet wait was worth it, according to one excited fan.

"Marky Mark is here, Donnie Wahlberg is here, all the brothers are here, so we're visiting them," said Maria Amato, a Dyker Heights resident who grew up in Coney

Amato said the high-pro-



the Boardwalk.

"It's going to help the area a lot," she said. "I think a lot of people are going to come."

Marky Mark said he hopes the burger shop will help promote the People's Playground, but added that you gotta believe Coney's good vibrations make him say ooh, as well.

"The area has been grow- Island."

ing so much," he said. "It reminds me of growing up, and my time in Paragon Park in Boston, which they didn't save, and they didn't build up, and it's a shame because they don't have a place like that, and [Coney Island] is an iconic place to be, and it's amazing for our first launch in New York to be in Coney

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HIS TIME HAS COME!

Runner-up ready to overtake Chestnut in hot dog-eating contest

BY MAX JAEGER

He says there will be a new top dog-eater in town.

A relative newcomer to the Nathan's Hot Dog-Eating Contest says this is the year he'll unseat meat-eating machine Joey "Jaws" Chestnut this July 4 — he can feel it in his gut. The upstart has challenged Chestnut in the past, but this year, like the franks he'll be cramming down on Independence Day, he

"I've had a great year so far," said competitive eater Matt Stonie of San Jose, California. "I've been training really hard and put up some good numbers."

Stonie is stuffed full of confidence because he has beaten Chestnut before at non-wiener eating competitions. In February, Stonie had his cake and ate it too, besting Chestnut at a birthday cake eating-contest in Florida. And last year, he wrested away Chestnut's Twinkie-eating title.

"I took [Chestnut] out six times last year," said Stonie, "and this year we've only competed once so far, and I took that one over him."

Stonie is a member of Major League Eating, the sanctioning body for more than 80 international competitive eating contests. The sport is equal parts finesse and sheer willpower, but this time around, Stonie is banking on dogged force.

"It's about bringing brute strength to the contest — that's what I'm going to be changing this year," he said.

Stonie trains like every day is game day, and he is not letting the hurdles of West Coast life stand in his way.

"[Nathan's] are hard to find — the natural casing ones — because most stores only carry skinless, but I've got a special order coming," he said.

Chestnut has reigned since 2007, when he unseated world-renowned eater Takeru Kobayashi, and he routinely bests second-place eaters by ten or more hot dogs.

Stonie has competed five years running, edging his way past perennial runners-up Tim "Eater X" Janus and Patrick "Deep Dish" Bertoletti in to come in second last year. After another year

of training, Stonie said he and Chestnut are the only two who will truly vie for big dog, the challenger said.

"I don't want to sound arrogant or anything, but Joey and myself — we're in a league of our own. Sometimes we're eating double what the thirdplace eater does."

Last year, Chestnut gobbled up 61 wieners to Stonie's 56 and Janus's 44.

And there is more than the \$10,000 top prize riding on this year's match-up.

"I've been told by Major League Eating officials that, generally, who wins the contest on the Fourth of July will be ranked number one in the world," Stonie said.

Despite the intense competition, there's not a lot of beef between Stonie and Chestnut, the former said.

"We see each other a lot and most of the people on the circuit become friends," Stonie said. "We get along surprisingly well — when we're not competing. We'll maybe meet up, maybe grab a drink or see a movie. But I haven't talked to him in a long time because The Fourth of July is around the corner."







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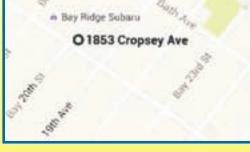
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Coney Island Eats

A trip to the People's Playground wouldn't be complete without a **Pete's Clam Stop** stop at an iconic nosh pit. Check out some of our favorite restaurants and bars below.

Nathan's Famous

1310 Surf Ave between Stillwell Ave & Schweikerts Walk

The dogs that started it all. Nathan's Famous has been a Coney Island mainstay since it started as a tiny hot dog stand in 1916. Today it hosts wiener-eating contests and feeds throngs of hungry tourists.

Williams Candy

1318 Surf Ave. between 15th Street and Stillwell Avenue

Satisfy your sweet tooth at this 77-year-old Surf Avenue candy shop. Its candy apples are famous, but it is also the only place where you can still get the quintessential Coney Island ice cream flavor: banana-pistachio swirl.

Grimaldi's Coal Brick

1215 Surf Ave between 12th Street and Henderson Walk

Grimaldi's is a Brooklyn pizza legend, and the company's beach location is a neighborhood king. Try the white or garlic pies for a slice of heaven.

Smorgasburg

1320 Bowery St. at Stillwell Avenue

This brand-new addition to the Coney Island scene offers more variety than you can scarf down by yourself, so bring a couple of friends to the spot's outdoor tables. Converted shipping containers host two bars and 13 outposts from some of Brooklyn's best restaurants, including the Red Hook Lobster Pound, Mile End, Blue Marble Ice Cream, and Queen Cobra Thai.

Peggy O'Neill's

1904 Surf Avenue between 19th and 20th streets

Tasty finger foods and happy-hour prices are the order of the day at this sports bar and restaurant. Watch out for flying foul balls from Brooklyn Cyclone games at nearby MCU Park!

1320 Surf Avenue between 14th and 15th streets

Nathan's may have cornered the market on fried clams, but Pete's has the edge on boiled shellfish, freshly shucked and safe to eat.

Footprints Cafe

1521 Surf Avenue at the corner of 15th Street

Conjure up the Caribbean while feasting on rasta pasta, oxtail pasta, jerk chicken, and other palate pleasers from the islands.

Cyclone Cafe

1000 Surf Avenue between W. Eighth and W. 10th streets (under the Cyclone roller coaster)

A quintessential boardwalk restaurant with a variety of vacation foods, including caramel apples and funnel cakes. Who can resist?

Tom's Coney Island

Conev Island Boardwalk at Stillwell Avenue

The family-owned Prospect Heights mainstay has recently expanded to Co-



GET YOUR PIZZA ON: Grimaldi's Coal Brick has brought its famous pizza to the beach.

Photo by Alexa Telano

ney Island, serving classic diner food with a view of the beach.

Ruby's Bar and Grill,

Coney Island Boardwalk between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue.

The beloved Depression-era dive has been serving up suds since 1923, even as the Boardwalk around it has changed. A great place to get clams on the half-shell, another Coney staple.







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YEAR	MAKE/MODEL/MILES	STOCK /VIN	PRICE	YEAR	MAKE/MODEL/MILES	STOCK /VIN	PRICE
2011	Honda Odyssey, 35k	4830	\$12,995	2011	Acura MDX, 48k	1321	\$21,995
2008	BMW 528xi, 34k	1008	\$13,995	2011	Infiniti M37, 27k	1237	\$22,995
2011	Mercedes ML350, 25k	5589	\$21,888	2013	BWW 328i xDrive, 18k	3881	\$24,995
2012	Mercedes C300, 17k	11903	\$21,888	2011	Mercedes GL450, 17k	6101	\$32,888

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YEAR	MAKE/MODEL/MILES	STOCK /VIN	PRICE	YEAR	MAKE/MODEL/MILES	STOCK /VIN	PRICE
2012	Honda Civic, 31k	5650	\$8,995	2011	Ford Edge, 51k	1241	\$12,995
2011	Honda Accord, 31k	2651	\$9,995	2013	Dodge Grand Caravan, 43k	3793	\$12,995
2014	Nissan Versa, 9k	3309	\$9,995	2013	Chevy Malibu, 3k	1382	\$13,995
2013	Toyota Corolla, 19k	2595	\$9,995	2011	Toyota Sienna, 15k	1034	\$13,995
2012	Ford Escape, 72k	7278	\$10,995	2014	Ford Fusion, 10k	10024	\$13,995
2011	Nissan Rogue, 32k	4761	\$10,995	2012	Dodge Charger, 8k	1030	\$15,995
2012	Honda Accord, 32k	1223	\$10,995	2012	Toyota Sienna, 23k	1070	\$14,995
2009	Infiniti G37x, 52k	1255	\$11,995	2015	Volkswagen Passat, 941	12431	\$16,995

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2003	Honda Accord, 91k	A72885	\$3,995	2013	Kia Soul, 10k	10515	\$8,995
2003	Honda Pilot, TMU	534295	\$3,995	2007	Acura MDX, 104k	10125	\$8,995
2003	Honda Accord Coupe, 9	1k 021636	\$3,995	2011	Toyota Rav4, 48k	1066	\$9,995
2004	Toyota Highlander, 101k	6771	\$5,995	2011	Nissan Altima, 10k	1026	\$9,995
2007	Nissan Pathfinder, 126k	601699	\$6,995	2012	Nissan Altima, 32k	1079	\$9,995
2010	Toyota Corolla, 37k	1042	\$7,500	2009	Honda Pilot, 36k	1032	\$13,995
2009	Toyota Sienna, 93k	391451	\$8,995	2011	Honda CRV, 24k	4923	\$13,995
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MIAJOR MINORS

Here's our All-Cyclones MLB team

BY DAVID RUSSELL

The Brooklyn Cyclones are playing their 15th season in Coney Island, and that got us thinking: Who were the greatest players to ever grace a Cyclones uniform, and then make it to the majors? So we put our heads together and came up with a list of 14 of the finest examples of Cyclones tradition who we had the pleasure of covering before watching them go on to bigger and better things. They grow up so quick...

LUCAS DUDA



First baseman

There is no doubt that this humble Goliath, who led the Cyclones to the finals in 2007, is the greatest first baseman the Brooks have ever produced. Duda hit 30 homers last year for the Mets after winning the job from fellow Cyclone alum lke Davis. We expect great things from Duda in the future. Honorable mentions: Mike Jacobs: Jacobs had the walk-off sac fly in the first-ever Cyclones game (after striking out in his first four at-bats), and he hit 100 career home runs in a seven-year major-league career.

DANIEL MURPHY



Second baseman

The Mets Ione All-Star in 2014, Murphy is currently in his seventh season with the Mets. One of the only current Mets who played at Shea Stadium, he has also played left field, first base, and third base since arriving to the Mets in 2008. Murphy led the team in homers – with 12 – in 2009. He was a career .326 hitter in two stints with the Clones. **Honorable mention 2B: Danny Garcia**, the first Cyclone to make it to the show, played briefly for the woeful 2003 and 2004 Mets before inexplicably disappearing.



WILMER FLORES

Shortstop



The current Met is tied for second among shortstops in home runs this season with 10. He had a cup of coffee with the Cyclones in 2008 at the tender age of 17, earning him a spot on the roster.

DAVID WRIGHT



Third baseman

The Mets had never produced an All-Star third baseman until David Wright, and neither have the Cyclones. That's why the Captain – who took batting practice twice with the 2009 Cyclones – earns bragging rights at the hot corner, beating out current backup Danny Muno, who batted .355 as Clones shortstop in 2011, and Eric Campbell, who had nine doubles for the Clones during the 2008 campaign.

JESUS FLORES



Catcher

Of the few Cyclones catchers to make it to the majors, Flores probably had the best career. He hit a homer in his Cyclones debut, but injuries limited his time in Washington – where he ended up thanks to a front-office flub, as the Mets failed to protect him in the 2006 Rule-5 Draft (but that's too much inside baseball stuff). A National for five seasons, he played only 26 games in 2009 and missed all of 2010 with a shoulder injury. Honorable Mention: Kevin Plawecki: This 2012 Cyclone is the Mets everyday catcher right now – until unCyclone Travis d'Arnaud returns from the disabled list.



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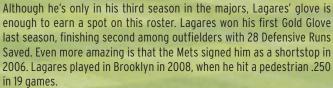


ANGEL PAGAN Outfield

Pagan's walk-off homer against the Cardinals in 2011 has been a staple on Mets Classics, but it's his season for the 2012 World Series champion Giants that stands out as his finest work. Pagan, who was on base when Jacobs had his walk-off sac fly in the first Cyclones game, led the National League in triples and set the Giants record with a 28-game home hitting streak. Pagan is also the first player in history to hit his first two home runs on his birthday, a feat he accomplished as a Cub in 2006.

JUAN LAGARES

Outfield





CARLOS BELTRAN

Outfield



Beltran had a forgettable cameo as a 2009 Cyclone, going 3-for-18 with five strikeouts. Still, he's the only player to hit 300 home runs, steal 300 bases and wear a Cyclones uniform.

SCOTT KAZMIR Starting pitcher



The one that got away. Kazmir pitched 18 innings for the 2002 Cyclones, striking out 34, while giving up one run. Two years later, in a highly criticized move, the Mets traded Kazmir to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays for Victor Zambrano, who would go 10-14 for the Mets with a 4.42 earned-run average. Meanwhile, Kazmir was twice an All-Star in Tampa Bay, including 2008 when he won 12 games and led the Rays to a the World Series - as the pitchingstarved Mets missed the playoffs by one game. As a member of the Oakland A's, Kazmir made his third All-Star team in 2014, a season in which he won a career-high 15 games.



DILLON GEE

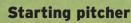


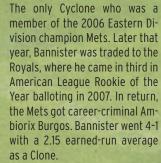
Starting pitcher



A member of the 2007 Cyclones, Gee went 13-6 for the 2011 Mets. He has been inconsistent since then, going 25-29 during the last three-plus seasons. Right now, he is back in the minors. But hey, at least he gets to hang out with the Cyclones' most colorful manager of all time, Wally Backman.

BRIAN BANNISTER







YUSMEIRO PETIT



Starting pitcher

A 2003 Cyclone who had two excellent starts, Petit was sent to Florida along with Mike Jacobs in the Carlos Delgado deal. He was the unsung hero of the 2014 Giants World Series title. Petit pitched six

shutout innings in relief in an 18-inning NLDS victory over Washington. He also won Game 4 of the Championship Series and Game 4 of the World Series out of the bullpen.





This submariner proved you don't have to be a lefty to be a specialist when he zoomed from the Cyclones to the Mets in just one season. Smith impressed as the Clones' closer in 2006, and by 2007 was in the show, used mostly to get out tough right-handed hitters. Sent to Cleveland as part of the disastrous, 12-player J.J. Putz deal, he played five seasons for the Indians before moving to California, where he saved 15 games last year. His career earned-run average is 2.81.

BOBBY PARNELL



Closer

It looked like the Mets found their closer when Parnell saved 22 games in 2013, but an injury limited his 2014 season to one inning, and he has since lost his job to Jeurys Familia. Parnell went 2-3 as a starter with the offensively inept 2005 Clones, but posted an impressive 1.73 earnedrun average in 73 innings.

SPECTACULAR CONEY ISLAND

CONEY ISLAND EVENT CALENDAR

FRI, JULY 3

KARAOKE ON THE BEACH: Sing karaoke in front of the Wonder Wheel! Free. 7–11 pm. Deno's Wonder Wheel [3059 Denos Vourderis Pl. between W. 10th and W. 12th streets, (718) 372–2592], www.wonderwheel.com.

FRIDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS: View the fireworks from anywhere on the Coney Island Boardwalk. 9:30 pm. Free.

BURLESQUE ON THE BEACH — STARS AND STRIPS FOREVER: Coney Island celebrates America with patriotic performances from Betty Bloomerz, Rita MenWeep, Miss Cherry Delight, Lefty Lucy, and Julie Atlas Muz. \$15. 10 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372–5159], www.coneyisland.com.

SAT, JULY 4

FOOD, NATHAN'S HOT DOG-EATING CON-TEST: The 2015 Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog-Eating Contest will feature a men's, women's, and pre-show festivities. Free. 11 am. Nathan's Famous [1310 Surf Ave. at Stillwell Avenue,

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. WIL-LIAMSPORT CROSSCUTTERS: \$10. 6 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449–8497], www.brooklyncyclones.

(718) 333-2202], www.nathansfamous.com.

SUN, JULY 5

FAMILY, MAGIC AT CONEY!: Illusionists, escape artists, mentalists, and magicians perform at a matinee show. \$12 (\$8 for kids). noon. Coney Island Museum [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372–5159], www.coneyisland.com.

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. WIL-LIAMSPORT CROSSCUTTERS —"SEIN-FELD NIGHT": Enjoy Seinfeld Night 2: Bigger, Better & Bania while the Cyclones take on the Williamsport Crosscutters. The Cyclones will be wearing jerseys inspired by Kramer and the jerseys will be raffled off during the game. \$10. 5 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449— 8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

MON, JULY 6

FILM, CONEY ISLAND FLICKS ON THE BEACH — "THE TERMINATOR": Free. 7:30 pm. [1001 Boardwalk West at W. 10th Street, (718) 594–7895], www.coneyislandfunguide.com.

THURS, JULY 9

MCU YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL CLINICS: The second annual free MCU Youth Baseball/Softball Clinic Series. The series of 3 free clinics is open to youth (boys and girls) aged 7-14. Participants will get handson experience, with the help of the Brooklyn Cyclones, in fielding drills, running, throwing, and injury prevention/stretching. Each participant will also receive 4 tickets to that evening's Brooklyn Cyclones game at MCU Park. Pre-registration is required as each clinic is limited to 100 participants. Youth can register at www.nymcu.org/youthclinics. Free. 5 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449–8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. HUD-SON VALLEY RENEGADES: \$10. 7 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449–8497], www.brooklyncyclones.

KARAOKE ON THE BEACH: Karaoke in front of the Wonder Wheel! 7–11 pm. Free. FRIDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS: 9:30 pm. Free. BURLESQUE ON THE BEACH — ASS-

COURIER LIFE, JULY 3-9, 2015



Horse of a different color: Sculptors of all ages can take part in Coney Island's Sand Sculpting Competition on Aug. 15. Photo by Steve Solomonson

FREAKS: A booty-centric show from Mat Fraser and Julie Atlas Muz. \$15. 10 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372–5159], www.coneyisland. com.

SAT, JULY 11

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. AB-ERDEEN IRONBIRDS — "STAR WARS DAY": \$10. 6 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449–8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

"THE BEATLES — LASER, LIGHT, AND VIDEO SHOW": This immersive laser light experience also features psychedelic preshow performances from Serpentina and Ray Valenz. \$15. 11 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372–5159], www.coneyisland.com.

SUN, JULY 12

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. AB-ERDEEN IRONBIRDS: \$10. 5 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449– 8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

MON, JULY 13

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. AB-ERDEEN IRONBIRDS: \$10. 11:30 am. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449–8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

FILM, CONEY ISLAND FLICKS ON THE BEACH — "THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL": Free. 7:30 pm. [1001 Boardwalk West at W. 10th Street, (718) 594–7895], www.coneyislandfunguide.com.

THURS, JULY 16

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. STATEN ISLAND YANKEES: \$10. 7 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449–8497], www.brooklyncyclones. com.

FRI, JULY 17

KARAOKE ON THE BEACH: Sing karaoke in front of the Wonder Wheel! 7–11 pm. Free. FRIDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS: 9:30 pm. Free. BURLESQUE ON THE BEACH - '80S BODA-CIOUS BURLESQUE: A totally retro show

CIOUS BURLESQUE: A totally retro show hosted by Joey Martini, starring the Schlep Sisters, Anita Cookie, Minnie Tonka, and Bambi the Mermaid, among others. \$15. 10 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372–5159], www.coneyisland.com.

SAT, JULY 18

SPORTS, GOTHAM GIRLS ROLLER DERBY DOUBLE HEADER!: The Manhattan Mayhem take on the Bronx Gridlock, followed by the Queens of Pain battling the Brooklyn Bombshells. \$20. 3:30 pm. Abe Stark Arena (1902 W 19th St in Coney Island), www.gothamgirlsrollerderby.com.

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. VER-MONT LAKE MONSTERS — "PRINCESS AND PIRATE DAY": \$10. 6 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449– 8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

BURLESQUE ON THE BEACH — "THE REBEL MUSIC HOUR": Brown Girls Burlesque and Burnt Sugar the Arkestra Chamber host a night of music and burlesque, with Chicava HoneyChild, Essence Revealed, Bianca Dagga, and Nyx Nocturna, among others. \$15. 10 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372–5159], www.coneyisland.com.

SUN, JULY 19

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. VER-MONT LAKE MONSTERS: \$10. 5 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449–8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

MON, JULY 20

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. VER-MONT LAKE MONSTERS: \$10. 11:30 am. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449–8497], www.brooklyncyclones. com.

FILM, CONEY ISLAND FLICKS ON THE BEACH — "THE GOONIES": Free. 7:30 pm. [1001 Boardwalk West at W. 10th Street, (718) 594–7895], www.coneyislandfunguide.com.

THURS, JULY 23

"PLAYING FAVORITES": A burlesque benefit for Coney Island USA, hosted by Miss Coney Island 2011 Lefty Lucy, with Handsome Brad, Betsy Propane, Cherry Pitz, and Trick the Bastard. \$15. 8:30 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372–5159], www.coneyisland.com.

FRI, JULY 24

KARAOKE ON THE BEACH: Sing karaoke in front of the Wonder Wheel! 7–11 pm. Free. FRIDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS: 9:30 pm. Free. SURREALIST BURLESQUE — "HOTEL"

TRYST": Coney Island USA becomes an immersive environment, with interactive characters, site-specific live art installations, live music, and a full stage show. \$15. 10 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372–5159], www.coneyisland.com.

SAT, JULY 25

CONEY TALENT SHOW: It's that time again to strut your stuff and show off your talents - categories this year include Creative Kids 9 to 12; Creative Kids 13 to 17 years old and Song, Dance And Variety for kids 18 and older. There's a big money for first prize; day passes and lots of fun. Register on line before July 15. Free. 4 pm to 8 pm. Boardwalk (West 10th and West 12th Streets - Surf Avenue in Coney Island), www.coneyislandtalentshow.com.

SURREALIST BURLESQUE — "HOTEL TRYST": 10 pm. See Friday, July 24.

MON, JULY 27

FILM, CONEY ISLAND FLICKS ON THE BEACH — "INDIANA JONES AND THE TEMPLE OF DOOM": Free. 7:30 pm. [1001 Boardwalk West at W. 10th Street, (718) 594–7895], www.coneyislandfunguide.com.

WED, JULY 29

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. HUD-SON VALLEY RENEGADES — "'80S NIGHT": \$10. 7 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449–8497], www. brooklyncyclones.com.

FRI, JULY 31

KARAOKE ON THE BEACH: Sing karaoke in front of the Wonder Wheel! 7–11 pm. Free. FRIDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS: 9:30 pm. Free. SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. BATA-VIA MUCKDOGS: \$10. 7 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449– 8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

BURLESQUE ON THE BEACH — ERIC SCHMALENBERGER: Artist and nightlife performer Eric Schmalenberger hosts a night of burlesque. \$15. 10 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372–5159], www.coneyisland.com.

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VHS 3-D MOVIE FESTIVAL: Denny Daniel's Museum of Interesting Things presents the cheesiest 3-D movies every recorded to VHS. \$10. 8:30 pm. Coney Island Museum [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372–5159], www.coneyisland.com.

"THE DOORS — LASER, LIGHT, AND VIDEO SHOW": \$15. 11 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372–5159], www.coneyisland.com.

GOTHAM GIRLS ROLLER DERBY TOURNA-MENT, DAY 1: New York City roller teams battle teams from around the country in a two-day tournament. \$25. Noon–8 pm. Abe Stark Arena (1902 W 19th St in Coney Island), www.gothamgirlsrollerderby. com.

GOTHAM GIRLS ROLLER DERBY TOURNA-MENT, DAY 2: \$25. Noon-8 pm. Abe Stark

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Ups and downs of Coney Island

Coney Island's history mirrors the peaks and falls of its most enduring icon the Cyclone roller coaster. What started as a sea-side destination and entertainment Mecca turned into a center for prostitution and debauchery, earning the dubious monicker "Sodom by the Sea." But as the Victorian Age ended, and parts of Coney Island were destroyed by fire and built anew, the next era of the People's Playground came to represent Americana itself. This is the incarnation that gave birth to Nathan's Famous hotdogs, the Wonder Wheel, and the Boardwalk that is now synonymous with the famed amusement district. — Matthew Perlman

1871: Feltman's opens

Charles Feltman, the man generally regarded as the inventor of the hot dog, opened a restaurant on the site of what would eventually become Astroland.

1884: First roller coaster

LaMarcus Thompson built the world's first roller coaster in Coney Island. The Switchback Railway operated using gravity and had a top speed of about 6 miles per hour.

1890s: "Sodom by the Sea"

A New York Times article from 1893 called Coney Island "Sodom by the Sea." The area had become known as a center for vice and prostitution.

1897: Steeplechase Park opens

George Tilyou opened his horse-racingthemed amusement park on Surf Avenue.

1907: Steeplechase fire

A fire started in the Cave of the Winds and burned for hours. The next day, Tilyou hung a sign where the entrance used to be: "Admission to the burning ruins: 10 cents."

1916: Nathan's Famous

A former Feltman's employee, Nathan Handwerker, struck out on his own. He used his wife's hot dog recipe and prospered by undercutting his competition. Nearly 100 years later, Nathan's is still slinging red hots on Surf Avenue.

1920: Wonderwheel opens

The Wonder Wheel was built by the Eccentric Ferris Wheel company to carry 144 passengers 150 feet into the sky. Workers forged the steel for the wheel on site. It still operates, and is a center piece of Deno's Wonder Wheel Amusement Park.

1923 Riegelmann Boardwalk

The two-and-half mile wooden walk provided revelers with a seaside alternative to Surf Avenue.

1927 Cyclone opens

Also made of wood, the 85-foot-tall Cyclone cost \$175,000 to build, hit a top speed of 60 miles per hour, and included 12 drops. It become Coney's most enduring icon and still operates today.



HERE WE GO: Coney Island lovers take the plunge on the 87-year-old Cyclone roller coaster - the People's Playground's biggest Photo by Tom Allan

1962 Astroland USA opens

The Albert family opened a space-themed amusement park that taped into America's new-found fascination with space travel. It featured the iconic Astrotower and the Astroland Rocket.

1983 First Mermaid Parade

Founded by Dick Zigun, the annual art parade billed itself as "a celebration of ancient mythology and honky-tonk rituals of the seaside."

2001 Keyspan Park (now MCU Park) opens

The new minor league baseball stadium though not technically part of the amusement district - definitely drew a similar, family-oriented crowd as the home of the New York Mets-affiliated Brooklyn Cy-

2011 Soarin' Eagle and Steeplechase roller-coasters

A new age of coasters began at Coney Island. The Soarin' Eagle put riders on their bellies before flipping through loops, twists, and turns, while the Steeplechase paid homage to the horse-racing simulation of the original Steeplechase Park.

2013 Astrotower dismantled

After park goers saw the tower swaying, the city moved quickly to take it down before the July 4 celebrations.



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CONEY ISLAND EVENT CALENDAR

Arena (1902 W 19th St in Coney Island), www.gothamgirlsrollerderby.com

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. BATA-VIA MUCKDOGS: \$10. 1 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449-8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

MON, AUG. 3

FILM, CONEY ISLAND FLICKS ON THE BEACH — "BIG HERO 6": Free. 7:30 pm. [1001 Boardwalk West at W. 10th Street, (718) 594-7895], www.coneyislandfunquide.com.

FRI, AUG. 7

KARAOKE ON THE BEACH: Sing karaoke in front of the Wonder Wheel! 7–11 pm. Free. FRIDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS: 9:30 pm. Free. BURLESQUE ON THE BEACH — LIVING

DOLLS: Jo Boobs Weldon hosts a show on her birthday, with doll-themed performances from Dirty Martini, The World Famous Bob, Bunny Buxom, and many more. \$15. 10 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372–5159], www.coneyisland.com.

SAT, AUG. 8

MAD DECENT BLOCK PARTY: A two-day music festival, today features Die Antwoord, Major Laser, Cashmere Cat, and many others. \$45. 2 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St. in Coney Island]. www.maddecentblockparty.com.

BURLESQUE ON THE BEACH: Tonight's show is hosted by Bambi and Divina GranSparkle. \$15. 10 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372-5159], www.co-

MON, AUG. 10

MAD DECENT BLOCK PARTY: A two-day music festival, today features Tyler the Creator, Party Favor, Jack U, and many others. \$45. 2 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St. in Coney Island]. www.maddecentblockparty.com.

FILM, CONEY ISLAND FLICKS ON THE BEACH - "MRS. DOUBTFIRE": Free. 7:30 pm. [1001 Boardwalk West at W. 10th Street, (718) 594-7895], www.coneyislandfunguide.com.

TUES, AUG. 11

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. STATEN ISLAND YANKEES: \$10.7 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449-8497], www.brooklyncyclones.

WED, AUG. 12

MCU YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL CLIN-

ICS: Boys and girls aged 7-14 get hands-on experience, with the help of the Brooklyn Cyclones, in fielding drills, running, throwing, and injury prevention/stretching. Each participant will also receive 4 tickets to that evening's Brooklyn Cyclones game at MCU Park. Pre-registration is required as each clinic is limited to 100 participants. Youth can register at www.nymcu.org/youthclinics. Free. 5 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449-8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. STATE **COLLEGE SPIKES:** \$10. 7 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449– 8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

THURS, AUG. 13

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. STATE COLLEGE SPIKES: \$10. 7 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449–



SHOWING THEIR ASSETS: Mat Fraser and Julie Atlas Muz host a saucy sideshow on

8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

BURLESQUE ON THE BEACH - NEW YORK SCHOOL OF BURLESQUE STUDENT SHOWCASE: \$10. 10 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372-5159], www.coneyisland.com.

FRI, AUG. 14

KARAOKE ON THE BEACH: Sing karaoke in front of the Wonder Wheel! 7-11 pm. Free. FRIDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS: 9:30 pm. Free.

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. STATE COLLEGE SPIKES: \$10. 7 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449-8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

BURLESQUE ON THE BEACH: Tonight's show is hosted by Jonny Porkpie. \$15. 10 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372-5159], www.coneyisland.

SAT, AUG. 15

SAND SCULPTING COMPETITION: This is

the 25th Anniversary for this family-friendly event, which is open to sculptors of all ages and skill levels. 11 am-4 pm. Free.

PHANTOM CREEP THEATRE: The Coney Island Film Society present a golden age spook show, live on stage. \$10. 8:30 pm. Coney Island Museum [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372-5159], www.coneyisland.com.

BURLESQUE ON THE BEACH: Tonight's show is hosted by Kerryn and Kitten. \$15. 10 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372-5159], www.coneyisland.

SUN, AUG. 16

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. HUD-SON VALLEY RENEGADES: \$10.5 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449-8497], www.brooklyncyclones. com

MON, AUG. 17

FILM, CONEY ISLAND FLICKS ON THE BEACH - "GUARDIANS OF THE GAL-AXY": Free. 7:30 pm. [1001 Boardwalk West at W. 10th Street, (718) 594-78951, www.coneyislandfunguide.com.

WED, AUG. 19

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. LOW-ELL SPINNERS: \$10. 7 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449-8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

THURS, AUG. 20

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. LOW-ELL SPINNERS: \$10. 7 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449–84971, www.brooklyncyclones.com.

FRI, AUG. 21

KARAOKE ON THE BEACH: Sing karaoke in front of the Wonder Wheel! 7-11 pm. Free. FRIDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS: 9:30 pm. Free.

BURLESQUE ON THE BEACH - MAIM THAT

TUNE: An ironic striptease show performed to terrible, terrible songs, hosted by Fancy Feast. \$15. 10 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372-5159], www.coneyisland.com.

SAT, AUG. 22

BURLESQUE ON THE BEACH: Tonight's show is hosted by Scary Ben. \$15. 10 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372-5159], www.coneyisland.com.

MON, AUG. 24

MCU YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL CLIN-ICS: 5 pm. See Wednesday, Aug. 12. SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. HUD-SON VALLEY RENEGADES: \$10.7 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449-8497], www.brooklyncyclones.

WED, AUG. 26

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. HUD-SON VALLEY RENEGADES: \$10.7 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449-8497], www.brooklyncyclones.

THURS, AUG. 27

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. AB-ERDEEN IRONBIRDS: \$10. 7 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449-8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

FRI, AUG. 28

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. AB-ERDEEN IRONBIRDS: \$10.7 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449– 8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com

KARAOKE ON THE BEACH: Sing karaoke in front of the Wonder Wheel! 7-11 pm. Free. FRIDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS: 9:30 pm. Free. BURLESQUE ON THE BEACH — WORLD FAMOUS BOB'S DRAG RACE: \$15. 10 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372-5159], www.coneyisland.

SAT, AUG. 29

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS. AB-ERDEEN IRONBIRDS: \$10. 6:30 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449-8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

FILM, GHOUL-A-GO-GO: The black-andwhite mash-up of horror show hosts and kids' dance show has a special screening. \$10. 8:30 pm. Coney Island Museum [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372–5159], www.coneyisland.com.

BURLESQUE ON THE BEACH — "MAN-A-TEASE": Tonight's show is hosted by boylesque performer Tigger. \$15. 10 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372–5159], www.coneyisland.com.

FRI, SEPT. 4

KARAOKE ON THE BEACH: Sing karaoke in front of the Wonder Wheel! Free. 7–11 pm. Deno's Wonder Wheel [3059 Denos Vourderis Pl. between W. 10th and W. 12th streets, (718) 372-2592], www.wonder-

FRIDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS: 9:30 pm. Free. BURLESQUE ON THE BEACH — "THE **EMANCIPATION OF KITTY NIGHTS":**

Tonight's show, hosted by Kitty Nights, features live music, comedy, and vaudeville performances in addition to striptease acts. \$15. 10 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372-5159], www.coneyisland.com.

SAT, SEPT. 5

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES VS.

STATEN ISLAND YANKEES: \$10.6 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St., (718) 449-8497], www.brooklyncyclones. com.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL CONEY ISLAND BEARD AND MOUSTACHE COMPETI-

TION: Hirsute heroes determine who has the most fantastic facial hair! \$20. 8 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372-5159], www.coneyisland.com.

FRI, SEPT. 11

BURLESQUE ON THE BEACH — MISS CONEY ISLAND BURLESQUE BEAUTY PAGEANT: Nine buxom ladies compete for the title of Miss Coney Island for 2016. With live music from the Candy Shop Boys. \$25. 10 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372–5159], www.coneyisland.com

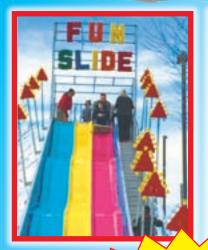
SAT, SEPT. 12

"SAVE THE LASER SHOW": This end-ofsummer bash and fund-raiser features laser-themed burlesque acts and sideshow stunts, and a Coney-Island themed laser show. \$15. 11 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue, (718) 372-5159], www.coneyisland.com.



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Superheroes to the rescue - of America!

uperman helped America find its fighting spirit. Captain America did his white male, square-jawed, hetero-normative bit, too. But it was the next generation of superheroes — the mutants — who made us the more tolerant, more feminist, more mutli-culti America we are today — and maybe even gave us gay marriage.

Yes, that's quite a Bruce Wayne-like leap, but comicbook authority Ramzi Fawaz makes it gracefully in his book to be published this fall, "The New Mutants: Superheroes and the Radical Imagination of American Comics."

His premise is this: When the first superheroes appeared in comic books in the late 1930s, they were drawn by second-generation immigrants usually New York Jewish guys who wanted to fit in and, while they were at it, beat the heck out of Hitler.

After World War II was won, however, comic books went into a bit of a slump. Not only was there no Fuhrer left to fight, Fawaz says, "But there was the creation of the atomic bomb. How can a superhero



RHYMES **WITH CRAZY**

Lenore Skenazy

compete against that?"

By the '50s, comic books were filled with crime and horror, and the House Un-American Activities Committee - the folks generally focused on ferreting out Communists believed that comics were creating juvenile delinquents. (Just like some folks believe that about video games today.) Comics were in the cultural crosshairs.

But then, like the plot of the team at different times bealmost every Marvel masterpiece ever, the industry came fighting back! It did it by resuscitating the one thing that could save it: The superhero genre. Now no one could accuse the comics of being un-American anymore, because superheroes have always been as American as truth, justice and, well, you get the idea.

Except this time, says Fawaz, the heroes came back with a subversive twist — as mutants.

What kind? Every kind, representing every new idea taking root in American society, says Fawaz. Take the Fantastic Four. The gang starts out as friends who go on an unauthorized rocket ship trip — "a sort of space race thing," Fawaz says — but they're bombarded by cosmic rays that turn them into freaks. Very symbolic freaks.

There's Ben Grimm, who becomes a human rock called The Thing. And yet, while embodying the traditional male ideal - he's a rock, after all he is "extremely emotionally vulnerable," says Fawaz. "He weeps over his state. He leaves

cause he feels he does not belong."

Then there's Reed Richards, the super-straight, even rigid, scientist. "He works for the government, he's the breadwinner of the family, and the patriarch," says Fawaz. "But what happens to him physically is he becomes extremely stretchy, elastic."

For her part, Sue, the one and only female, becomes invisible — a sort of cosmic comic metaphor for the invisibility of women, Fawaz believes. And yet, she can use that power to her advantage, and what was a weakness becomes a strength. Hear her roar!

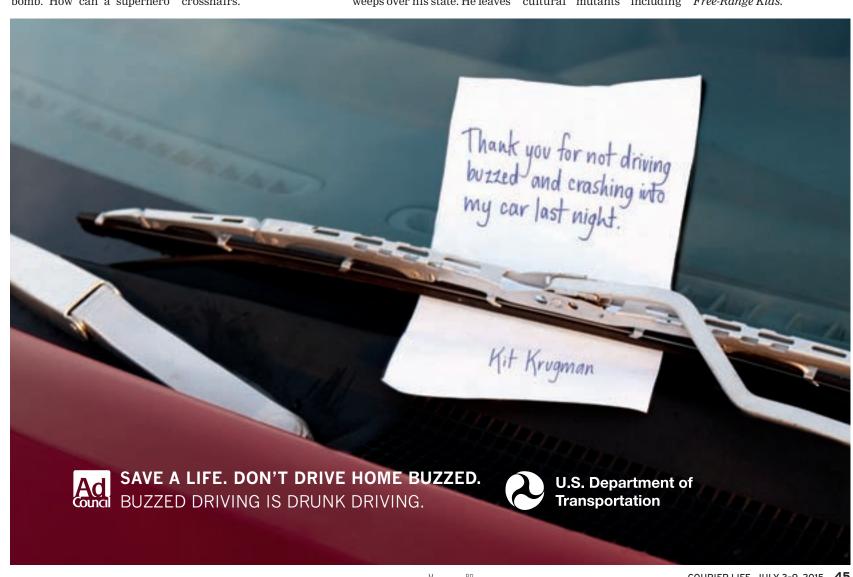
And finally there's Johnny Storm, a.k.a. the Human Torch — a teen who turns to flame, just because ... teens turn to flame. And maybe because people were starting to set themselves on fire to protest injustice. Look, not everything is a perfect allegory.

After the Fantastic Four, the X-Men comics were reintroduced not as the five suburban white kids they'd started out as, but a gaggle of multicultural mutants including Wolverine, Nightcrawler, Colossus, Phoenix, and perhaps most powerfully Storm - an African-American goddess who controls the weather, saves the world and, according to Fawaz, also embodies a whole lot of the disco aesthetic: glitzy, gay-friendly, fabulous.

All these character are outcasts who are stronger thanks to their "flaws," and undefeatable once they find, accept, and join each other. So while they didn't explicitly fight for gay marriage - at least not in the '60s and '70s, when they first got off the ground — ever since the superheroes started mutating it has been like the feminists meet the civil rights workers meet the anti-war activists meet the LGBT crowd, and together they can change the world.

And considering their REAL superpower — inserting new ideas into the public mind under the guise of fun maybe they did change the world after all.

Lenore Skenazy is a keynote speaker and author and founder of the book and blog Free-Range Kids.



Same-sex marrieds? Welcome to 'love-n-suffering!'

To the editor

Now that the Supreme Court ruled in favor of same-sex marriage, a lot of people are very happy. In my humble opinion no group is as happy as the divorce lawyers, who just increased their roster of potential clients.

Same-sex couples will now be entitled to the same benefits as everyone else, including the three rings of marriage: the engagement ring, the wedding ring, and the suffering.

Congrats!

Peter G. Orsi
Marine Park

Whatevah, Jo

To the editor,

I'm really surprised at Joanna DelBuono's attitude regarding Rachel Dolezal masquerading as a black woman ("Jo on fake black lady: Whatevah,' Not for Nuthin', June 19).

Is "whatevah" or "you go, girlfriend" (as Joanna writes) a normal response? Regardless of her motives, Dolezal is a deceptive, pathological liar, seemingly without remorse even after being exposed by her own parents. Rethink your take on this, Joanna, because you are misguided.

> Ruth Weiner Sheepshead Bay

Hillary 'tops'

To the editor,

I frown on all presidential contenders who are 70 years of age, but I believe Hillary Clinton is best suited among the Democrats ("With Hillary in lead, Mike needs to step in," Political Spin by Tom Allon, June 12).

Hillary is the only candidate in either party who graduated at top of the class. In the Class of 1973 at Yale Law School, she ranked first. In the same class her husband, former President Bill Clinton, ranked sixth. If Hillary does become president, she will be the first woman in history to do so, and the first president to graduate at the top of her class since President Rutherford Birchard Hayes at Harvard Law School.

The country needs to have confidence in its leaders, and when the

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SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

head of the state is "number one," while no guarantee of success, America can feel assured it has a qualified leader for this lofty position.

Elliott Abosh
Brighton Beach

Thanks, good Sams

To the editor

This morning the Manhattanbound B train pulled into Sheeopshead Bay at 8 am. Old enough to know better, I stepped into the gap between the platform and car. Two strangers immediately bent down and pulled me up (my left leg had gone into the gap).

If they hadn't helped me, I think the conductor would have started the train with me still in the gap. Even with the good Samaritans' help, I limped into the car as the doors shut on me. I owe those two people my life!

Mike Carbone
Sheepshead Bay

Life cycle

To the editor,

No complaints here, just a heartfelt tribute to the handful of significant relationships in my life, and to the vital, life-affirming support that some offer up to each other through life struggles. Twenty-plus years ago I was one of the youngest to buy and own a home in the Big Apple. My home is now wholly owned. A great thing, but just today yet another of my elder neighbors passed on, and I am too quickly becoming an elder of the block.

Some of us are blessed to have to attend more funerals as we age. After all it does address the very real consequences of living and the cycle of life. Just a few weeks ago I attended the funeral and gathering thereafter to honor Sy, the husband, dad and cousin of some dear folks I have known for a very long time. Today I have yet another funeral and mourning period during the next few days to honor the life of an elderly neighbor, friend, and parent to two friends who passed on just vesterday morning. Mary and her son were very active with community and city politics and events, in tribute to their considerable giving and concerned spirits. Peace of mind. body, and spirit to them and their family, and to us all, and others we know with whom we share special bonds during our lifetime.

"I watch the ripples change their size, but never leave the stream of warm impermanence, and so the days float through my eyes, but still the days seem the same" (David Bowie in "Changes").

Barry Brothers Homecrest

BDS 'losers'

To the editor.

How come those of us who support Israel don't fight back against Boycott and Divestement and Sanctions movement? The latter is really playing havoc calling for boycotting of economic goods from our beloved country.

Why don't we find out exactly who these losers are and initiate a boycott against their goods? We should not be complacent as this miserable group of people continues playing havoc, especially at our colleges. I understand that this group at Brooklyn College is making life miserable for the Jewish students attending there.

So-called Presbyterians who support this movement are practicing hypocrisy in the worst way. They attend church services on Sunday, where love and tolerance for all are preached, but then they turn around and condemn Israel. Ed Greenspan Sheepshead Bay

Lesson up

To the editor,

Regarding teacher evaluations: Yes, you are going to see less highly effective and effective teachers this year. Yes, you are also going to see more teachers being rated developing and ineffective this year. Yes, you are going to see more teachers taking sabbaticals this year. Yes, you are going to see more teachers retiring this year. Yes, you are going to see more teachers wanting to transfer to schools that score higher on standardized tests. Yes, you are losing excellent teachers that love their profession. Yes, Gov. Cuomo has his own agenda towards public education. He doesn't like it and wants schools to be run like busi-

Gov. Cuomo, think about this! You just invested \$200 million in Start-up New York and your return on investment was only 43 businesses signing up. Highly in-

effective! Next, you invested \$50 million to promote the arts in our local schools. The problem is that schools do not get credit for the arts on their Snapshot Progress Report. Highly ineffective investment without changing the formula for how schools are measured. Then you give \$200 million to C.U.N.Y. to promote S.T.E.M. Education. The problem is that there is no strategic implementation to tie-in our local high school students to the C.U.N.Y. colleges. This is another highly ineffective decision. We keep changing the curriculum in our schools and we waste millions of dollars each year. Once again, this is another highly ineffective decision.

Recently the governor went to Yeshivat Shaare Torah to speak about education tax credit reform. The purpose was to help low-income families. The problem was that his audience at Yeshivat Shaare Torah happened to be one of the richest communities in the city. This time he is going to get a highly effective rating because he knows that these community members and politicians will be the ones to help him with his agenda.

Yes, it's all about the students. Yes, students learn in different ways. Yes, he is setting our students, parents, teachers, and schools up to fail.

Scott Krivitsky

The writer is a teacher at PS 188 in Conev Island.

Blame game

To the editor.

The level of corruption in our state government is astounding, and what's worse is that the governor and state senators clearly have no intention of changing it. The reforms they propose are minimal and will do nothing to alter the way "business" is done in Albany.

When he was elected, Gov. Cuomo promised to clean up these shameful practices, yet he stood in the way of meaningful reform, the effort to do away with a loophole allowing rich special interests to give millions of dollars to candidates.

Shame on our leaders who blocked this bill without offering any alternative. They are obviously very content with the status quo.

Shirley Ranz Sheepshead Bay

Stan looks at the U.S. – by the dollars

include my e-mail address in all of my columns and a great big "thank you" to those who write to me even if you disagree with my thoughts.

President Reagan said, "You can disagree without being disagreeable." Today's column is one of your favorites: "America, by the dollars." Feel free to disagree — just, be nice.

What foreign country is the biggest holder of U.S. debt? You're thinking China, right? Wrong! Japan is back up there on top. As of last month, China owned \$1.2237 trillion worth of U.S. Treasuries, compared to \$1.2244 trillion owned by Japan. That difference of \$0.0007 trillion, with so many zeros, doesn't seem like a lot of money when you look at it that way, but believe me, it is. The headline of a 2013 story on World Net Daily reads: "China poised to demand U.S. land as payment for U.S. debt."

If this is true, what do you think about it?

Aiden, my 9-and-a-half-year-old grandson, was a bit saddened when he learned that his five shares of McDon-ald's was down a buck. I consoled him when I said "Don't worry your *shain kup* about it. All of these major companies have managements who seek out ways to increase sales and profits."

Last year the Burger King people moved its headquarters to Canada and merged with Tim Hortons, the Canadian coffee shop chain. Between the tax finagling and the menu changes, the numbers are in and Burger King sales increased 9.6 percent in the first quarter of 2015. In the meantime my little guy is rooting, "Come on Big Mac."

There are more than 20,000 Starbucks coffee shops in 65 countries. In 2013 the company grossed \$15 billion, an increase of 12 percent over 2012. I'm not a fan of Starbucks, but with numbers like that, there are clearly a lot of people who are. I am a fan of Mr. Howard Schultz, the former CEO who hails from the Bayview Houses in Canarsie. Yes! The U.S. is truly the land of opportunity. I want to take a minute to salute Mr. Schultz, who proved that America is truly the place



IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

Stanley P. Gershbein

where you can succeed if you really work at it.

In 2010, Haiti was wracked by a monster earthquake. We dug into our pockets and donated \$488 million to the American Red Cross to rebuild houses and communities.

Here we are five years later and we ask how many communities were rebuilt? Answer: zero. How many houses were constructed? Answer: six.

I have spent many days in Labadee, a beautiful beach resort on the northern coast of Haiti. If they could get the rest of the country to look like and be as safe as this area is, Haiti would not need our money. It will become a wonderful, wealthy tourist destination.

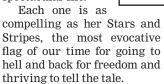
We recently learned that Americans spent \$70 billion playing the lottery in 43 states last year. That was more than we spent in all 50 states on movie tickets, sports tickets, video games, recorded music, and books combined.

Something is just not right about those numbers. There was a study done a while ago at Duke University with results that told us the poorest third of all households buy half of all lottery tickets. We also learned that state lotteries are advertised most aggressively in the poorest communities.

I am StanGershbein@ Bellsouth.net shouting: "Nice going." Our state governments give away money to the unfortunate people who need it most and then take it back by encouraging those folks to gamble.

Happy birthday, and long live America!

here are 239 reasons to celebrate the United States of America — one for each year of her spectacular life.



On July 4 salute the world's most consequential nation and reflect upon her glorious odyssey. It all began with a six-paragraph document that remains the final word on the pursuit of liberty, an ideal without which nothing else matters.

The Declaration of Independence — unprecedented in scope and vision — laid the foundation of a fledgling nation that would become a lightning rod for the human spirit, and a guidepost of hope for generations of immigrants flocking here for a better life. Their stories embody the truths that the founding fathers held as



self-evident: "That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Those stirring words inspired a bloody revolution and severed ties with the British oppressors, but they are as undeniable today as they were on July 4, 1776 when Congress approved them, setting the stage for a ground-breaking and peerless new land.

America was the first to declare the universal right to revolution, embrace different cultures, permit freedom of worship, create the public school, and boast big hearts that give freely to public betterment projects here and abroad.

Credit the extraordinary

triumphs to the sacrifices and labors of ordinary Americans who died on the battlefield to honor the American way of life, and created a tidal force of enter-

prise and hard work that engineered the best production system in history, improved the human standard, and made the American Dream possible for everyone.

America — still in its evolutionary infancy — is a giant of democracy and humanity, towering head and shoulders above problematic nations that have been around since the dawn of civilization with negligible returns.

Independence Day is a portrait of who Americans are, what America stands for, how her footprint has touched countless lives, and why a planet world without her doesn't bear thinking about. Live long and be happy, America!

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Jo weighs in on same-sex marriage

t really has to end — the Constitution of the United States, and all its amendments, expressly separate church from state, and yet time after time the politicians consistently entwine religion and policy. Yeah, the justices robed in black voted for samesex marriage across the length and breadth of all 50 states. A contractual agreement that states that any two people, regardless of gender, may join in a civil union of marriage.

No where does it state that a religious ceremony has to follow. In fact nowhere has it ever stated that in order for a marriage union to be valid it must be consecrated in a religious venue. Plenty of marriages took place at City Hall and never had a church or synagogue involved. Those marriages were valid, and entitled both parties to equality under the law — the civil ceremony had nothing to do with God.

So why does same-sex marriage elicit this political rhetoric that it's against the bible? No one, and I mean no one, is talking about religious dogma. Marriage licenses and



NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

contracts have always been a matter of economics, and who gets what when the marriage ends. If the marriage doesn't end, then it's a matter of who gets to make decisions if one is in the hospital and has to be unplugged from life support.

Very simple.

Yes, a marriage license provides structure and stability, but don't confuse structure and stability with religion. That's a whole other kettle of fish.

In the early part of this country's history, our politicians were against interracial marriages, stating it was against the bible and unconstitutional.

Where that was ever mentioned is beyond me, since in the bible we are all God's children, so whether it's two races or not we are all the same. We ain't talking a cow and lion here, not two different species, but the same species just varying degrees of color. So can we leave the bible out of this?

Not for Nuthin'TM, but you would think that in the year 2015 we should be a little more enlightened. After all, we are so politically correct that we have corrected ourselves out of any common sense. We should be respecting each other, live in peace, and marry anyone we want. Besides, the people that will benefit the most are the lawyers - just think of all the new pre-nup agreements to write up and all those hefty divorces when the marriages go sour.

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Carmine meets, doesn't eat Donnie Wahlburger

'm madder than a starting pitcher who gets taken out when he's one out away from earning an easy win because he's reached his pitch count over the fact that I can't for the life of me control the weather, and now it's getting in the way of me doing what I do best — eat.

Look, you all know the ol'Screecher can't wait to get to and try new restaurants, so I was really excited when I learned that the Brothers Wahlburger (Mark, Donnie, and Chef Paul) were bringing their delectable delicacies to Surf Avenue, right across the street from my old favorite haunt, Nathan's.

Now, I could ride *Tornado* over to Coney and have hot dogs *and* hamburgers just like we used to do back when we had barbecue every Sunday in Prospect Park.

So the day of the so-called "soft opening" couldn't come soon enough, and I was all set with my press pass to get in and get eating!

Of course, this wouldn't be a story without any conflict, and here comes a biggie: there was a giant security guard



BIG SCREECHER

Carmine Santa Maria

there that didn't take a liking to me, and was intent on making sure I didn't get in.

I found out that the brothers would be inside the restaurant with 300 seats and a retractable roof from 4:30 to 6, and got there right on time.

However, by restricting me

to an enclosed gated section, the aforementioned security guard unwittingly placed me and Tornado in the path of Donnie Wahlburger when his entourage entered. If none of you are familiar with the Friday night hit series "Blue Bloods," — on which Donnie is a star — you are really missing a really great show with a great cast and an intelligent story line. And I tell you this right now, without reservations, that I now consider Donnie Wahlburger to be a fantastic actor who can play an ultra-hard-nosed detective that makes bad guys and bad cops squirm. But contrary to his harder-than-nails facade, I found him — on two separate instances — having a sweet disposition and personality.

First, he walks over to me on *Tornardo*, smiles, shakes my hand, and says "Hi buddy, how are you doing?" and then his entourage pushed him away from me.

To spare you the horrible thoughts, curses, and language I had of this overzealous security guard that continued to restrict *Tornado* and



THE RIGHT STUFF: Carmine gets together with Donnie Wahlburger at the opening of the star's hamburger joint in Coney Island. Unfortunately for the Screecher, it rained a little before he could eat.

Photo by Donnie Wahlberg

me from my rightful place up front, I'll jump to the moment when his back was turned and I was near the press desk. Lo and behold who comes directly to me, sees one of my six cellphones in my hand, grabs it, and takes a selfie of us — Donnie.

Wow! The selfie hit the Facebook and I'm still getting calls about it.

But that's when I got hit

by one raindrop, and hightailed it out of there out of fear I would get soaked by a storm that never game.

Sadly for me, I was unable to complete my assignment: to write a column on the burgers there as only I can.

Now I just got to get back there to try the food, which I'm sure is as delectable as a Nathan's frank.

Screech at you next week!

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YOU'RE IN THE ARMY NOW!: Gen. Raymond T. Odierno administers the oath of enlistment to soldiers during their reenlistment ceremony at the Commons at the end of the town hall meeting.

U.S. Army Master Sgt. Kap Kim

Army general visits **New York fort**

HARBOR WATCH

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno met with Fort Drum troops and families during his visit to New York's North Country in Fort Drum on June 23.

His visit, during the middle of 10th Mountain Division's Mountainfest, gave him an opportunity to meet with Gold Star Families as Fort Drum honored those lost during last year's deployment to Afghanistan at the Annual Remembrance Ceremony at Memorial Park across from the post headquarters.

"It's important for us to remember all those who sacrificed so much, and all of those who did it because they had love of country, love of their units and love of their fellow soldiers and some had to give the ultimate sacrifice," he said. "We understand ... the potential risks associated with everything we do, but because of that, it's absolutely essential that we never forget those who have given their lives for this great nation."

Later, Odierno met with a room full of junior soldiers during a town hall to brief current operations and the lieves the Army is in "good Army's future and to allow

them to ask him questions ranging from pay and benefits to ongoing global threats.

"As I look out there today, there are several things that are happening around the world," he said during his opening remarks. "And this is, I'll tell you, the most uncertain I've seen it in terms of what we think is happening — what we think the threats are around the world."

Odierno spoke about specific uncertainties around the globe and the challenges that the U.S. military might have to face, and the importance of training here at home for decisive-action readiness in high-end, combat operations.

"We need to be prepared, if necessary, to respond, because we don't know when that will happen," he said. "It's important for us to ensure that we are prepared and ready, so we have to build readiness."

Along with that, Odierno spoke about preparing for the future within the budget and balancing everything they must do while meeting their responsibilities.

All in all, he said he beshape."

Father-and-son team

Generations serve in the Army together



FAMILY TEAM: Father and son team, Tech. Sqt. Michial Smith and Senior Airman Brandon Smith, share a moment together at a base in Southeast Asia on June 11. Senior Airman Racheal E. Watson

HARBOR WATCH

Deployed accommodations have changed drastically in the last 30 years. In the '80s and '90s, handwritten letters and rooms filled with pay phones were the only ways to communicate with loved ones from home.

"When I went to Desert Storm the first time, we got our phone call home and we were in country (for) almost a week," said Tech. Sgt. Michial Smith, a 386th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Aerospace Ground Equipment technician. "It was a three-minute morale call and you waited in line for it. I actually got a letter home before that call."

Spending time away from loved ones during various holidays throughout the year can take a toll on deployed service members. When Michial could make phone calls home, he didn't have much to say, instead he would rather listen to his 5-year-old son talk.

and he told me about playing with the dog or playing with his toys," Michial said.

In 1992, Michial chose to put his military career on pause and began driving a truck to support his family.

Years passed by and Michial's children grew into adults and began families of their own, but the military was still close to his heart. He was proud and loved to serve his country and after seeing his son struggle he wanted to pass the opportunity to him.

"When I was going through dark times in my life and had a dead-end job, three kids and a wife, and nowhere to go, (my dad) came out of nowhere and said you need to talk to a recruiter," said Senior Airman Brandon Smith, a 386th EAMXS AGE technician. "(My dad said) you need to get yourself a trade and that would be easiest way to get it. I know you can do it."

Brandon took his father's advice and talked to a re-"That was the biggest thing cruiter. What Michial did not

know was his son also talked to the recruiter about him reenlisting in the military.

"We were sitting in a bar having a drink because it was (my son's) birthday and that's when he told me 'Dad, I'm going to be going into the service," Michial said. "I said 'well, you know if I was young enough and I could still get in, I would do it."

Brandon informed his father that his 10 years of active-duty service allowed him to re-enlist. Michial could not believe what he was hearing. A chapter of his life he thought was closed forever was about to reopen.

Both father and son submitted their paperwork to join the military. Michial was able to retrain from ammunitions into AGE and was in the technical school when he received a phone call from his son.

"Dad, I'm in basic training," said Michial, recalling the phone conversation. "More than that, 'we're going Continued on page 50

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SO LONG FOR NOW: Garrison commander Col. Joseph Davidson, at right, bids farewell to outgoing Recruitment Battalion commander Col. Michael Stinnett.

NEW COMMAND

Recruiting Battalion leadership changes hands

BY JOSEPH ALTOBELLI

Ten-hut!

Hamilton held a change of command ceremony for the United States Army Recruiting Battalion of New York City on June 26.

The outgoing commander, Lt. Col. Michael A. Sinnet, became the new staff engineer at Fort Drum all the way upstate, after he himself became commander in 2013.

He passed off responsibilities to Lt. Col. Matthew Balint, who most recently was the director of the Commander's Initiative Group, Special Operations Joint Task Force in Afghanistan.

The ceremony featured the ceremonial passing of the flag from the outgoing commander to the incoming.

One of the New York City Fire Department fireboats even paid respects by spraying red, white, and blue water into the Verrazano Narrows.

The Recruiting Battalion is responsible for all recruiting activities for regular Army and the Army reserve. Not just in Brooklyn, but also across all five boroughs, parts of Long Island, and parts of Westchester, and is assigned nearly 325 soldiers and civilian personnel.

TEAM

Continued from cover

to be stationed together and we're going to be in the same shop together."

More years passed and the father-and-son duo had the opportunity to deploy together.

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a million years he would be able to deploy with his son, let alone spend Father's Day with has been and as a father myhim in Southwest Asia.

"This is one of the highlights of my career, being able to be here with (my son)," Michial said.

A father and a son deployed together, spending Father's

Michial never thought in Day together is a rare moment, father."

but one both will cherish.

"I understand where he self, I have a lot more respect for him now than I ever did and a lot more understanding for him teaching me how he did," Brandon said. "Above all, I love him to the fullest and I couldn't ask for a better

Nursing student's training kicks in

HARBOR WATCH

Less than two weeks after completing an eight-hour basic lifesaving course, thirdyear nursing student Abbie Hinneifa used CPR to save the life of a young boy in Kiri-

Hinneifa attended the course, taught by Army nurses from the 62nd Medical Task Force, and received refresher training in CPR. With the training still fresh inhermind, Hinneifa jumped to action when an emergency occurred in her village.

While caring for her own child, she heard the frantic screams of a villager nearby who was cradling an unconscious young boy in his arms. She approached the man and noticed that the child was blue from a lack of oxygen in the blood. The boy had been swimming in the beach outside of his village and drowned.

Hinneifa immediately began performing CPR. The boy was revived after two cycles of CPR. He regained some consciousness, had a steady pulse, and was spontaneously breathing on his own. He was transported to the emergency room at Tungaru Hospital. The boy is expected to fully recover.

"Abbie saved this young boy's life," said Col. Christensen Hsu. "Our medical task force is trained to save the lives of others but it will be the local doctors, nurses. and first responders of Kiribati who will save lives on the island."

The 62nd Medical Task Force, supporting Pacific Partnership 15, spent 15 days in Kiribati conducting healthcare engagements with host nation providers.

The mission was to enhance the country's medical capabilities to build capacity to respond to all hazards including disease outbreaks and natural disasters.

providers Healthcare conducted educational symposiums, life-saving skills courses, and healthcare lectures during their visit to the island. Additionally, doctors, nurses, dentists, and technicians worked alongside the local providers in the clinics to share diagnostic skills and exchange ideas.

"This is a different ap-



SAVING ANGELS: From left, 1st Lt. Tifani McGovern, Abbie Hinneifa, Capt. Patrice Laster-Wilcox, and Capt. Maria Kunkel attended a CPR training workshop.

Col. Christensen Hsu

proach from the humanitarian missions of the past in which the emphasis was the delivery of direct healthcare services to the underserved population of a developing country," Hsu said. "The local doctors, nurses, and first responders, like the police and ambulance drivers, who were trained by the 62nd Medical Task Force, now have the responsibility to execute these life-saving skills. The measure of effectiveness for the training provided can only be revealed with time but it didn't take months to see a result."

Task Force Forager is embarked aboard the Military Sealift Command joint high speed vessel USNS Millinocket (JHSV 3) and is led by an expeditionary command element from the Navy's 30th Naval Construction Regiment, or 30 NCR, from Port Hueneme, California.

Millinocket is serving as the secondary platform for Pacific Partnership 2015. The primary platform for the mission is the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19).

Now in its 10th iteration, Pacific Partnership is the largest annual multilateral humanitarian assistance and disaster-relief preparedness mission conducted in the Indo-Asia-Pacific Region.

While training for crisis conditions, Pacific Partnership missions have provided medical care to approximately 270,000 patients and veterinary services to more than 38,000 animals. Additionally, the mission has provided critical infrastructure developments to host nations through the completion of more than 180 engineering projects.



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Singers with chops

Piper Theatre serves up bloody 'Sweeney Todd'

By Allegra Hobbs

all him the demon barber of Third Street.

The Piper Theatre Company opened its 10th season at the Old Stone House in Park Slope on July 2 with an enticingly stripped-down production of "Sweeney Todd," the infamous Sondheim musical about a murderous barber and his mistress serving up hot slices of revenge in Victorian London. The artists behind the gorgeous gorefest say it is to die for.

"It's a beast of a show," said Hannah Scott, who plays cannibal cook Mrs. Lovett. "It's musically complicated but written in a way that the characters are a hundred percent rounded and thought

The outdoor space in Washington the performance even more thrilling.

Park has become a welcoming hub for free theater during the company's time performing there, says the show's artistic director.

"When I first got to Piper, the space was a parking lot," said Michael Buffer, who has been with the company for eight years. "Now it's this enormous beautiful field that's really a community hot spot."

Audience members tend to arrive in Washington Park early with blankets and picnic baskets so they can claim a spot on the grass from which to enjoy the raw, open air productions. The Old Stone House theater has no curtain or backstage to hide actors between scenes, and Scott said being exposed to the audience and the elements makes

"There's a vulnerability to it because you're never out of sight," she said. "It's exciting - maybe it will rain, or maybe the wind will come up."

The Piper production uses minimal staging and props, aside from an enormous, abstract piece of industrial meat-chopping machinery that embodies what audience want from the sinister musical, said Buffer.

"I think they're really coming for the blood," he said. "They want to see the cuts, the drops, the body disappear. It's kind of a cathartic revenge story, as gory and consumptive and straight-faced as it is about it. People — not to be too trite about it — they

The audience can also gorge on the (donations welcome).

show's concession stand, which will serve meat pies made specially for the production. Buffer said that several bakeries declined their request for Sweeney-themed goods, but patisserie Sweet Pistachio was up for the rather morbid challenge.

Scott says she will never look at meat pies quite the same way again, but then, she was always a little suspicious of the savory treats.

"Whatever goes into it, you never ask," she said.

"Sweeney Todd" at the Old Stone House in Washington Park [336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth Avenues in Park Slope, www.theoldstonehouse. org, (718) 768-3195]. July 3, July 9-11, and July 16-18 at 8 pm. Free

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STROKE OF GEE-NIUS

George Gee's orchestra kicks off concert series

By Joseph Altobelli

on't rain on his parade! The last time swinging

bandleader George Gee tried to perform at the free outdoor summer concert series On Stage at Kingsborough in 2013, rain forced him and his band to play inside.

But the George Gee Swing Orchestra has a return engagement this year on July 4, and Gee couldn't be more excited to boogiewoogie his way onto the outside stage — and hopefully stay there this time!

"Playing outdoors in New York during the summer season is the highlight of our schedule," Gee said, "It's always great." To celebrate Independence Day, Gee plans to perform good ol' American swing, with a step and a dip towards the patriotic side. The set will feature jazzed-up versions of the "Armed Forces Salute" and "Stars and Stripes Forever," along with Gee's specialty of World War II-era swing tunes.

The performance kicks off the annual On Stage At Kingsborough concert series, a month of jazz and big band artists that has been drawing crowds since 1972.

"[The concerts] are like a musical gift," said Anna Becker, the executive director of On Stage at



Twist and shout: George Gee (left) and his orchestra swings onto the Kingsborough stage for a patriotic performance on July 4.

Kingsborough. "There's always a great turnout and it's like a reunion for the community."

The biggest attraction of the concerts, which happen in the shadow of Kingsborough's famed lighthouse, is the opportunity to cut a rug (or possibly the grass) under the stars.

"What we found from the community is that people are looking to come out and dance," said Becker.

Gee, who has been performing at jazz clubs for 35 years, has a simple goal for the audience at his show.

"We just want to keep them swinging and happy and enjoying swing jazz," he said.

His latest album is appropriately titled "Swing Makes You Happy."

"That's our motto," Gee said, "I hope to use my big band music to make people happy."

George Gee Swing Orchestra at On Stage At Kingsborough [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, www. onstageatkingsborough.org, (718) 368-5596]. July 4 at 8 pm. Concerts happen at 8 pm on every Saturday in July.

Author won't fugheddaboudit

By Trupti Rami

ome hidden history is coming out.

A long-time Greenpoint resident and blogger reveals stories from the neighborhood's forgotten past in his new book, which he will read from at Word Bookstore on July 9.

Greenpoint today is very different from the quiet, blue-collar place it used to be, said Geoffrey Cobb, the author of "Greenpoint Brooklyn's Forgotten Past." At one time, he said, Greenpoint was one of the most industrialized places in the world.

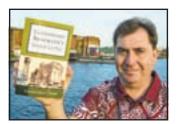
"Greenpoint has totally changed," said Cobb. "It used to be a sleepy working class place with little nightlife. Now the bars and restaurants are truly amazing."

While writing the book, Cobb discovered that in 1872 the neighborhood had its own national championship baseball team, the Eckfords, and that one of the team's members made it into the Baseball Hall of Fame. He

also learned about a local Irish terrorist cell that tried to bomb London, and that a candidate in the 1916 Presidential election. Charles Evans Hughes, hailed from Greenpoint.

Cobb, who leads walking tours of the neighborhood, has lived in Greenpoint for more than 20 years. He also teaches history at a local high school and runs the popular Historic Greenpoint blog. Cobb said that his love for the neighborhood and its residents inspired the book. Cobb said what he loves most is "its people who are unpretentious, hardworking, solid, no-nonsense Brooklynites.'

At Word, Cobb will share some stories from the book, including ones about Aaron Burr's visits to Greenpoint to court a local girl despite being engaged to another woman, the oil industry's destruction of the Newtown Creek, and some tales about Greenpoint's movie star Mae West. Cobb says that he



Greenpoint of view: Historian and author Geoffrey Cobb uncovers neighborhood stories in his new book "Greenpoint Brooklyn's Forgotten Past."

by Stefano Giovannini

picture of the neighborhood.

"I believe that Greenpoint's story has never been fully or properly told," Cobb wrote on his blog. "What I tried to do is to create a history that went beyond a superficial description of events. I wanted to capture the reality of people's lives at certain moments in local history."

"Greenpoint Brooklyn's Forgotten Past" at Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096, www.wordbrooklyn. wants these stories to give fuller com]. July 9 at 7 pm. Free.



Rocket's red glare: Fireworks will launch from barges on the East River again this year, offering Brooklynites great views from Red Hook to Greenpoint.

Fired up

Brooklyn's best spots for July 4th

By Max Jaeger

t is news you can fuse!

Independence Day is right around the corner, and with another year of the Macy's fireworks display on the East River, we're about to blow with excitement. Here are the best places in the world to catch

Straight to the point

The lion's share of explosives will be way up on the East River near a place called Queens, New York, so if you want an eyeful of sky candy, head north to Greenpoint.

For aerial views, check out the rooftop bar at Northern Territory. Technically it is an Australian bar, but as fellow former colonists, we hope they will join their adopted homeland in giving the collective finger to Great Britain. But get there early, because access is first come, first serve.

Northern Territory [12 Franklin St. between Meserole Avenue and N. 15th Street in Greenpoint, (347) 689-4065, northernterritorybk.com]. \$40.

The air up there

Or watch the spectacular from 60 feet up at Williamsburg eatery The Gorbals' rooftop bar. This is the go-to place for the patriotic gourmand — the restaurant is serving up a \$20 prix fixe menu that includes highfalutin' hot dogs, charred coleslaw, corn on the cob with pimenton butter, and ginger spare ribs with crunchy berries. But there are no reservations on the roof after 6 pm, so go early to stake out your spot.

The Gorbals [98 N. Sixth St. between Wythe Avenue and Berry Street in Williamsburg, (718) 387-0195, www.thegorbalsbk.com]. Free.

Brooklyn's front yard

Most of the action will be up near the Hinterlands beyond Newtown Creek, but Macy's had the good sense to plant a barge full of dazzling explosives just downriver from the Brooklyn Bridge, which means Brooklyn Bridge Park and the Promenade are your free seat no-brainers.

And nothing says America like drinking a ton of beer on a Naval vessel while stuff blows up — and you can do just that in Brooklyn Bridge Park! The Vietnam-era Baylander, parked near Pier 5 in Brooklyn Bridge Park is hosting rocket gawkers. They'll have unlimited beer, wine, hamburgers, and hot dogs — all they ask is a donation to help vets. God bless the United States of America.

Baylander Fourth of July Party at Pier 5 [near the Atlantic Avenue entrance at Furman Street in Brooklyn Heights, (240) 643–9973]. Free, but c'mon, give something for the veterans.

For the Brooklyn-obsessed

Say you don't want a Manhattan backdrop sullying your Fourth of July experience — and really who would? Your best bet is taking a ride down to the People's Playground, where the Alliance for Coney Island and some local pols are putting on a free spectacle of pyrotechnic pageantry at 9:45 pm. Grab a spot on the Boardwalk for the best views.

Fireworks on in Coney Island [Boardwalk near W. 10th Street, (718) 594-7895, www.allianceforconeyisland.org] 9:45 pm. Free.

FRI, JULY 3

ART, "BRAIN STORM": A salon-style display of visual artist and designer Dave Rittinger vast range of work and ideas. \$60. 10 am-10 pm. BRIC Arts Media House [647 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 683-5621], www.bricartsmedia.org.

OUTDOORS, SUMMER

SPORTS: Pitch, shoot, and score with the city's new program. Each day you can take your pick of what activity meets your fancy. Registration is required by e-mail. Free. 10 am – 6 pm. Sunset Park Playground [44th St. between Fifth and Seventh avenues in Sunset Park, (718) 972-2135], www.nycgovparks.org.

ART, "TO BID YOU ALL

GOOD BYE: Civil War Stories": An exhibition telling the stories of 20 of Green-Wood's permanent residents who contributed to the war effort, featuring photographs, letters, swords, stereo views, and other historic objects. \$5. Noon-6 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Greenwood Heights, (718) 210–3080], www.greenwood.com.

ART, "BROOKLYN SEWERS: What's Up Down There?' Brooklyn Historical Society's exhibition tells the story of the creation of the Brooklyn sewer system through a historical look at four corners of Kings County: Flatlands. Bushwick, Coney Island, and Fort Greene. \$10, museum admission. Noon-5 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

COMPUTER CLASS FOR SENIORS: JASA Luna Park Senior Center holds computer classes for seniors, open to those of all levels. Free. 1–2 pm. JASA Luna Park Senior Center [2880 W. 12 St. between Neptune and Surf avenues in Coney Island, (718) 996-6666], www.jasa.org.

ART, "AFROS: A Celebration of Natural Hair": An exhibition of photographs by artist Michael July celebrating natural hair. Free. 2–7 pm. House of Art Gallery (408 Marcus Garvey Blvd. between Halsey and Macon streets in Bedford-Stuyvesant), www.hoagallery.com.

DARK DISCO ON THE

ROOF: Afternoon rooftop dance party with White Material: Galcher Lustwerk, Young Male, DJ Richard, and Morgan Louis and Alvin Aronson. Food by The Bolivian Llama Party. \$15. 3 pm. Output [74 Wythe Ave. at N. 12th Street in Williamsburg, (917) 333-1000], www.outputclub.com.

GAME ON! BOARD GAMES: Kids play games such as Connect 4, Uno, Clue, and Monopoly. Free. 3:30–5 pm. Sunset Park Public Library [5108 Fourth Ave. at 51st Street in Sunset Park. (718) 965-6533], www. brooklynpubliclibrary.org.



EVENTS



Pinball wizards: The "Faile: Savage/Sacred Young Minds" exhibit opening on July 10 at the Brooklyn Museum incorporates video games, pinball machines, and foosball tables.

Brooklyn Museum

SPORTS, LOLA STAR'S DREAMLAND ROLLER

DISCO: The Friday night roller disco series, curated by Brooklyn's own Lola Star, features on-rink performances, world-renowned DJs, and weekly dance competitions with prizes and giveaways. \$18. 7:30 pm. LeFrak Center at Lakeside [171 East Dr. at Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park. (718) 462-00101. www.lakesidebrooklyn. com.

SAT, JULY 4

GET POP CULTURED: Wel-

come young dino hunters. At this dig site discover that the dinos are still here. Giveaways and activities. Free. 10 am. Barnes and Noble [267 Seventh Ave. at Sixth Street in Park Slope, (718) 832-9066], www. barnesandnoble com

FOOD, NATHAN'S HOT DOG-EATING CONTEST:

The 2015 Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog-Eating Contest will feature a men's, women's, and pre-show festivities. Free. 11 am. Nathan's Famous [1310 Surf Ave. at Stillwell Avenue in Coney Island, (718) 333-2202], www.nathansfamous.com.

FOOD, 4TH OF JULY PIG **ROAST AND SEAFOOD**

BLOWOUT: Dassara Brooklyn Ramen serves whole-roasted pig and blue crab, along with live music from Styles Upon Styles and a DJ set from Kroba of Archie Pelagoand. \$15. 12pm-5pm. Dassara Brooklyn Ramen [271 Smith St., between Degraw and Sackett streets in Carroll Gardens, 718.643.0781], www.dassara.com

INDEPENDENCE DAY: Celebrate the Fourth of July and learn about eagles, fun activities, help spread mulch around the trees, participate in a Citizen Science project, watch a snake have a snack. Free. Noon – 5 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www.prospectpark.org/ audubon.

CAROUSEL: Take a ride on the historic carouse and celebrate the Fourth of July on a lion. \$2 per ride (\$9 for a book of 5). Noon–5 pm. Prospect Park Band Shell [Prospect Park West and Ninth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-8900], www.bricartsmedia. org/cb.

"JACK AND THE BEAN-

STALK": The classic adventure - fairytale comes to life with puppets in this musical performance based on old English folk melodies. \$9 (\$10 adults). 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm. Puppetworks [338 Sixth Ave. at Fourth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-3391], www.puppetworks. org.

MACY'S FISHING CLINICS:

Children under 15 years old learn about aquatic ecology, fishing safety and collect bait. Free. 1 to 2 pm and 3 to 4 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www.prospectpark.org/ audubon.

FISHING FUN: Families with children 15 and younger learn about aquatic ecology, fishing safety and collect their own bait. Free. 1 to 2pm and 3 to 4 pm. North end of Esplanade (East Drive and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park), www.nycgovparks.org.

EZRA JACK KEATS STORY

HOUR: Gather around the statue of Peter and Willy, two characters from Keats, and listen to a story read by Tammy Hall, Free, 2 pm to 3 pm. Imagination Playground (Ocean Avenue and Lincoln Road in Prospect Lefferts Gardens), www.prospectpark.org.

DECLARATION OF INDE-

PENDENCE: Come and make yourself a plumed hat to wear while signing your own signature to a reproduction of the Declaration. \$3. 2 pm to 5 pm. Lefferts Historic Homestead [452 Flatbush Ave.

between Empire Boulevard and Eastern Parkway in Park Slope, (718) 789-2822], www.prospectpark. org.

SUN, JULY 5

WATERFRONT WALKS: A

Guided Tour of Brooklyn Bridge Park: Join this free tour to learn about the history of the Brooklyn waterfront, the park's sustainable design, and how the park came to life. Free. 11 am. Brooklyn Bridge Park - Pier 1 Entrance, www. brooklynbridgepark.org/ events/waterfront-walks.

BASIC CANOEING: Urban Park Rangers lead canoe adventures that range from the gentle waters of protected lakes to the challenging open waters of rivers and bays. For ages 8 and up. Free. 11 am - 1 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www. prospectpark.org/audubon.

A LUTHERAN/METHOD-IST SUMMER WORSHIP **EXPERIENCE:** Music, prayer, and dialogue on language and experience with God, from Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Hindu perspectives. Free, 10:45. Good Shepherd [547 45th St. between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Sunset Park, (718) 745-8520], www. goodshepherdbayridge. org.

SUMMER SAFETY: Children learn about the rules of the road at the Safety Road exhibit. Interactive exhibits, with a crosswalk, traffic lights and a shopping strip. \$13 (\$10 for seniors). 10 am. Jewish Children's Museum [792 Eastern Pkwy. at Kingston Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 907-8833], www.jcm.museum.

PIER KIDS: Entertainment provided by Jacqueline Schmidt. Free. 11 am. Pier 6 [Joralemon St. and Furman St. in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 802-0603].

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) 336-79081.

YOUNG ABRAHAM: A special presentation of an animated movie featuring the mighty tales of a courageous young boy. For children 5 years and older. \$13 and child - (\$10 seniors). 4 pm. Jewish Children's Museum [792 Eastern Pkwy. at Kingston Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 907-8833], www.jcm.museum.

MON, JULY 6

GOLF: The City Parks Foundation is again hosting golf lessons as part of its Summer Sports program for the city's school children. Registration on line required. For children 9 to 16 years old. Free. 9:30 am – 10:30 am. Herbert Von King Park (Marcy Continued on page 57

You gon' learn something: Comedian Kevin Hart brings his "Now What?" tour to Barclays for two performances on July 9. Associated Press / Isaac Brekken

COMING SOON TO BARCLAYS CENTER

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.

WED, JULY 15

MUSIC, LEGACY OF HOPE CONCERT: In support of the Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital in South Africa, Robin Thicke, Common, South African musician Jonathan Butler and more perform. \$45.8 pm.

SUN, JULY 26

MUSIC, NICKI MINAJ: \$40-\$145.7 pm.

SAT, AUG 1

PORTS, DANNY GARCIA VS PAULIE MALIG-**NAGGI:** Undefeated

boxing superstar Danny "Swift" Garcia will take on Brooklyn's own Paulie "The Magic Man" Malignaggi. Starting at \$50.9 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 SUMMER-SLAM: \$30.50-\$530.50. 7:30 pm.

MON, AUG 24

SPORTS, WWE MONDAY NIGHT RAW: \$25.50-\$130.50. 7:30 pm.

SAT, SEP 12

MUSIC, SCORPIONS, OUEENSRYCHE: \$47.50-\$149.50.8 pm.

SAT, SEP 19

MUSIC, MADONNA: \$45.50-\$360.50.8 pm.

SAT, SEP 26

MUSIC, ARIANA GRANDE: \$35.50-\$695. 7:30 pm.

WED, OCT 7

MUSIC, DOCTOR WHO SYMPHONIC SPECTAC-ULAR: \$50.50-\$140.50. 3 pm and 7:30 pm.

THU, OCT 8

MUSIC, MARC ANTHONY AND CARLOS VIVES: \$76.50-\$232.50. 8 pm.

TUE, OCT 13

MUSIC. THE LEGEND OF ZELDA — SYMPHONY OF THE GODDESSES MASTER QUEST: \$44.50-\$97.50. 8 pm.

SUN, NOV 1

SPORTS, BROOKLYN **HOCKEY PRESENTS** NOTRE DAME VS. UCONN AND ARMY VS. BENTLEY: \$35-\$185. 11:15 am.

TUE, NOV 10

THEATER, DISNEY ON **ICE CELEBRATES 100** YEARS OF MAGIC: \$15-\$125.7 pm.

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THEATER, DISNEY ON ICE CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF MAGIC: \$15-\$125.7 pm.

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

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BUILT TO STILL

Industry City Distillery opens new tasting room

By Eric Faynberg

If you build it, they will come.

And the chemists and engineers of Industry City ■Distillery have built it. They built the still and the fermentation tanks used to create Industry Standard vodka. And now the vodka virtuosos have built a tasting room in the corner of their sixth floor distillery in Sunset Park, which is already getting buzz from local

"Our neighborhood was lacking a place to go and have a drink after work," said co-owner Ronak Parikh. "Our space is well suited to receive people."

The gritty, industrial tasting room has enormous windows with views of the Manhattan skyline and the Statue of Liberty. And while most tasting rooms only offer shots of the distillery's beverage, Industry City serves nine different cocktails made with its signature beet sugar vodka.

The drinks also highlight the company's latest product, "Technical Reserve," an extremely high-proof spirit (95.6% alcohol by volume) designed for quick flavor infusions, which the owners have used to make bitters and limoncello for their cocktails. Distillery co-owner Dave Kyrjeko designed the equipment which produced the reserve, and he also created the cocktail menu.

One first-time customer was impressed by Kyrjeko's cocktail concoctions.

"Fresh ingredients and a great knowledge of pairing them with the alcohol," said Kensington resident Brian Oestreich, who was tasting the mojito-like Dr. Ellison (\$10), a refreshing mix of Industry Standard vodka, freshly pressed cucumber juice, mint leaves, and bitters. "I think it's as good a cocktail as you'll find in Brooklyn."

Of course, the location and the recipes wouldn't be worth much without a good product. The owners believe that their vodka stands out from other distillers because of their backgrounds in science and technology.

"A lot of distilleries will ship in commercial alcohol, mix it with water, slap a label on it and call it vodka," Parikh said. "There are guys here with chemical engineering backgrounds. Not only do we ferment here, we actually breed our own yeast here."



Mixing business with pleasure: Industry City Distillery coowner Dave Kyrejko engineers a refreshing summer cocktail. Photo by Steve Solomonson

The distillery is legally allowed to operate the tasting room as long as it serves food, which in this case is Latin-inspired snacks from Julio's Famous Foods. The tasting room is also required to serve locally produced alcohol made with local ingredients, but Parikh said the distillers do not see that as a limitation.

"We celebrate that fact," said Parikh. "We curate a truly local menu."

And locals seem to agree with that approach.

"We like supporting a local business," said Stacey Ward, a Bay Ridge resident who works nearby. "This space is so open and airy and the drinks are bright and summerv.

Industry City Distillery [33 35th St., Sixth Floor, between Second and Third avenues in Sunset Park, (718) 305-6951, www.drinkicd.com]. Open Fri, Sat,

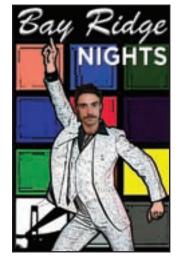
Bay Ridge goes off with a bang

By Max Jaeger

lood, tunes, and fireworks nobody does Independence Day like Bay Ridge!

On Friday, march down to Fort Hamilton (Ft. Hamilton Parkway and 101st street) for live music and fireworks from 6-10 pm. A Temptations cover group and two former Supremes will elevate your souls faster than you can say "bottle rocket." And speaking of, the fort will cap off the evening with its own artillery show. The party is free, but you have to register at www.hamiltonmwr.com.

Sleep off the party, and then grab some grub with your Ridge compatriots on Saturday at the annual Greater Bay Ridge Fourth of July picnic in the ball field near Shore Road and 82nd Street. You your favorite local bands will be



can BYOBasket or get some cookout fare from the food stand. All

there, so there's no use looking for them in some dank bar. The party runs from noon-7 pm.

Afterward, seek out a roof to watch the fireworks. Look toward Coney Island for the closest display.

On Independence Day we established America's dominance over the British, but there is no need to rub it in. Give the Brits some love on Sunday by rocking out to British Invasion revivalists London Fogg at the Lonestar Bar and Grill (8703 Fifth Ave. between 87th and 88th streets) at 4 pm.

On Tuesday, it is more free live music when Out of the Blue plays the first show of this year's Summer Concert Series at 79th Street and Shore Road. The free show kicks off at 7 pm.



Sky's the limit: Rising Bedford-Stuyvesant rapper Skyzoo has played shows across the world, but he is thrilled for a set in his "backyard" at the Brooklyn

Touch the Sky

Rapper Skyzoo is reaching out to his hometown crew

By Noah Hurowitz

here is no place like home.

11th Annual The Brooklyn Hip-Hop Festival next week will feature performances from big names like Common and Mobb Deep. But for rapper Skyzoo, the excitement is not who he performs with, but who he will be performing for. The native Brooklynite and Bedford-Stuyvesant lifer says that although he is a veteran of tours abroad, he wants nothing more than to rap to his hometown

"I headline in Europe and Africa like clockwork every year, but this is the crib, this is the back yard," Skyzoo said. "I've performed as a guest on other people but I still wanted that 20 or 30 minutes to kill for the crib."

Skyzoo, whose new studio album came out on June 23, grew up in Bedford-Stuyvesant during the worst of the crack epidemic. But that was also a golden era of hip-hop, and he came from the same streets that launched the likes of Notorious B.I.G. and Jay-Z. For a young rapper, a better pedigree is hard to find.

"Brooklyn is looked at as having the best of the best," said Skyzoo. "It's kind of in the culture, it's embedded in your body."

His new album "Music For My Friends," deals with the crossroads at which Skyzoo and his friends found themselves as teens on the streets of Bedford-Stuyvesant, when they would sit on stoops and cast envious looks at the big shots rolling by in fancy cars.

Some of his friends tried to achieve success by rapping or going to law school, while others began selling drugs and became ensnared in violence.

"You would see the guy in the Jeep Wrangler or the Benz and you'd start to inquire, 'How do I get that?" he said. "That's where things went in separate directions for people."

The borough may have changed since he started rapping, but Skyzoo said he is still excited about the hip-hop scene in Brooklyn. The borough is teeming with long-time emcees like himself and his friend and frequent collaborator Torae, as well young stars like Joey Bada\$\$, whose Pro-Era crew has rocketed to national attention in the last several years.

Skyzoo said he and other Brooklyn artists are working hard to keep old-school Brooklyn alive while also leaving their own legacies.

"There's a lot of different sounds from a lot of different people, but I think everyone shares kind of the same aesthetic," he said. "I'm just about how we handle ourselves as Brooklyn artists. If you're really into the art, you gotta make it stick, and all of us have to keep that in mind."

Skyzoo performs at 2 pm on July 11 at the Brooklyn Hip-Hop Festival Finale Concert (50 Kent Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, www.bkhiphopfestival.com). \$60.

Other Brooklyn Hip-Hop Festival events begin July 8 at various locations. For more info, visit www.bkhiphopfestival.com.



EVENTS

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Ave. and Greene Avenue in Bedford Stuvvesant). www.cityparksfoundation. org/2015-summer-.

AARP: Seniors meet each month for lunch and bingo. \$10 Membership Fee (\$8 lunch). 11 am. Bay Ridge Manor [476-76th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 232-8715].

FILM, "MAKING WAVES IN FILM, THEN AND NOW": Screening of "Grey Gardens," a look at a different side of the Hamptons through the lives of a reclusive mother and daughter. Paired with "The Darker Side of Dreamland," a film showing the effects of Superstorm Sandy on the residents of Coney Island. Free. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

TALK, WOMEN IN JEWISH LAW: Learn how Jewish law regarding women has evolved over time, free, 7 pm. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [8025 Fourth Ave. between 80th and 81st streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836–3103], www.brjc.org. WILLIAMSBURG SPELLING

BEE: An adults-only spelling bee with fun, not-toocompetitive environment. Winners receive nerdy prizes and a spot in the annual finals. free. 7.30 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770], www.petescandy store.com.

TUES, JULY 7

MUSIC, BROOKLYN YOUTH CHORUS SUMMER SING FOR YOUNG MEN: Brook-Ivn Youth Chorus hosts an open Summer Sing event for young men ages 12-17, with a brief vocal training session, followed by a music sight-reading session. Free. 4:30 pm. Brooklyn Youth Choru's [179 Pacific Street in Cobble Hill, (718) 243–9447], www. brooklynyouthchorus.org.

FILM, "BILLY MADISON": Ni-

tehawk Cinema hosts this outdoor screening, with trivia hosted by BuzzFeed and a music performance by Arlene's World Famous Rock N Roll Karaoke Band. Movie starts at sundown. Free. 6 pm. (50 Kent Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsbura)

TALK, CHARLIE WILSON: In his memoir "I Am Charlie Wilson," songwriter and producer Charlie Wilson reveals in candid detail the highs and lows in his life. Free. 7–9 pm. Power-House Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049], www. powerhousearena.com

ART, KENTA TAKATSU'S INTERLUDE — OPEN-

ING RECEPTION: Come join the opening reception for Japanese artist Kenta Takatsu's Interlude show of digital paintings and films. Free. 7–10 pm. Ouchi Gallery [170 Tillary St. at Gold Street in Downtown, (374) 987-4606], www.ouchigallery.com.

WED, JULY 8

CHILDREN'S CONCERTS:

Mil's Trills entertains with her special brand of kiddie music, Free, 10 am, Fort Greene Park Visitor Center [Enter park at Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park in Fort Greene, (718) 722-3218].

ART, "CLIFFORD ROSS:

Water | Waves | Wood": A solo exhibition of photographs printed on wood by the American photogra-pher Clifford Ross, focusing on seven images of hurricane waves shot on the East End of Long Island in 2008. Free. Noon-6 pm. BRIC Arts Media House [647 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 683-5621], www.bricartsmedia.org.

FILM, SUMMERSCREEN

PRESENTS "CLUELESS": Outdoor film in McCarren Park, with food vendors and live music. Movie starts at sundown. Free. 6 pm. McCarren Park (Bedford Avenue at N. 12th Street in Williamsburg), www.summerscreen.org.

GIGLIO FEAST: Kick off the summer season with the 128th celebration of the Giglio with a parade, carnival rides and games. Free. 6 pm to midnight. Our Lady of Mount Carmel (275 No. Eighth St. at Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg/Greenpoint).

CHRISTOPHER AGOSTINO'S STORYFACES: Original stories and folktales. Free. 6 pm. Highland park

[Jamaica Ave. and Elton Street in Cypress HIIIs, (718) 235–4100].

THEATER, "HENRY IV" PART **ONE:** This rendition of Shakespeare's play "Henry IV" features a cast of actors and actresses chosen to play roles regardless of their gender. Presented by Smith Street Stage. Free. 8 pm. Carroll Park [Smith Street between President and Carroll streets in Carroll Gardens, (917) 912-2852], www.smithstreetstage.org.

THURS, JULY 9

MUSIC, BASSEKOU KOUY-ATE & NGONI BA: Part of the 21st annual BAM R&B Music festival, which features a roster of both well-known and emerging musicians of R&B and world music. Free. Noon. MetroTech Commons [1 MetroTech Roadway at Lawrence Street in Downtown, (718) 875-1780].

FREE HOURS: Children enjoy the museum free of charge on Thursdays in the summer! Free. 2 pm to 6 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

MUSIC, JAH PAN: "Live At the Archway" presents Caribbean steel drum band Jah Pan. Free. 6-8 pm. Archway Plaza (Water Street between Anchorage Place and Adams Street in Dumbo).

FILM, "HIGH NOON": Syfy Movies with a View pres ents music at 6 pm, with movies starting at sundown. Free. 6 pm. Brooklyn Bridge Park, Harbor View Lawn (Furman Street at Old Fulton Street in Brooklyn Heights), www. brooklynbridgepark.org.

MUSIC, LOS WEMBLERS DE IQUITO: The Amazonian Cumbia pioneers play in the the US for the first time. \$20 (\$15 in advance). 7 pm. Pioneer Works [159 Pioneer St. between Imlay and Conover streets in Red Hook, (718) 596–3001], pioneerworks.org.

MUSIC, POLYPHONY MA-RIMBA, NICK LEVINE, AURORA NEALAND, AND WHISKEY IN MY OATMEAL: Polyphony Marimba plays roots music of southern Africa. \$10. 8 pm. Jalopy Theatre [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Red Hook, (718) 395-3214], www.jalopy.biz.

FRI, JULY 10

ART, "FAILE - SAVAGE/SA-CRED YOUNG MINDS":

This collaboration between Brooklyn-based artists Patrick McNeil and Patrick Miller features immersive environments that invite visitors to engage with the work. \$16. 11 am–6 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638–5000], www.brooklynmuseum. org.

ART, WINDOWS TO THE WORLD: The art in this show is presented in windows, made for windows. and inspired by windows. Free. 3–8 pm. Índependence Care System Common Space [25 Elm Place at Livingston Street in Downtown Brooklyn, (877) 958-8427], www.icsny.org.

SAT, JULY 11

PARTY LIKE IT'S 1865:

Green-Wood Cemetery presents an outdoor show and picnic at the site of William Niblo's grand mausoleum. \$37. 7 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Greenwood Heights, (718) 210-3080], www.greenwood.com.

MUSIC, TERRY WALDO'S GOTHAM CITY BAND: Part of On Stage At Kingsborough's outdoor concert series. Free. 8 pm. On Stage at Kings-borough [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5596], www. onstageatkingsborough.



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Welcome to the Big Apple Bank

FLATBUSH

The mat is out for Louis Krawiecz, the new veep of Business Development at Apple Bank for Savings, in charge of our whole little burg.

Our pal Louis is a veteran business development banker with more than 25 years of experience serving our diverse neighborhoods.

James Matera, executive veep and head of the bank, shared his excite-



ment over the appointment.

"Louis brings not only years of experience in serving bankthe ing needs of small and mid-sized businesses and business owners throughout the borough. but he is well

recognized as an active participant in a number of prominent Jewish community organizations as well," he said.

Prior to joining Apple Bank in May, our pal was group director and senior veep for Signature Bank, and veep and senior relationship manager for HSBC Bank. Louis is also an active member of a number of Jewish community organizations, and serves on the Board of Trustees of the Council of Jewish Organizations (COJO) of Flatbush and the Boro Park YMHA-YWHA, as well as being a boardmember at New York Community Hospital and Community

Standing O wishes Louis a long and successful tenure.

Apple Bank (1954 Flatbush Ave. at Kings Highway in Flatbush).

BORO WIDE

Techno-electro

Hats off to Raquel Hosein, a student at Brooklyn College for being chosen by CE Week as one of its "10 Under 20: Young Innovators to Watch."

Raquel was awarded the distinction for her "Application of a Wireless Electrical Device for the Detection of Epilepsy" project, integrating a wireless device with mobile devices to help detect epileptic seizures.

The wireless device has a Bluetooth chip and analog to digital converter, a biosignal receptor, and a power source, capable of sending real-time, pre-seizure wave data to smart technology. It's all much too much techno wizardry for Standing O!



STAR STUDENTS: From left, Joseph Tiernan, athletic director, and students Jacqueline Gallagher, Therese Gallagher, Gabrielle Monferrato, and Samantha Southard.

Cheers to Kearney's athletes

BENSONHURST

Standing Os to the super talented teams, athletes, students, and staff at Bishop Kearney High School.

The winning teams included: the Track team for an outstanding season, the Cross Country team for winning the Brooklyn-Queens Championship, the **Swim team** for tieing for first place in the B Division, and the JV volleyball team for finishing first in the Brooklyn-Queens regular season play.

Outstanding athletes and students, honored for various achievements, included: Jen Kaye, Kailey O'Grady, Emily Bosiacki, Lisa Fajardo, Tessy Gallagher, Jackie Gallagher, Colleen Gallagher, Marie Holstrom, DinaGrace Gipli, Paulina Pazcowski, Stephanie Anderson, Brianna Floreal, Jenny Fahy, Nicole Pazarecki, Jennifer Bove, Tarah Drennan, Gabriella Rafaniello, Gabrielle Monferrato, Samantha Southard, Valentina Acevado, JessicaMina Diaz, Brianna Gelsomini, Bridget Pynn, Jessica Southard, and Joanna Sullivan.

Congratulations and Standing Os are sent to the coaches, including athletic director Joseph Tiernan and assistant principal Geri Martinez, as well as to the teachers and staff.

Bishop Kearney HS [2202 60th St. at Bay Parkway in Bensonhurst, (718) 236-6363].

The competition, hosted by CE Week and the New York City Economic Development Corporation, celebrates the city's commitment to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education, by honoring individuals who are developing products that exemplify an application of those fields and also demonstrate exceptional creativity, user design, scalability, and civic mindedness.

Students in high schools and colleges in the five borough were chosen by a panel of judges, including Warren Buckleitner, Majora Carter, Brian Cohen, Rashid Ferrod Davis, Diane Levitt, Frank Migliorelli, and Kristen Titus.

Robin Raskin, who created the program with the city's economic development corporation, said programs like these are important because they give students a chance to meet real product developers and engineers.

"They reinforce that our schools are mentoring the next generation of digital thinkers," she said.

with a special 10 Under 20 plaque, as well as a tech package valued at

Standing O knows that there will be plenty more Standing Os in Raquel's future.

SUNSET PARK

Welcome, doc

NYU Lutheran Medical Center is welcoming Dr. Bret Rudy as its new chief medical officer.

Dr. Rudy will oversee the senior leadership team and help enhance NYU Lutheran's already exceptional care by focusing on patient outcomes, community health, and maximizing proven best practices.

Dr. Rudy is overjoyed at joining the

"I am very excited to join NYU Lutheran and to serve Brooklyn residents," he said.

The physician is a longtime member of the NYU Langone community, and a board certified pediatrician fo-Award recipients were presented cused on issues related to HIV in ado-



FLATBUSH

Spin the wheel

Their money was on the dads! Networking and Casino Night celebrated Father's Day on June 20 at the Rishavena Adult Day Care, a family-owned facility the owners are Vena Laurent-Hilaire, husband Dr. Marc Hilaire, and brother Alix Laurent offering respite care and daily activities to local seniors.

This year's fund-raiser honored local pols and businessmen for their outstanding dedication and devotion to the Flatbush community, including Borough President Adams, Democratic leader Frank Seddio, Councilmen Alan Maisel (D-Flatbush), Mathieu Eugene (D-Flatbush), and Jumaane Williams (D-Flatbush); Rev. Msgr. Jamie Gigantiello, Kato Elijah Jenkins, and Samuel Dunston, Sr.

Guests and honorees were treated to games of chance, including card tables and slot machines, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and a fun night of networking and schmoozing.

Rishavena Adult Day Care [2260 Flatbush Ave. and Fillmore Avenue in Flatbush, (718) 251-1231].

lescents and young adults.

Dr. Rudy takes the reins later this

NYU Lutheran Medical Center, [150 55th St. at First Avenue in Sunset Park, (718) 630-7000].

BOROUGH WIDE

Soggy diaper award

Many thanks to the local BJ's Wholesale Club on Gateway Drive for presenting more than 6.000 diapers to Little Essentials, along with Pack 'n Plays, and car seats. Little Essentials is a Brooklyn-based non-profit providing assistance to children living in poverty.

Little Essentials was thrilled with the gift, and program manager Caitlin Evans told Standing O, "I'm so overwhelmed by BJ's generosity. These items are going to help so, many families."



'He's making the most of • 'I am just really his at-bats.'

> - Cyclones skipper Tom Gamboa on slugger Jeff Diehl's contributions at the plate

feeling blessed."

- Boxer Paulie Malignaggi on his unexpectedly soon opportunity to return to the ring at Barclays Center

INSIDE THE NETS' DRAFT-DAY MOVES

We analyze the players Brooklyn netted

BY ERIC FAYNBERG

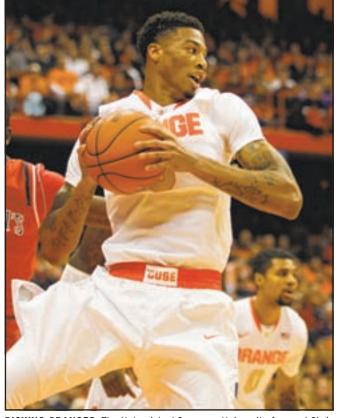
The Nets were among the most active players on June 25 when the 2015 NBA Draft roared into the Barclays Center, but the moves general manager Billy King made only create more questions about what his team's roster will look like next season.

Four new faces are in and Mason Plumlee is out for King, who didn't make his first move until late in the first round, thanks to a provision swapping first-round picks this season in his July 2012 trade with the Eastern Conference champion Atlanta Hawks that brought Joe Johnson and his albatross contract to Brooklyn.

King used the 29th pick to make a predictable move: selecting Syracuse University forward Chris McCullough, the Bronx native who was long-rumored to be landing in Brooklyn. He suffered a torn ligament in his knee during his freshman season, and his status for next season is up in

Drafting McCullough is an attempt by King to hit one out of the park. The Nets, with no first-round pick next season thanks to the win-now trade with the Boston Celtics in 2013 that brought Kevin Garnet and Paul Pierce to Brooklyn, are hoping McCullough ends up being a value pick once his rehabilitation is complete.

At 6-foot-9 and 200 pounds, McCullough has great agility for his size. He sprints up and down the floor in transition and moves like a wing player. His slender frame has plenty of room to fill out, and he can shoot. He's got a mid-range game, can pick-and-pop effectively, and his speed makes him a dangerous pick-and-roll long for Brooklyn, as the Nets



PICKING ORANGES: The Nets picked Syracuse University forward Chris McCullough, the Bronx native who was long rumored to be landing in Brooklyn. Associated Press / Nick Lisi

compliment. That along with his seven-foot wingspan gives him the ability to get back in transition, swipe at the ball and steal, and protect under the rim.

What he lacks is polish. He played only 16 games as a freshman and will need time to learn where to be on the court and what to do once he gets there.

King used the 43rd pick on Pat Connaughton, a hardworking three-point shooter from Notre Dame who was already drafted — by the Baltimore Orioles. But the potential two-sport athlete wasn't

traded his rights to the Portland Trailblazers along with big man Mason Plumlee. In return, the Nets received Portland's first-round selection, Rondae Hollis-Jefferson, a small forward whom the Blazers picked 23rd, and veteran point guard Steve Blake.

The move appears to be financially driven for the salary cap-strapped Nets who need to make wiggle room to re-sign free-agent center Brook Lopez and recently acquired forward Thaddeus Young. Trading Plumlee, who would have made \$1,415,520 next season with a \$2,328,530 team option

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BACK IN BUSINESS: Bensonhurst boxer Paulie Malignaggi takes on Danny Garcia at Barclays Center on Aug. 1.

Return rebooted: Malignaggi back in the ring Aug. 1

BY PATRICK MCCORMACK

Paulie Malignaggi didn't expect another fight coming this soon after he was forced to pull out of his last one in May, but he says he is ready to fight Danny Garcia at Barclays Center on Aug. 1.

"This opportunity just fell into my lap," the Bensonhurst native said. "It was unexpected, but I am all about competing against the best. As surprised as I was, it was an opportunity I couldn't say

Malignaggi, who contemplated retirement after his last fight, was supposed to make a return to the ring after a 13-month layoff on May 29 at Barclays Center. The matchup against Danny O'Connor never happened because the Brooklyn boxer suffered a cut above his eye in training camp.

A tougher bout now awaits him against Garcia, a junior welterweight world champion, moving up in weight

"I am just really feeling blessed with an opportunity that I didn't see coming my way after pulling out of the O'Connor fight," Malignaggi said.

This fight will be the heavy-handed Garcia's (30-0, 17 KOs) fifth bout at Barclays Center and Malignaggi's (33-6, 7 Kos) fourth fight there. The fight will also be Garcia's first as a welterweight (147 pounds). It's a step up that the Philadelphia native, who beat Lamont Peterson in a majority decision back in April at Barclays, thinks will help his performance.

"For the first time in a long time, I can worry about training to get better instead of training to lose weight," Garcia said. "I am going to feel a lot stronger at 147."

Malignaggi was ready to hang up his gloves after technical knockout loss in the fourth round to Shawn Porter in Washington, DC, on April 19 of last year.

"I was thinking, 'you know what, I am done," he said.

But eventually, he started to miss the ring.

"I get antsy," Malignaggi said. "As time went by and I started working out again, I

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YCLONES CONFIDENTIAL

Cyclones in first with hot week

Cyclones 2 Tri-City 1

June 24 at MCU Park

Hot-hitting Jeff Diehl's walk-off triple gave Brooklyn its second 12-inning win of the short season, as the Cyclones improved to 4-2.

Enmanuel Zabala led off the 12th with a walk, but was forced out at second when Michael Katz failed to bunt him over with Zabala getting forced at second. With the runner on first, Diehl, who is hitting .429 this season, cleared his head before launching the liner to right that scored Katz.

"I just tried to remain focused and stick with my plan" said Diehl, who is hitting .429 on the young season. "That was just getting a pitch to drive and fortunately enough he left a pitch over the plate."

Tom Gamboa has been pleased with Diehl, who has performed well despite not having a set role.

"Give credit to Jeff Diehl," the skipper said. "He's making the most of his at-bats."

The timing of Diehl's hit was critical as the Cyclones only had Christian Montgomery remaining in the bullpen. Montgomery would have only been able to give Brooklyn two innings.

The ValleyCats scored in the third when Johnny Sewald stole third and came home on a throwing error by Brooklyn catcher Nathaniel Ramos.

Vinny Siena tied the game in the sixth with a two-out runscoring single. The ValleyCats opened the door by misplaying a fly ball into a double, and a throwing error by third baseman Cesar Carrasco.

Brooklyn had little success against Tri-City starter Rogelio Armenteros, who impressed Gamboa by striking out seven Cyclones in five shutout innings — and giving Cyclones players a glimpse of what's to come as they make their way toward the Show.

Tri-City 2 Cyclones 1

June 25 at MCU Park

A rare 5–3–6 double-play killed a Cyclones scoring



SUPER SLUGGER: Heavy hitter Jeff Diehl saved the day on June 24 with a walk-off triple against Tri-City.

a loss to Tri-City.

After reaching on a throwing error by the catcher, Michael Bernal took off on a 3-2 pitch to Zach Mathieu. Mathieu hit a chopper to third.

Third baseman Jose Zambrano came in and threw Mathieu out, so Bernal tried to take third. ValleyCat shortstop Adrian Alfaro wisely covered third, received the throw from first and tagged Bernal.

Fourth-round draft pick David Thompson played his first game as a Cyclone, entering the game in the seventh as a pinch-hitter with two on and one out. He promptly grounded into a double play, leaving his new manager to wonder what could have been.

"It would have been a nice Cinderella story if he had banged one off the wall to drive in two," said the Brooklyn skipper. "But he's going to be fine."

Thompson pinch-hit for Branden Kaupe who tripled and scored in the third inning, but Gamboa had no second thoughts about the move.

'Branden did a good job tonight, but Thompson was drafted in the fourth round for a reason," he said. "That was the ideal time, I felt, to give him his first at-bat and give us a chance to win the game."

Thompson claimed didn't suffer from the socalled "sphincter factor" that chance in the ninth inning of did in starter Kevin Canelon Connecticut scored.

the night before.

"I was excited to get up with guys on first and second," he said. "He threw me a good pitch to hit. I wish I could hit it a little better."

The Cyclones were held to four hits on the night, and only one after the fourth inning.

Cyclones 4 **Connecticut 1**

June 26 at MCU Park

Michael Katz's first home run as a Cyclone led Brooklyn over the Tigers in the first of three-game set.

Katz, who also doubled and scored in the second inning before his dinger in the fourth, had been working on his swing with hitting coach and former Cyclone Yunir Garcia.

A study of old video led to a major improvement.

"I'm more of a visual learner so that kind of helped me," Katz said. "[The coaching staff] was telling me before, but once I saw myself on video, it kind of clicked for me."

Gaby Almonte picked up the win, giving up one unearned run in six innings, although he made the error.

In the first inning, Almonte tried picking off Victor Padron but the throw hit Padron and went into the outfield. It was the only error Brooklyn committed and the only run

Cyclones 6 Auburn 5

June 28 in Auburn

Michael Katz's two-run homer led the Cyclones to the rain-shortened road victory against the Doubledays.

Brooklyn had squandered a 4–0 lead when Katz came to the plate in the fifth and the score tied

With Michael Bernal on first and one out, Katz lined a Matthew Crownover pitch over the left field wall.

The home run took the momentum from Auburn, and proved to be a game-winner when Auburn scored only once in the fifth against Michael Gibbons.

It was Auburn's chance as the game was stopped because of rain in the sixth.

Gibbons picked up his second win in as many starts, despite an earned-run average of 5.91. He gave up five runs in five innings, scattering nine hits, walking one and striking out four.

Tom Gamboa had to be pleased with the diversity of the Cyclones offense, which provided him with three runs in the third and one in the fourth.

Branden Kaupe, Vinny Siena and David Thompson all went one-for-three with a run scored. Siena and Thompson both drove in a run.

Cyclones 11 Auburn 4

June 29 in Auburn

Michael Bernal fell a single short of the cycle in an 11-4 drubbing of the Doubledays.

The Cyclones scored three times in the first, with Bernal right in the middle of the action reaching on a double and coming around to score.

Matt Blackham surrendered two runs in the bottom of the first, but the Cyclones put the game out of reach with a run in the fourth and five more in the fifth, including Bernal's two-run homer.

Auburn's two-out rally in the fifth made the score 9-4 and Tom Gamboa — going by the book instead of his gut removed Blackham one out before he could qualify for a win, as Blackham had reached his limit of 90 pitches. Cyclone in the ninth.

pitchers are allowed to stay in if they reach 90 in the middle of a batter, and Blackham finished with 93.

Instead, Gaither Bumgardner picked up his second win, throwing hust one-and-onethird innings of scoreless relief with two strikeouts.

Joan Baez was the losing pitcher, giving up three runs in the first.

The Cyclones added two runs back in the sixth on David Thompson's triple and Michael Katz sacrifice fly.

Ruben Reyes, Christian Montgomery, and Corey Taylor each pitched an inning of scoreless relief for Brooklyn.

Bernal finished three-forfour with two runs batted in and three runs scored.

Zach Mathieu went twofor-three, driving in three and scoring once. He was also hit by a pitch

Vinny Siena picked up two hits, David Thompson had a hit, run, and two runs batted in, and Tucker Tharp drove in two runs.

Auburn 3 Cyclones 2

June 30 in Auburn

Two first-inning runs weren't enough for the Clones, who were shut out over the final eight frames against the Doubledays.

Brooklyn starter Kevin Canelon rebounded from a horrendous first start of the season, giving up just a run in each of the first two innings and retiring the final 10 batters he faced, lowering his earned-run average to 8.59.

But manager Tom Gamboa called on Jose Celas to pitch the sixth inning, and the righty promptly gave up backto-back singles before being done in by an error from Enmanuel Zabala, which allowed the winning run to score.

Vinny Siena had three of the six Brooklyn hits and scored a run. David Thompson had two hits for the Cyclones.

All told, the Brooks struck out seven times — with five coming in the last two innings against closer Koda Glover, who picked up the first save of his young career in dramatic fashion, striking out the side

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NBA DRAFT

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for 2016-17, raises the likelihood of the Nets bringing Lopez, who opted out of his option for next season, back. Plumlee was an effective energy player for the first half of last season, but struggled to mesh with Lopez when the latter returned from injury and played the best basketball of his career.

The acquisition of Blake, a 35-year-old journeyman, could mean the Nets will deal guard Jarrett Jack, a favorite of coach Lionel Hollins last season. A cagey perimeter defender and adequate ball distributor, Blake's \$2,170,465 salary is a nice value over Jack's \$6,300,000.

But there may be more than just economics at work here, particularly in the form of Hollis-Jefferson. A 6-foot-7 small forward out of Arizona, Hollis-Jefferson is right up Hollins's alley — a terrific defensive player who rebounds well and never takes a play off.

If only he could shoot.

He has no three-point range and lacks hands offensively. But that same skill-set hasn't prevented Grizzlies' guard Tony Allen from being an effective role player in the league, especially when Hollins coached that team before landing in Brooklyn. Hollis-Jefferson could end up being a key player for the Nets.

For his final act, King followed a popular NBA trend: copy the Spurs.

San Antonio has been a trendsetter for years while winning five of the last 17 championships. One of the earliest teams to embrace the kind of ball movement that teams leaguewide are attempting to generate these days, Spurs' management was also one of the first to recognize the analytics-backed value of relying more on the three-point shot. It was also the first to understand the cornucopia of talent located outside of the United States, and the value in drafting international players late and leaving them overseas to develop for several years. The prime example of this thinking was Argentinian guard Manu Ginobili, a potential Hall of Famer who also was one of the best draft picks in history (only three players were chosen later than Ginobili, the 57th pick, in the 1999 draft).

King obtained a draft-and-stash international prospect that some experts suspected was a Spurs target, trading two future second-



RAISING ARIZONA: Brooklyn's home team also netted Arizona forward Rondae Hollis-Jefferson.

Associated Press / Jae C. Hong

round picks to the Charlotte Hornets in exchange for the rights to the 39th overall pick in the draft, Juan Pablo Vaulet, a 19-year-old Argentinian guard who compares well to Ginobili.

An athletic 6-foot-6 slasher, he plays in his native Argentina for a team coached by Ginobili's brother.

He won't count against the cap because he'll stay in Argentina, but two second round picks could be a steep price for a player that is very raw. Still, like Hollis-Jefferson — and unlike his legendary countryman — Vaulet can't shoot. Not vet, anyway.

You can't fault the team for trying to hit home runs in this year's draft instead of settling for base hits.

It is the only choice it has after King dealt away numerous first- and second-round picks in exchange for washed-up, overpaid veterans that produced only minimal playoff success.

MALIGNAGGI

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started realizing it was something I missed and it was something I was still craving."

The 34-year-old Malignaggi said winning this fight is critical to continuing his career at the highest level. He isn't as patient as he used to be, and he saw this bout as a chance to immediately catapult his name back into title contention instead of slowly working his way there.

"The life of my professional boxing career, to continue, this is a must-win for sure," Malignaggi said. "At this level, you always feel like it is must-win, but in reality, to be a must-must-win, I feel like period.

the burden falls on me instead of Danny."

One thing that will help him is that the layoff gave Malignaggi an opportunity to rest while not thinking about his next bout.

"I gave myself plenty of time to rejuvenate a little bit before I got back in the gym," he said. "Then I decided, you know, that I miss this — I want to go back in the gym. I think the change of my mind was a good thing."

Once the decision to return was made, Malignaggi, who is also a well-regarded boxing commentator, spent the most time at the gym he has in his whole career. Having the O'Connor fight fall through further extended his training

"I haven't trained this consistently in a decade," Malignaggi said. "Since I fought Miguel Cotto, I started making pretty good money - after that, I haven't stayed all year in the gym. I do feel sharpness in the gym. I do feel the timing is really good, and my weight has come down."

He will be joined on the card by Brownsville boxer Danny Jacobs, who defends his middleweight world title against veteran Sergio Mora, the most seasoned competitor Jacobs has faced in his career.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge of testing myself against a slick, crafty veteran in Sergio Mora," Jacobs said. "I'm just trying to get that experience. It's important to me as young champion."

Family helped Papadakos excell in flag football

ootball was in Maria Papadakos's blood long before she became Fort Hamilton's flag football quarterback.

The senior grew up around the game as her brother Petros played football at Fort Hamilton and her other cousins ran the gridiron back in Boston. Papadakos recalled joining in the backyard games at family holiday parties, barbecues and gatherings in an attempt to fit in with them. She was a regular in their Thanksgiving Day contest.

"They are all older than me," she said. "To fit in and feel like you are one of them is pretty cool."

The skills that made her fit in then are the same that allowed her to stand out when she got to play quarterback for Fort Hamilton.

Once Papadakos heard Fort Hamilton was getting a flag football team, her parents told her to try out for the newly created squad knowing full well the impact she could make. Coach Richard Sherry immediately saw that this girl certainly didn't throw like one thanks to all those games with her family. Papadakos can easily and accurately throw the ball 40-45 yards down field.

"It's developed into her throwing the ball better than most boys." Sherry said. "She threw it once and I said, 'Ok we will be holding on to you."

Papadakos, who is also on Fort Hamilton's basketball and volleyball teams, played behind senior Virginia Mancuso as a freshman. She'd often come in to throw the deep ball, but picked up a few things from

"It was a good learning experience," she said. "My arm was better for the long ball and hers was short, so it was good to pick up how to play that short game."

Papadakos the got starting job and ran with it. She led the Tigers to a



JOE KNOWS

by Joe Staszewski

second consecutive city championship game appearance and lost in the semifinals the last two years. As a sophomore, she threw six touchdown passes and ran for one in a semifinal win over Lehman. She tossed three more scores in the final, but it wasn't enough.

Her skill and success on the field earned her flag football's Public School Athletic League's Wingate Award earlier this month, before she heads to Sacred Heart to study nursing in the fall. Not only was Papadakos a great individual talent, but a strong leader as well. Her skills and guidance allowed her teammates to get better and learn the game quicker.

"It's a little intimidating to the other girls when Maria is throwing to them, so they learn how to catch pretty quickly — because if they don't they will be hurt," Sherry joked.

It all started innocently enough with a few tosses of the football with her family, but it bloomed into much more for Papadakos and the Tigers. Fort Hamilton now has one of the top programs in the growing sport.

If you are a young boy or girl, don't be afraid to pick up a football, baseball, soccer ball, or any of the others. You never know where it may take you.

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COOP APARTMENT SE-CURITY BY VIRTUE OF A DEFAULT. Pursuant to a Mortgage and Security Agreement dated November 14, 2008 executed by Patricia Lawrence Haughton to Emigrant Funding Corporation secured party, in accordance with its rights as holder of the Security, Jessica Prince-Clateman, DCA #1097640, Vincent DeAngelis, DCA # 1127571, Karen Loiacano, DCA #1435601, or Wilson, Liza DCA #1435604, will conduct a public sale of the security consisting of 359 shares of stock of Philip Howard Apartments Tenants Corp. (the 'Corporation") all right, title and interest in and to a Proprietary Lease between said Corporation and debtor for Apt. B404 Pursuant to a Judgment

property now or hereafter a ment on July 16, 2015 at 12:30P.M. on the front steps of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY 11201 in satisfaction of an indebtedness in the unpaid principal amount of \$395,459,82 plus interest, late fees, attorney fees, maintenance in arrears and all other charg-Apartment is sold "AS IS" AND POSSES-SION TO BE OBTAINED THE PURCHASER. Said sale is subject to: payment of all sums due, if any, to the Corporation and the consent if necessary, of said Corporation; existing anv tenancy: payment of all expenses and fees of the secured party with respect thereterms of sale and to: auctioneer's fees; flip-State, tax. City and County transfer tax. The secured party reserves the right to bid. Terms: an official bank or certified check made payable to Stagg, Terenzi, Confusione & Wabnik, LLP for ten (10%) percent of price bid. Jessica Prince-Clateman, DCA #1097640, Vincent De-Angelis. DCA # 1127571, Karen Loiacano, DCA #1435601, or Liza Wilson, DCA #1435604 Stagg, Terenzi, Confusione & Wabnik, (Escrowee) (516)812-4500 STAGG. TERENZI, CONFUSIONE & WABNIK, LLP Attorneys for Emigrant Fundina Corporation 401 FRANK-LIN AVENUE SUITE 300

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Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Court, Supreme Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 30, 2015 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1687 East 48th Street. Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and

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\$787,438.08 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 4799/12. Julie Clark, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Elliott, LLP, 565 Taxter 590. Road. Ste. Flmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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Ave., Brooklyn, NY a/k/a ors, and assignees of Block 1941, Lot 5. Арprox. amt. of judgment is \$1,103,316.67 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. ALAN LEVIN, Referee. **FRENKEL** LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GOR-DON, Attys. for Pltf., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY. File No. 31446-#86187.

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PUBLIC NOTICE: Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing husiness Verizon as Wireless (Verizon Wireless) is proposing to loroof-top wireless cate telecommunications tennas at an overall height of 74 feet above ground level at 4217 16th Avenue, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York 11204. Public comments regarding potential effects from the site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Marianne Walsh, E2PM, 87 Hibernia Avenue, Rockaway, NJ 07866, by email to: m а anne.walsh@e2pm.com, phone: (973)299-5200. Please refer to E2PM Tracking Number P-15-08-37."

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUM-MONS **INDEX** NO. 502133/2014 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS Plaintiff designates Kings County as the place of trial situs of real property NA-MORTGAGE **TIONSTAR** LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES T0 THE ESTATE OF HENRY GEI-GER; if living, and if they be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in 23, 2014, I will sell at namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, deexecutors. devisees, 1655 Flatbush Avenue, duly filed on February 26, 16, 2015 at 2:30 p.m., legatees, creditors, trus- summons is not person-

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all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives. widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated. are unknown to plaintiff; TAI RON GEIGER AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE 0F THE ESTATE OF HENRY GEIGER; HENRY GEIGER, AS HEIR AND DIS-TRIBUTEE OF THE ES-TATE OF HENRY GEIGER; SHANIQUE GEIGER AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF HEN-RY MONIQUE GEIGER; GEIGER AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ES-TATE OF HENRY GEIGER; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOP-MENT, DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COM-PANY, AS TRUSTEE IN TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT ΛF THE CERTIFICATE-HOLDER **ABFC** FOR 2005-AQI TRUST, AS-SET-BACKED CERTIFI-CATES, **SERIES** NEW YORK 2005-AQ1. CITY **ENVIRONMENTAL** CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIO-LATIONS BUREAU, PEO-PLE OF THE STATE OF UNITED NFW YORK. STATES 0F AMERICA, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or intended being parties the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defen-MORTGAGED dants. PREMISES: 418 Vermont Brooklyn, Street. NY 11207 Block: 3773 Lot: 134 To the above-named Defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the sure and sale dated Sept. the following designation, Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after ser-

LEGAL NOTICE in the State of New York) in the event the United States of America made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons: and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in complaint. ΩF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIFF SOUGHT THE OBJECT above caption action is to foreclosure a Mortgage to secure \$487,500.00 and interest, in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York in the County of KINGS on September 29, CRFN 2009000314391, covering premises known as 418 Vermont Street. Brooklyn, NY 11207. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Kings County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected

by this action is located in said county. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER 0F LOSING YOUR HOME. If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE AT-TORNEY FOR THE PLAIN-TIFF (MORTGAGE COM-PANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH COURT. Dated: February

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1282 BUSHWICK LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 6/3/15. Oflocation: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon

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the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 1282 Bushwick Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11207. General purpose.

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163 VERONICA PL LLC. domestic LLC, filed the SSNY 8/17/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent whom upon process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail to Y Aryeh, process 1608 Avenue O, Brooklyn, NY 11230. General purpose.

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2131 77 STREET LLC. domestic LLC, filed а with the SSNY 5/13/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent whom nogu process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 184 Glenmore Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11212. General purpose.

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266 GROUP LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 4/29/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, c/o Charles Borlam, 4041 Bedford Ave 11229. Brooklyn, NY General purpose.

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269-232 VB LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 4/27/15 Office: Kings Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served & mail copy to 1588 Beech St. Wantagh, NY 11793. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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353 OA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/06/15. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process be served. SSNY mav shall mail process to: The LLC, 353 Ocean Ave., Unit 2, Brooklyn, NY 11226. General Purpos-

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593 CIA LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 5/12/2015. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desigwhom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to 2108 58th The LLC, Street, Brooklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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609 MYRTLE AVE. P5 LLC. Art. of Org. filed SSNY the 02/03/15. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2390 McDonald Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any lawful pur-

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6901 REALTY LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 05/14/15. Kings Office location: County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Vincent M. Theurer, 6717 4th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11220. General purpose.

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815 BROADWAY EQUI-TIES LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 5/14/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent whom process upon against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 1575 50th St., 5th FL., Brooklyn, NY 11219. General purpose.

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ABADI ENTERPRISES LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 4/8/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent whom upon process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail to The LLC, process 1525 E. 5th St., Brooklyn, NY 11230. General purpose.

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Anytime Hair & Nail Spa LLC Arts of Org. filed 11/13/14. Office: Kings Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to 1111 Pennsylvania Ave Brooklyn NY 11207. Purwhom process against nated as agent upon pose: any lawful activity.

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BARUA 4125 71 LLC. Art. of Org. filed SSNY the 03/26/13. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 217 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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BROOKLYN FOOD ARTS LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 6/9/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, C/O Great Performances, 304 Hudson St., Ste. 201 NY, NY 10013. General purpose.

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CITITAX **ACCOUNTING** SERVICE LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 4/17/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 200 Wyckoff Ave.- Of-Brooklyn, fice. NY 11237. General purpose.

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CREATIVE WOODSHOP LLC, Arts. of Org. filed SSNY with the 12/03/2014. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has designated been agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Manuel A Sinchi, 6 Bay St., 4th FI, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: Any Lawful Pur-

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DELILAH FITNESS LLC. a domestic LLC. filed with the SSNY on Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent nogu

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against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Delilah Mulraine, 97 Brooklyn Ave., Ste. 3M, Brooklyn, NY 11216. General purpose.

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ECH Real Property LLC Arts of Org. filed NY Secy of State (SSNY) 4/17/15 Office: Kings Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to 101 7th Ave Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: any lawful ac-

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Forelius Investor, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY of State (SSNY) Sec. 6/1/2015. Office in Kings Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Jamie Anthony, Partners, Lonicera Smith St., Fl 2, Brooklyn, NY 11201, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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KRISNYX LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 3/23/2015. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, c/o Linda Drummond, 82 Benjamin Drive, Staten Island, NY 10303. Purpose: lawful act or activity.

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LINCOLN **REALTY** PARTNERS LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 2/10/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Michael Niamonitakis, 310 85th St., Ste. A2, Brooklyn, NY 11209. General purpose.

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Liu & C Property LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 5/21/15. Office: Kings. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall 4/28/15. Office location: mail copy to 4113 8th Ave 3fl Brooklyn, New York, 11232. Purpose: whom process any lawful activity.

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LUCERO LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 5/13/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC. 240 25TH St., Brooklyn, NY 11232. General purpose.

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Mbk Sports Management Group, LLC Arts of Ora, filed SSNY 5/28/15. Office: Kings Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to 85 Adams St. # 15d Brooklyn, New York, 11201. Purpose: lawful activity.

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MYRTLE VILLAGE LLC. domestic LLC, filed SSNY the on 4/22/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Matthew Webber, 593 Jefferson Brooklyn, Ave. 11221. General purpose.

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Bedford Courts LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 4/24/15. Off. Loc.: Kings Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 150 Myrtle Ave., Ste. 2, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: all lawful activities.

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Notice of Formation of Apollo Window & Supply LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 4/14/15. Office location: Kings County. NY Sec. of State designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, and shall mail process to 11 Aldgate Dr. Manhasset, NY 11030. Purpose: lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of Ashforth BCD Apartments Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 4/27/15. Office location: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: 707 Summer St., Stamford, CT 06901. Sec. of State designated vices.

agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011. Purpose: any lawful ac-

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Notice of Formation of BIG HARD DRIVE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/26/15. Oflocation: Kings fice Princ. office of County. LLC: 1125 Lorimer St., #3F Brooklyn, 11222. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of **BROOKLYN MATE, LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with

of State of NY Secv. (SSNY) on 03/18/15. Oflocation: County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o U.S. Corp. Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave., Ste 202, Brooklyn, 11228, regd. agent upon whom and at which process may be served. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Qualification of LINEA DE COSTA **LLC**. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 01/28/2015. Office Iocation: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: 147 Manhattan Avenue #2B Brooklyn, NY 11206. LLC formed in FL on 8/4/09. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC whom upon process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Rolando F Lineros / Mariana Renjifo, 147 Manhattan Avenue #2B Brooklyn, NY 11206. regd. agent upon whom process may be served. FL addr. of LLC: 1005 Meridian Ave #7 Miami, FL 33139. Cert. of Form. filed with FL Secretary of Florida State Dept. Divi-

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Notice of formation of FRUSTACI RE HOLDING LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Department of State on 5/13/2015. Office located in Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 257 54th Brooklyn, New Street, York 11220. Formed to engage in all lawful purposes.

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Notice of formation of INTERPRETER BOUTIQUE LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/04/14. Office in Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 125 Oceana Dr E. Apt. 3D Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability compa-(LLC). Name: 558 MAPLE STREET LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Ar-Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) 05/01/2015. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail οf process to: CODV THERESA M CAYENNE MAPLE STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11203. Purpose: any lawful purnose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: EVERY-MAN WORKS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of (SSNY) on 05/05/2015. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 344 UNION STREET BROOK-LYN, NY 11231. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Secretary of State of New New York (SSNY) on 02/18/2015. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O UNITED CORPORATION **STATES** AGENTS, INC. 7014 AVENUE, 13TH SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability compa-DENTAL LAB. LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/01/2015. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: WING DEN-TAL LAB, IIC 8416 21ST AVENUE APT A4 BROOKLYN, NY 11214. Purpose: any lawful pur-

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: KIMIA CONSULTING LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/12/2015. Office location: Kings County.
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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability compa-(LLC). Name: GUYA-CO FOOD & ROLLAS LLC. Articles ٥f Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) 06/19/2015. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: MARIO ECHE-VFRRIA 1356 PACIFIC STREET APARTMENT 1D BROOKLYN, NY 11216. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: FACES ny (LLC). Name: DUCK BY MADGE, LLC. Articles of Organization filed NY 12207. Purpose: any Organization filed with with Secretary of State of lawful purpose.

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(SSNY) on **NOTICE OF FORMATION** 04/22/2015. Office loca- of limited liability compa-(LLC). Name: GRAnv designated as agent of NYTE5 HOLDINGS LLC. LLC upon whom process Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/28/2015. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: GRA-NYTE5 HOLDINGS LLC 1325 **EAST** 37TH BROOKLYN, NY STRFFT Purpose: 10038. any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of MREG RSG-SHEF 773 HART MEMBER LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/11/15. Office loca-Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: c/o Mack Real Estate, 60 Columbus Circle, 20th Fl., NY, NY 10023. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of THE HERO LAB, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with of State of NY Secv (SSNY) on 05/20/15. Oflocation: Kings fice SSNY designat-County. ed as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, regd. agent upon DE 19901. Purp: any whom and at which process may be served. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Property Consultants New York LLC Arts of Org. filed NY Secy of State (SSNY) 6/11/15. Office: Kings Co. SSNY design, agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to 2829 Haring St. #1 Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: any lawful ac-

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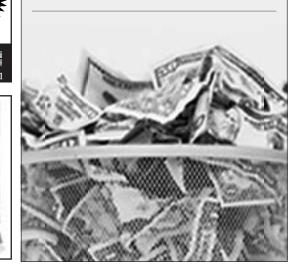
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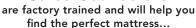
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