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Judge on pier tower: Work it out

BY LAUREN GILL

Don't hate ... negotiate!

Brooklyn Bridge Park officials and activists who are suing to stop the construction of two towers at Pier 6 in the park must try to work out a deal they both can live with, a judge admonished the two warring parties during a court hearing on April 12.

"What you would want to talk to them about is what changes you'd want to make to the project to make it more palatable for the community," Judge Lucy Billings told lawyers for the Brooklyn Heights Association civic group. "My first question when you come back [into court] is going to be how much dialogue you've had."

The influential association filed a lawsuit in July 2016 alleging the waterfront park is not living up to its agreement to limit housing within the park to the bare minimum needed to keep it financially solvent.

But the greensward honchos claim it needs cash from the payments the properties would make to park coffers to bug-proof the East River pier's timber pilings and keep them from being devoured by woodhungry crustaceans called Continued on page 12

HEIGHTS HORDE



Hop to it

Alexis Southerland Anekwe and her son Amari got into the Easter spirit at Fort Greene Park's egg hunt on April 15 with their bunny ears. For more on the festive frolic, **see page 5.**

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Locals want answer to park's overflow of kids

BY LAUREN GILL

Brooklyn Bridge Park is in foul trouble!

The corporation that runs the waterfront park must finally do something to keep hordes of rowdy kids from flooding a residential Brooklyn Heights street on their way to and from the green space, demands a local leader after cops shut part of the meadow for the second time this year on April 11, sending hundreds of teens down Joralemon Street.

"It's insane ... the park doesn't take any responsibility," said Linda DeRosa, president of the Willowtown Association, which is comprised of residents living in the southwest pocket of Brooklyn Heights. "They've done the same procedure time and time again, and it doesn't work. It's time for the park to re-evaluate how they operate."

Police closed the entrance to Pier 2 — which houses basketball and handball courts and a roller rink — around 4:10 pm last Tuesday due to a "crowd condition," according to a police spokesman. They

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Rep: Have it both ways

Congressman believes two-way tolls would speed traffic

BY COLIN MIXSON

Truth be tolled, one local congressman thinks it's time for a change.

Staten Island Rep. Dan Donovan has asked the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to study the impact of reestablishing a two-way toll on the Verrazano Bridge, which would nix the current one-way toll that's been blamed for rush-hour traffic jams that stretch as far north as Gowanus and Park Slope.

As the Staten Island Rep for a Republican-dominated House, Donovan's support would be crucial for any changes to the federally-controlled Verrazano Bridge, and his sudden interest in a new study is a good sign that change may finally be coming to the span's loathsome toll structure, according to Community Board 6 District Manager Craig Hammerman.

"If there's a sense conveyed to the government and MTA that there is interest and support on both sides of the Verrazano Bridge for this, then I don't see how this wouldn't happen," said Hammerman, who in January fired off a letter to Gov. Cuomo requesting a similar study of a two-way toll's impact.

Designed to appease denizens of New York's other island borough, the bridge's current one-way toll exists — bizarrely — thanks to a 1986 Act of Congress, making it the state's only municipal span governed by federal lawmak-

Back in the dystopian helter-skelter of the early 1980s, Staten Island voters kicked up a fuss about pollution generated by the Verrazano's massive toll plaza, which ensnared traffic on the other borough's side of the span.

But the new toll structure not only benefitted Richmond County residents, but also



TAKING A TOLL: Ridge Rep. Dan Donovan says he wants the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to study changing the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge to a two-way toll.

commuters from Dirty Jersey, who realized they could take advantage of the new one-way toll — which only taxes drivers headed into Staten Island — and save money on their trip by taking the bridge into Brooklyn instead of the tunnels into Manhattan.

And the toll-skipping scheme is especially cost-saving for truckers, who can be taxed more than seven-times what passenger cars pay for a trip across the bridge.

In the more than three decades between then and now, transit advocates throughout Brooklyn and Lower Manhattan — including Board 6, Bay Ridge's Community Board 10, and Democratic Rep. Jerrold Nadler — have called for drivers to be once again taxed heading in both directions along the Verrazano, citing traffic concerns and lost revenue.

But Staten Island congressmen have routinely thwarted

change on behalf of their rightof-center constituency, making the reform impossible in a congress that — barring a few years during former President Obama's first term — has been dominated by Republicans.

But Hammerman renewed the push for a two-way toll with his January letter to Cuomo in light of new cashless toll technology, which, in combination with the EZ-Pass, allows drivers to breeze across the bridge without stopping to pay a toll, relieving Staten Islanders of their pollution argument when it comes to preserving the one-way tax scheme.

At the time, a rep for Donovan told this paper the congressman wouldn't support any changes without a study proving its efficacy, and his comments proved to be more than just hot air after the federal lawmaker fired off a letter to acting MTA chairman Fernando Ferrer requesting a study to determine the traf-

fic and revenue generating impacts of the toll change.

Donovan's newfound interest in the Verrazano comes as a very welcome development in the long push for reason, according to Hammerman.

"Having Donovan on board would obviously be extremely helpful, if not critical to making this happen," the district manager said.

The congressman went on to indicate that if a study found that a two-way toll would create positive change, he'd be more than happy to support it.

"If the MTA is going to recoup the millions of dollars they're losing now by having a one-way-toll and it doesn't cause more traffic — in fact it lessens traffic — and we could use some of that revenue that they would now generate to help the people of Brooklyn and Staten Island, then it is something I would very much

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NOTHING TO BEER: Owners of the soon-to-open Black Forest restaurant in Boerum Hill say they will keep it like their sister location in Fort Greene, where drinking stays indoors.

Beer hall-elujah!

Boerum Hill restaurant owners say drinking stays inside

BY LAUREN GILL

It's a kinder garden!

The owner of a soon-toopen German restaurant in Boerum Hill promised he won't put a beer garden in its backyard after learning locals thought it would be a nuisance — and nixing the plan would make their quest for a liquor license go down smooth.

Speaking at liquor license hearing at Community Board 2, Tobias Holler said he would shelve plans to sell brews in the back the second incarnation of his Black Forest restaurant if it will keep neighbors happy.

"We felt it was the right thing to do to not start on a bad foot," he said.

Boerum Hillers began rallying against the plan in late March when a sign on the storefront at the corner of Smith and Warren streets announced plans to sell booze in its L-shaped backyard that is surrounded by six apartments.

That prompted Holler and his wife, who also run a Black Forest restaurant on Fulton Street in Fort Greene, to consider other, quieter uses for the space, including growing tomatoes or employee parking,

Once residents learned of the new plans, they ended their opposition, and the committee approved the application unanimously.

Of course, it is only a promise, and owners won't rule out eventually selling hooch there.

But one Fort Greener who frequents the Fulton Street outpost said that locals have nothing to worry about, painting the eatery as a place for people to get a meal and a beer, not spend their entire night wildly chugging Hoegaardens.

"It's really much more of a restaurant, it's very casual," said the local.

And Holler assured residents that can expect the same G-rated atmosphere in Boerum Hill.

"We'll run the same family type restaurant as our sister restaurant," he said.

Rat-a-tat-tat

Drummer claims he scared off rodents before city slapped him with fine

BY COLIN MIXSON

He's the pied drummer of Park Slope!

The city wrongly slapped a Park Sloper with \$600 in fines when inspectors found evidence of rats infesting his 15th Street building — because the homeowner insists he'd already driven the pests out by beating on his drum.

"The whole house had rats before, but since I started to play drums I found out none of them are in the house, they're afraid of the drumming," said Solomon Shlomo. "I want to open an investigation to find why I received two summons from nothing.'

The city's health department inspected Shlomo's pad between Fifth and Sixth avenues on two occasions following a 2015 fire that gutted the building's top floor, and discovered rat burrows and hair, in addition to piles of debris inspectors claimed would attract the pesky ro-

And Shlomo in no way denies the furry undesirables called his house a home once upon a time — but that they'd all fled well before city inspectors showed up as a result of his new-found drumming hobby, which he claims scared the bejesus out of his cheese-loving roommates.

"I was drumming and I had the rats, and all of a sudden, while I was drumming the rats were flying out," Shlomo said. "And in a couple of days I didn't have any rats."

Schlomo took his drumming defense to the city's Office of Hearings and Tribunals after receiving the summons, but judges there weren't hearing any of it.



DRUMMED OFF: Park Sloper Solomon Shlomo claims he drove out the rats infesting his 15th Street property by playing the drums.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

"They didn't believe me," Shlomo said. "They thought it was a hoax."

He then petitioned the mayor's office for relief from the fines, which he claimed forwarded his letters back to the Health Department, and Councilman Brad Lander's office was unable to get the agency to drop its case against the Park Slope man,

He now plans on writing Gov. Cuomo, whom he hopes will launch an investigation that will overturn the violations.

In the meantime, Shlomo plans on keeping up with his novel form of pest control.

"Every two or three days, I play a couple moments to make sure they don't come anymore," he said.

Surprise ending! Windsor Terrace Library re-opens on time

BY COLIN MIXSON

Windsor Terrace Library reopened on-schedule on April 10 following just shy a month's worth of rooftop renovations, undermining a time-honored Brooklyn Public Library tradition of failing to meet construction

FLASHBACK Shelved! WT library closed for at least a month

The Brooklyn book lend- mit the construction of a

of green technology namely, extensive plantings including perennial groundcovers and ornamental grasses — intended to save energy by keeping the library warmer in the winter

closed on March 13 to per- and cooler in the summer.

It is also supposed to proer's Windsor Terrace branch snazzy new roof outfitted vide a home for wildlife, such

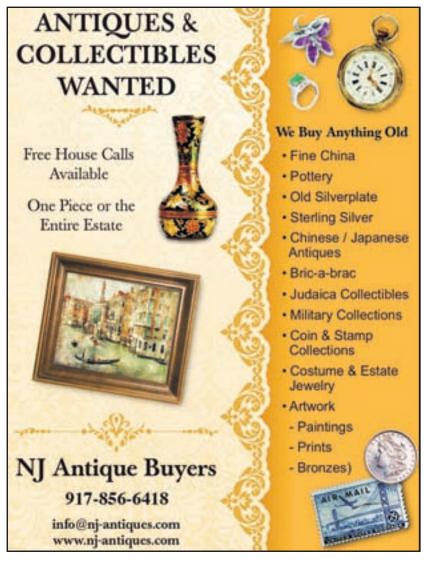
with \$250,000 worth as birds and bees, although likely not the book-reading squirrel featured in promotional renderings of the new library roof, which exists only in the imaginations of young readers.

The library is now open for its normal hours, although construction work will continue on the roof until some-

time during the summer.

lender's construction schedule appears to be progressing as planned, but the library system doesn't have the best track record when it comes to meeting renovation deadlines.

In the past, both the Fort Hamilton and Park Slope branches were closed for three years to accommodate renovations that were supposed to The Windsor Terrace book take only 18 months.





Game of musical planters continues

Shrubbery pots again pushed aside

BY LAUREN GILL

The plantergate saga continues!

Someone moved one of several large potted shrubs directly into the path of the Jay Street bike lane Downtown on April 14, the latest in a recent series of incidents in which the planters, installed by the city to deter illegal parking in the biking route, have been mysteriously relocated.

"There was just a big planter that's been moving left and right around Jay Street and it was squarely in the center of the bike lane," said Boerum Hill resident Matthew Wolsky, who encountered it as he biked to work during the morning rush hour.

He successfully navigated around the misplaced planter and continued on his way, but said he was convinced that whoever created the roadblock must have done it on purpose.

"I don't think it was an accident; it

was intentional," Wolsky said.

The city Department of Transportation put six of the pots in the striped channel between the bus and bike lanes last month, and scofflaws have been relentlessly shuffling them around ever since.

Workers for business booster group the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership have been given the Herculean task of moving the planters back when they're out of place, and now must rise to the challenge several times a week, according to a spokeswoman.

The shrub-shifting suspect remains unknown, but must be strong or have some help — it takes at least two Downtown Brooklyn Partnership workers to push each greenery holder back into its correct spot.

A transportation department spokeswoman said the agency was planning to notify the Partnership about the latest planter-moving inci-



OUT OF SEASON: The giant planter was sitting in the middle of the Jay Street bike lane on April 14. Christopher King

dent and refused to say whether it had yet cooked up a plan to keep the pots in one place.

In other Jay Street news, the city installed a plastic barrier with short posts, or bollards, sprouting out of it otherwise known as a "Qwick curb" on Monday in a bid to prevent drivers from parking in the bus lane alongside MetroTech. Wolsky called that move a welcome addition, but conceded that it, too, can be easily defeated by aggressive drivers.

"I think they're a great idea, it's some physical protection," he said. "You often see people driving right over the plastic ones, but it's certainly a step in the right direction."

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BUNNY BUSINESS: (Left) Four-year-old twins Cameron and Corey Moore attended their first egg hunt in Fort Greene Park on Saturday. (Right) Senara Walcott and Tissara Cassell try their hand at some crafts.

Tots hunt for Easter eggs

BY LAUREN GILL

Of course, there was egg-cite- hard for the colorful bounty ment was in the air!

youngsters brought their ing them down on the greengame faces to a fierce Easter egg hunt in Fort Greene Park on Saturday, according to one dad who witnessed the ac-

"There was a lot of competition and everybody was hustling," said Sean Moore, whose 4-year-old twins Cameron and Corey found five eggs.

the bunny "hid" 2,000 pieces Hundreds of pastel-clad of the treasure by just layspace's grass and beneath its trees, making it easy for the kids to collect their loot.

"They were basically right there where you could see fun," said Alexis Southerland them," Moore said.

It is unclear why the Easter Bunny — a magical creature who hides eggs once a year — didn't quite do his job,

But kids didn't have to look and, as usual, he could not be reached for comment.

> Along with the egg-travaganza, kids colored, creating crafts, and were visited by the furry face of the spring holiday, an appearance that made at least one little guy's day.

> "The bunny was so much Anekwe, who brought her 1-year-old son Amari and husband. "It was his first time seeing the Easter Bunny and he loved it."

Crossing the bridge

BY LAUREN GILL

It was a passion play!

Thousands of Christians commemorated the Passion of Jesus by marching over the Brooklyn Bridge during the 22nd Way of the Cross procession on Good Friday.

Believers walked behind a large wooden cross - carried this year by Bay Ridgite Vitaliy Kuzmin — from St. James Cathedral Basilica in Brooklyn Heights, over the span and into Manhattan, singing hymns during the journey, and listened to gospel passages as they reflected on their belief in Jesus's last days of life and resurrection.

The tradition of carrying the cross over the bridge came to Brooklyn in 1996 when a handful of people walked the span. Since then, it has grown to become a spring custom for thousands who kick off Easter by making the trek each year - a sentiment echoed by at one satisfied partici-

"It was just a good feeling, it's wonderful to start off a Good Friday in such a



THE WEIGHT: Bay Ridgite Vitaliy Kuzmin carried the cross for the annual "Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge" Good Friday procession on April 14.

Photo by Paul Martinka

lovely way with all of these people," said Bay Ridge resident Elizabeth Garry, who walked with her family.

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Bedford-Stuyvesant locals: Citi Bikes the ride stuff

Community group's pro-bike-sharing campaign turned skepticism to praise

BY ALEXANDRA SIMON

They went from not feeling it to seriously wheeling it.

Citi Bikes got a dubious reception when they arrived in Bedford-Stuyvesant in 2013; now, many locals are singing the bike-sharing program's praises.

Residents initially opposed the bikes and their space-hogging curbside docks because they saw them as evidence of encroaching gentrification, said a representative of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation, which launched a pro-Citi Bike campaign about a year after rows of the blue two-wheelers started showing up on area streets.

"The effort was challenging in neighborhoods going through gentrification, and I think oftentimes when people see change in their community, they see that change as another signal of that," said Tracey Capers, a vice president of the corporation, which surveyed Bedford-Stuyvesant locals and concluded that bike use in the



BIKE ON: Vice president of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Coroporation, Tracey Capers, fourth from left, and Councilman Robert E. Cornegy, put the pedal to the metal one of Restoration's community bike rides.

Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Coroporation

area should be encouraged.

"We were looking at the health of the neighborhood, jobs, and environmental development, and when Citi Bike came to the neighborhood we took that on as an effort to see how we can change the conversation," said Capers. "We mounted a multi-faceted plan and strategy of acceptance of

Citi Bike into the community."

Residents surveyed by Restoration representatives said they were concerned about the safety and affordability of Citi Bikes, how to operate them, and whether they were primarily intended to be used by newcomers to the area. Capers said the corporation responded by holding Citi Bike-themed

community events, and distributing brochures and posters around the neighborhood showing blacks and Latinos riding the bikes.

"We showed them that it can be used as a tool and it can be used by them," said Capers. "To create a culture of biking we held family-centered events with children so they can learn

to ride, and showed them that it was exercise, it's affordable, and it can save you time."

The Restoration Corporation has tracked the growth of the Citi Bike program since its arrival in Bedford-Stuyvesant, and reports that ridership spiked in the year between May 2015 and May 2016, rising 56 percent during that period as compared to a 46 percent jump citywide. The tally among residents of New York City Housing Authority developments in the neighborhood was even more dramatic, with Citi Bike trips skyrocketing 225 percent from May 2015 to May 2016.

Those results have convinced Capers and her Restoration Corporation colleagues that predominantly minority communities across the city should embrace Citi Bike.

"We want to get these [in] more [minority] communities because the bikes are more environmentally friendly, and they allow residents to commute efficiently and more comfortably in their neighborhoods," she said.



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FRESH ACTS: UniverSoul Circus's Fresh the Clowns, the Caribbean Dynasty dancers, Zeke the circus cohost, and Sifiso showcased some of their moves for children at the Madison Sqaure Boys and Girls Club in East Flatbush. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Clowning around

Circus surprises East Flatbush kids

BY ALEXANDRA SIMON

It was non-stop Big Top.

Dozens of Brooklyn youths got an entertaining springtime surprise last week when the colorful, boisterous UniverSoul Circus came roaring through their East Flatbush youth center.

The much-publicized circus, currently on tour around the city, paid a rare neighborhood visit to nearly 100 underserved kids at the Madison Square Boys and Girls Club on Bedford Avenue on April 14, and was received with waves of laughter and cheers.

"It was a very a unique opportunity because it's not every day a circus comes to you versus you going to the circus," said Stan King, clubhouse director at the youth center. "Some parents might not have the means to take their kids to a circus, so the fact that they were able to come to the Boys and Girls club and perform for our crowd was a positive thing."

The brightly-costumed performers had their young audience in awe with breathtaking acrobatics, limbo and balancing acts, and a dance exhibition-off. After the theatrics, they fielded questions about the 23-year-old traveling circus from curious youngsters, who had a lot to ask.

"They were speaking to our young people and telling them about the history behind the circus, how it was founded, and why they bring acts from around the world," King said. "It was an absolutely great and wonderful opportunity for the kids to comment and they were very happy to answer their questions."

The Madison Square Boys and Girls Club operates facilities in the Bronx and Brooklyn, serving mostly youths of color ages 6 through 18, and saw the UniverSoul appearance as a coup.

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Smashed

Cops busted a man for driving drunk after he allegedly fled the scene of a Park Place collision on

The arresting officer reported he was two blocks away from the accident near Vanderbilt Avenue at 6:30 pm, when two men flagged him down and claimed they were rearended by the suspect, who then took off on foot.

The men were following the suspect when they spotted the patrolmen, cops said.

Upon detaining the suspect, the officer found he reeked of booze and tests later revealed he had a bloodalcohol content of .197, more than twice the legal limit, said cops.

Import export

A thief drove off with a woman's Toyota four-door she parked on Second Street on April 5.

The victim told police that she left her Japanese import between Fifth and Sixth avenues at 3:30 pm, and returned the following day to find a completely different car in place of her gray sedan.

April fools

Cops busted a 37-year-old man who they say stole packages containing women's clothing from a Sixth Avenue apartment building on April 1.

The victim told police she lives at the property between 14th and 15th streets, where deliveries of kimonos and skirts she was expecting were snatched from the lobby.

The woman went to the building's superintendent, who turned over surveillance footage showing the suspect grabbing the victim's stuff at 1:30 pm that day, cops said.

Feel the beat

Two men were arrested for allegedly beating a man on Carroll Street on April 4.

The victim told police he was between Nevins Street and Third Avenue at 4:30 pm when one of the suspects socked him in the face, opening up a gash over his left eye.

Andrew Jacked

Some con ripped off a Fifth Avenue market on April 6, buying eggs with a fake \$20.

An employee told police he was working behind the counter of the quickie mart between 13th and 14th streets at 6:30 pm, when the man purchased a carton of eggs with the bogus bill, and he handed over a fistful of actual cash in change.

Poor shelter



without warning inside a Ninth Avenue homeless shelter on April 8.

The victim told police she was about to wash some dishes inside the refuge between Fifth and Sixth avenues at 9 am, when the suspect suddenly grabbed her and hurled her across the room seemingly with-— Colin Mixson out reason.

76TH PRECINCT

CARROLL GARDENS-COBBLE HILL -RED HOOK

Two against one

Two goons punched a woman in the face and tried to grab her purse on Columbia Street on April 14, police said.

The 29-year-old woman told police she was walking near Dwight Street at about 2:10 pm when the two bruisers waved her over and one of them then punched her in the mouth and tried to grab her purse.

One of the criminals said, "Gimme your bag or I'll shoot you," but he didn't show a firearm, according to police. The curs fled without her purse and the woman was taken to a nearby hospital, officials said.

Bike snatcher

Some punk stole a guy's bike he locked up on Union Street on April 15, police said.

The victim told police he had parked his gray-framed two-wheeler with red handles near Columbia Street at 11 pm and headed out to a party for three hours, but when he returned to his ride at 1 am, it was gone, according to authorities.

Stolen film

A malefactor carted away thousands of dollars in film equipment from outside a film site on Columbia Street sometime between April 13 and April 14, police said.

The baddie ran off with an Apple laptop, two Canon cameras, memory cards, and batteries from the site near the Gowanus Bay Terminal between April 13 at 6:30 am to 7 pm the next day, said police.

Tool thief

A nogoodnik took off with a handful of tools from a guy's commercial van parked on Atlantic Avenue on April 14, police said.

The victim told police he parked the white 2012 van between Court and Clinton streets at 8:45 am and Some creep attacked a woman when he went back, the rear door

was open and there was damage to the glass door and key hole. The sneak swiped sanders and a jigsaw, officials said. — Julianne Cuba

84TH PRECINCT

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Knock out

Some lout with a gun bashed two guys and stole one kid's phone and wallet on Columbia Place on April

The victims told police that the jerk flashed his gray firearm and hissed, "Take off your belt" near Joralemon Street at 6 pm. He then struck one guy in the face — a blow that left him unconscious.

Next, the brute kicked the kid, causing him to drop his phone and wallet, grabbed the loot, and fled, according to a report.

Teen trauma

A crew of baddies attacked and robbed an 18-year-old girl on Doughty Street on April 11.

The teenager was near Furman Street at 4:30 pm when an acquaintance and seven unknown villains punched and kicked her, knocking her to the ground, cops said. The filcher then took the girl's phone out of her hand, along with her Metro-Card, and fled, according to cops.

Grab and go

A sneak stole a woman's wallet from her bag as she was shopping in a Fulton Street store on April 12.

The woman was browsing at the store between Bridge and Duffield streets at 5:30 pm and had her purse open in a shopping cart, a report said. She briefly turned away and pivoted back around to find that a weasel had taken her wallet.

She told police a woman had handed her a dress while her back was turned, and that could have been an attempt to distract her.

Cash splash

A trio of nogoodniks punched and stole \$5,000 from a woman on Atlantic Avenue on April 13 after threatening to shoot her.

The victim was near Hoyt Street at 8:05 pm when an acquaintance forcibly grabbed her and took the wad of cash, threatening, "B----, shut up or we gonna shoot you," and punched her in the face.

A couple of cads also assisted in

the heist, then climbed into a Nissan Altima that sped away.

Unanswered prayers

Some snake stole a woman's bag from a Montague Street church on April 15.

The lady told cops she placed her bag — containing \$180 — on the coat rack at the house of worship near Clinton Street at 12:30 pm, and when she returned from work to retrieve it, it was gone.

88TH PRECINCT

FORT GREENE-CLINTON HILL

Senior scuffle

Cops cuffed a 79-year-old man who allegedly hit his fellow senior in the head with a cane in a S. Oxford Street nursing home on April

The suspect bashed his 73-yearold victim on the noggin with the stick in the home near Hanson Place around 1 am after the pair got into a verbal dispute, police said. The victim sustained a fracture from the blow, according to a report.

Mugged

A pair of punks stole \$1,400 from a guy as he was strolling on Fleet Walk on April 13.

The 57-year-old victim was near Prince Street at 5 am when two baddies grabbed him by the collar as he passed, held an unknown object to the back of his head, and snarled "Don't move."

The creeps then reached into his pockets, took the cash, and fled, according to a report.

Bejeweled

A burglar broke into a S. Portland Avenue home and took \$2,600 worth of jewelry while its owner was gone for the day on April 12.

The victim told police she left the apartment near Lafayette Avenue at 9 am and returned at 7 pm to find that the snake had chipped fresh paint off the front door, cops said. Once inside, she discovered the heister had stolen a gold and diamond ring, vintage ring, silver watch, and gold ring band, cops said.

App snap

Some thief pretending to have a gun stole \$120 from a Lyft driver after he picked him up on Court Street on April 15.

The baddie got into the driver's car near Carroll Street at 12:20 am, simulated having a gun, and demanded his money, which he handed over.

Then, at approximately 3 pm, the driver picked up the cad on Navy Street and the nogoodnik requested that he take a picture of him. The driver sent the snap to the lout's phone and he fled. — Lauren Gill



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Insiders: Election pick Golden power-play

Plus Gentile's district attorney run, and race to replace his seat heats up

he Board of Elections named a new Republican chief clerk one year after the infamous April 2016 voter purge, which slashed more than 120,000 voters from the rolls during the contentious New York presidential primary between Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton.

Bay Ridgite Ray Riley a former staffer of state Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge) who now works at Maimonides Medical Center — will replace Diane Haslett-Rudiano at the end of the month, filling the six-figure position she was suspended without pay two days after the purge.

Riley will start his new gig on April 30, a Board of Elections spokeswoman said. And Haslett-Rudiano's Democratic counterpart Betty Ann Canizio remains suspended without pay, the spokeswoman said.

This being Brooklyn's fractured Republican Party, the move of course comes with some controversy.

Some conservative politicos are charging Riley has



been hand-picked by state Sen. Marty Golden in yet another move to maintain his political

It is customary for county leaders to pull strings to get their allies high-paying gigs on the board, and in this case it should have been newly elected Kings County Republican Chairman Ted Ghorra to name the new guy — but sources say it was Golden who gave the nod to appoint Riley.

"The chairman should have been the one to pick. Ghorra

would have nothing to do with. Marty was definitely behind that," one source said. "Ray's never worked at the Board of Elections. This is patronage."

Other sources claimed days after the purge that Golden had chosen Republican Brooklyn Board of Elections commissioner Simon Shamoun in exchange for internal favors, like allegedly shredding competitor's petitions.

And appointing Riley is just Golden's way of trying to gain more power, said an election attorney familiar with Brooklyn politics.

"He was always one of the main organizers of Marty's campaign," he said. "And it's just another example of consolidating his power at the Board of Elections."

Golden did not respond to requests for comments, but a former consultant for the senator said it makes perfect sense that Riley was appointed to the board and obviously his anti-faction would spew that kind of nonsense.

"Not surprising that he

ended up with a prestigious job at Maimonides, and it's not surprising he would end up at the Board of Elections," said Gerry O'Brien, who left the Republican Party and is now an independent. "I would find it difficult to believe that Ted and Marty weren't on the same page about this. They seem to be working very closely with each other. The anti-Golden camp, of course you're going to say, 'he's just doing what he's told."

But Ghorra insists he had an even hand in selecting Riley, and that Golden was busy in Albany when discussions were taking place.

"I was consulted on the county clerk position concerning Ray Riley, there is no disagreement with anyone regarding his selection and Senator Golden was occupied with Senate and constituency matters - not this issue," said Ghorra in an e-mailed stated.

Ghorra did not return an e-mail asking if he consulted Golden at all about the pick by nress time

Riley could not be reached

He's a favorable

Term-limited Councilman Vincent Gentile (D-Bay Ridge), who is vying to become the borough's next district attorney, came out on top in a new poll he commissioned in which voters were asked if they have a "favorable opinion" of him and five other candidates running for the seat.

Gentile topped the charts with 21 percent answering "favorable," beating interim District Attorney Eric Gonzalez by two percent.

But Gonzalez would still win according to the poll, with 15 percent saying they would vote for him, four percent more than those who said they would cast a ballot for Gentile.

But nearly half the voters 48 percent — say they are still undecided.

Gentile used some cash from his more than \$85,000 in his campaign coffers to launch a poll through North Carolina-based Public Policy

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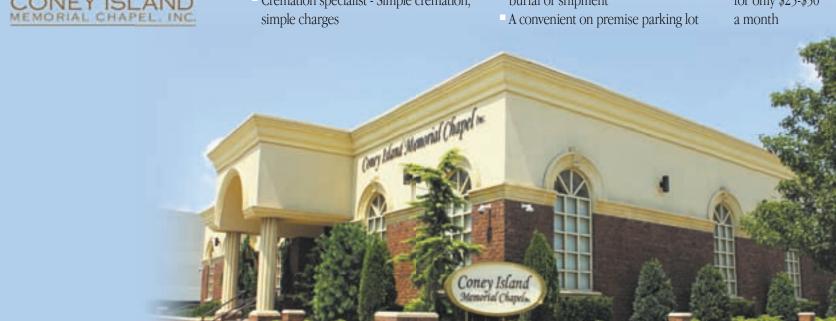
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subsequently closed off the adjacent greenway and entrance on Old Fulton Street once they were filled to the brim, too, he

Neither police or the Brooklyn Bridge Park Corporation gave details on why cops closed part of the meadow, but one kid told the Brooklyn Eagle that multiple fights had broken out.

And a 15-year-old girl alleged that several people punched and kicked her as she was on Doughty and Furman streets by Pier 1 around 3:03 pm, knocking her to the ground. While she was down, a female acquaintance stole her phone and MetroCard, according to police.

The closure sent hundreds of kids out of the park and onto Brooklyn Heights streets such as Joralemon Street as they walked back Downtown - an episode that neighbors say has become all too familiar.

Residents demanded last year that the park get its act together and do something to alleviate the heavy foot traffic of kids — some of whom they say vandalize property and harass locals — after cops shut

the pier five times in less than a month. The issue was revisited when authorities had to close a slice of the park during an unseasonably warm February day this year.

DeRosa and the park's Community Advisory Council ultimately came up with a crowd-control plan for the brownstone-lined street, including dispersing kids to other entrances such as Atlantic Avenue and hiring a youth coordinator to oversee activities on the pier. It was supposed to go into action at the beginning of the month but hasn't, according to the group's leader.

"We put forward recommendations that could avoid this sort of thing and they haven't been put into place," said Peter LaBonte, who is president of the volunteer council. "Unless they put this stuff into place, it's hard to say how bad it's going to be this summer."

Borough President Adams has gotten in on the action too — he allocated taxpayer dollars to fund security cameras along Joralemon Street, though that deal has not been finalized. The 84th precinct also added 23 more cops to the park beat last summer to help tackle the problem.

Kids are off from school this week and the community centers at the public housing complexes are closed to coincide with the break, leaving kids with nowhere else to go, according to LaShawn Doyle, who helps run the Ingersoll Houses recreation hub and sits on the advisory council.

On Tuesday, the park was hosting a three-on-three basketball tournament when police stepped in.

Honchos at the corporation say they are aware of the issue, but are just waiting for new president Eric Landau to come aboard to hash out a plan to fix it, according to a spokesman.

But conversations up until now have had little impact, said DeRosa, who says it's high time for the corporation to finally take steps to deal with the disruptions at the park that regularly prompt the police to shut it down.

"Iknowmygroupgoesdown there, we have a dialogue, and they don't care, they don't want to make changes," she said. "If my house is on fire every five months for three years, and I have to keep on calling the fire department, after three years, it's like maybe I should fix my house or something," she said.

PIER 6

marine borers.

The proceedings began with a bizarre exchange between Billings and Heights Association attorney Richard Ziegler during which she appeared to misinterpret the crux of the case as being about the cost of the towers.

"Even if they spend less money on the project and only spent what they need to fund maintenance operation of the park, the resulting project you get may not be any more desirable," she said.

"You can have a project that's much more desirable to the community that's much more expensive rather than using as much resources from the city," Billings said

Ziegler explained to the judge that the case is actually about whether the park already has enough cash to pay for its upkeep.

"It's not a question of how much money is spent, it's a question of how much money they need to spend," he said.

And lawyers for the park told Billings they were convinced the Heights Association wouldn't budge from

its stance unless the deal involved changing the project significantly, including eliminating the 100 below-marketrate units in the shorter of the buildings.

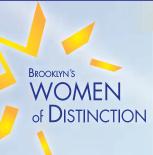
"There's no indication that anything short of preventing affordable housing and changing the project in a major way" would be sat-isfactory, said park attorney Haley Stein.

Park activists, however, have argued that they're not opposed to below-market-rate digs at the site, and have been rallying against the project since before that component was introduced in 2015, said Ziegler.

The proceedings were interrupted when Billings called both sides into her chambers for a lengthy discussion, during which she urged them to negotiate a possible truce.

Lawyers for the park and the Heights Association later declined to comment on what was said in Billings's chambers, although the civic group has previously suggested compromises, such as moving the proposed affordable housing to the park's headquarters on Furman Street in exchange for reducing the height of one of the towers.

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Chaos in Coney

Panic spreads after false reports of gunshots

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK

Pandemonium erupted in Coney Island Sunday when someone threw a glass bottle and amusement parkgoers mistook the sound for gunshots, according to police. A wave of panic swept the crowd and even those who didn't hear the supposed gunfire began running for their lives.

"I honestly didn't hear much, but I saw everybody running away and I didn't want to stick around and find out why," said Coney Islander Joaquin Marshall, who was out with friends when the confusion ensued. "People were tripping all over themselves trying to get out of there. I thought it must be gunshots."

A panicked stampede of friends and family formerly enjoying their Easter Sunday at the People's Playground poured out of Luna Park and fled on Surf Avenue.

Locals trampled each other



CHAOS: Confused Coney Islanders took to social media after hearing what they thought was gunshots near Luna Park on Easter.

as they dashed down the thoroughfare, parents scooped up their children as they ran, and people raced into restaurants to escape what they thought was a shooting.

One Surf Avenue eatery even lowered its metal gate to protect its patrons.

"We closed the gate to protect people," said Bensonhurster Elez Bucaj, who owns the Surf City restaurant on Surf Avenue at W. 10th Street near the Cyclone. "People

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ON THE HUNT: Police are looking for this guy, who they say pulled out his gentials in York Street station.

Police: Guy pulled out junk at York St.

BY LAUREN GILL

Police are searching for a guy who they say pulled out his junk and kept it there for all to see in the York Street subway station on March 7.

The man exposed his genitals for approximately five to seven minutes as he stood on the platform, and then hopped on a Coney Island-

bound F train, according to authorities, who described him as about 35-years-old, 5-foot-9 and 180 pounds with a bald head.

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Polling, which surveyed 630 likely Democratic primary voters in Kings County from April 6 to April 9.

Others running for the seat include Patricia Gatling, Ama Dwimoh, Anne Swern, and Marc Fleidner.

The results are just as the senior lawmaker suspected, he said.

"It was the campaign's idea to see what the lay of the land is in the race. There was no guarantee about that, it just so happens the results show that I had a very strong showing," Gentile said.

But Gentile is also actively courting voters — including those who are just old enough to cast their first ballot through social media. His campaign launched a 90-second video across multiple platforms, including Facebook and Instagram, to highlight why



SOCIAL MEDIA STAR: Bay Ridge Councilman Vincent Gentile launched a 90-second district attorney campaign video on social media platforms.

has nothing to do with trying to get the young vote, said his campaign manager Samuel Powers.

"As part of that campaign launch, we purchased Facebook ads to run across the borough. It was less about targeting a specific demographic and more about making sure

he's running for the seat — it we were advertising our video across Brooklyn," he said. "Facebook is used by people of all ages and ethnicities, so we chose it simply because it's an easy way to reach a lot of people rather than radio or TV. The reason it was also on Instagram is a lot of individuals have their facebook connected to their Instagram."

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were running and screaming that they heard shooting."

But the fears were unfounded and police quashed

the frenzy on social media.

"All reports of any shooting by the amusement area in Coney Island are false," stated a tweet by the 60th Precinct's Twitter account. "There were no shots fired or anyone shot."

The incident comes just two

days after Amtrak police in Penn Station used a stun gun on a man - sending commuters scrambling for safety after they mistook the sound for gunfire.

A police investigation is ongoing, officials said.

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consider," Donovan said.

In response to Donovan's request, Transit Authority president Donald Spero wrote in a letter dated April 4, "we are certainly willing to look at these potential impacts," but stopped short of confirming an actual study is underway. A request for clarification from the transit authority only yielded greater confusion, with spokesman Chris McKniff

pulling back on Spero's comment and stating Donovan's request was merely under evaluation.

The congressman seems to feel differently. In an April 14 letter to Spero, Donovan wrote that he was "pleased that your agency will analyze commercial vehicle routes, traffic impacts on Staten Island and Brooklyn roads, and revenue impacts as part of your review," and asked the agency president to "please share an approximate timeline for your analysis."

CIRCUS

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when kids need us the most. It's something that is really needed in the community and being able to partner with the circus for entertainment and activities, gives the kids a chance to see something positive and that uplifting," King

The clubhouse director admitted that he, too, was entertained, but got a bigger thrill watching the joy the event brought the kids.

"Pretty much I loved everything, and I loved to see the impact and the smiles it put on the young peoples faces — that was the greatest moment for me," he said.

The single-ring UniverSoul Circus was established in 1994 by Cedric Walker, who had a vision to create a circus featuring a large percentage of performers of color. He recruited internationally, and currently the Atlantabased circus features performers from more than 20 countries worldwide.



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RAVE-DICULOUS: Locals such as Carmen Torres are concerned about the debauchery a wave of raves at Sunset Park warehouses is generating.

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Rage against raves

Locals: Rowdy Sunset Park parties are draining neighborhood police resources

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK

Call it party politics.

The waterfront warehouses hosting rowdy raves in Sunset Park must beef up security or risk a crack down on their massive dance parties, say locals, but the party people want to parlay with police and residents in the hope of keeping the parties going.

Companies near First Avenue rent out their spacious buildings for weekend dance parties on the side, but a spike in raves is clogging the area with thousands of raucous partygoers and creating a headache for the neighborhood, said one resident.

"Lately, people are just flooding the area, and it's a public safety issue," said Sunset Parker Carmen Torres. "They do drugs, get violent, and it just creates a hazard, especially when people go up to catch the train home."

Properties owned by the production company East of Hollywood and Utz Quality Food Inc. rent out their buildings near First Avenue in the 50s for weekend dance parties that host highprofile, big-draw artists such as electronic dance music sensation Tiesto, who has nearly five million followers on Twitter.

But the parties are clogging the area with thousands of revelers and the local precinct is having a hard time keeping up with the antics, said police.

"We can handle a couple of them, but when you have more than 30 a year, it's draining our resources from other parts of the command," said Lieutenant William Meyers, with the 72nd Precinct's special operations. "It's all extra resources being utilized because of these parties that could be going to other parts of the command to help with burglaries or robberies, when those issues arise."

In 2015 there were five raves, but that number ballooned to a whopping 33 in 2016, according to officials. Now the gatherings are a magnet for pick-pockets, a hot spot for drug activity, and can attract up to 10,000 people at a time when multiple parties converge, causing safety issues, according to police.

And since the soirees are near the shore, police fear that tipsy partygoers could make their way to the water and tumble in. It's a burden that could be eased if the landlords of party promoters provided added security, but for now, police fill the void, said Meyers.

"The area is right at the water and people can jump in," said Meyers. "The raves themselves do supply security, the only issue is they do security inside the raves. We not only supply security by the water, we then have to handle traffic."

But police and locals are just blowing the situation out of proportion, said a rep for one of the property owners.

"Our events are nothing like how the police department or the community are describing them," said Angela Correa, property manager for East of Hollywood's pair of warehouses on 52nd and 53rd streets near First Avenue. "We do everything professionally. We've always been willing to work with the community. And we plan to keep doing so."

East of Hollywood has hosted shindigs at its buildings since 2001 without any hullabaloo, but now that others have caught on, the area has simply become a hub for hopping parties, according to Correa.

Others feel they are already doing their fair share to protect parties, such as mandating their employees receive fire safety training from the city in case of emergency.

"We strive to produce safe events," said Robert Coma, a co-owner of TCE Presents, which hosts gatherings in a building operated by Utz Quality Food Inc. "We work with the community board, police, and there's a six-foot fence that barricades people from the water. I'm all about longevity."

Reps for warehouse owners and companies renting out space met with police and concerned locals at an April 13 public safety committee meeting at Community Board 7. Locals' fears did not fall on deaf ears, and those responsible for the raves said they will meet with locals again later this month, according to district manager Jeremy Laufer.

It's a good first step, said Torres.

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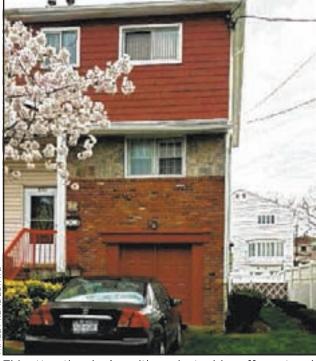
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Planter's afoot: Readers weigh in

In the latest installment of "Plantergate," one of several large potted shrubs installed by the city to deter illegal parking on Jay Street along the MetroTech complex in Downtown Brooklyn was mysteriously moved directly into the path of a bike lane - late last week. Since the Department of Transportation put six of the pots in the striped channel between the bus and bike lanes last month, scofflaws have been relentlessly shuffling them around. "Game of musical planters continues on Jay Street," by Lauren Gill, online April 17). The Downtown Brooklyn Partnership business group reports that several times a week, at least two of its workers have had the Herculean — and unenviable — task of moving the planters back when they're out of place. The identity of the mysterious shrub-shifter remains unknown, but now the transportation agency and the business-boosting partnership plan to talk about what might be done to keep the greenery holders in place. Our readers had some home-grown thoughts of their

This undermines trust in the policing and justice system, if someone from the police or court are so flagrantly breaking the law, and others in those institutions are doing nothing about it. NYPD not stopping it demonstrates either corruption or incompetence. Or both. dix

Given the existence of cameras on the buildings occupied by the courts, NYU, and National Grid, it's most peculiar that the perpetrators (or is it a lone wolf?), have not been identified. Who, if anyone, is reviewing the videos recorded by these cameras, do they end up in the trash, or does the NYPD hierarchy or other law-enforcement agency order them destroyed?

ujh makes a good point. Where

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SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

are the cameras? Where is the enforcement?

As a biker and car owner who uses both here, we may one day discover that more bikes mean fewer cars, not the inverse. Sure, moving the shrubs at midnight is giving pleasure to a few yahoos — time for it to stop, I guess. Enforcement, please.

Blogger Bill from Boerum Hill

For decades now, the NYPD has been completely incompetent at enforcing the most basic traffic and parking laws.

The city should create a new agency to handle traffic enforcement and and take that responsibility away from the NYPD. This new agency could be funded by the additional revenue the city would get by ticketing for sidewalk parking, speeding and other kinds of dangerous driving. NN from Boerum Hill

It's not incompetence. It's intentional. Traffic used to have a separate department. To enforce speeding or reckless driving you need to be a peace officer. Most traffic agents are not peace officers.

Only a few of the traffic agents from Harlem formerly Brooklyn are peace officers. The police department supervises the traffic agents. The police doesn't want traffic agents ticketing permit holders. They want the department that employs the permit holders to discipline them if necessary. In Manhattan's civic area the PD created a special enforcement unit. That works fairly well.

Frank from Furter

Look, I sort of feel like the Masujh from Downtown Brooklyn ter of the Obvious here, but if you replace the round-bottomed planters with square ones you'll have a lot fewer shenanigans. Just trust K. from ArKady

> Rep. Dan Donovan (R-Bay Ridge) has asked the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to study the impact of reestablishing a two-way toll on the Verrazano Bridge. It's a move that would eliminate the current oneway toll, which has been blamed for rush-hour traffic jams that stretch as far north as Gowanus and Park Slope ("Ridge Congressman touts returning twoway tolls to Verrazano Bridge,

by Colin Mixson, online April 17). Some readers tolled us what they thought:

I still think a better idea is just abolish the toll altogether, especially if the bonds have been long paid off. Wasn't that original purpose of the toll? Unfortunately, those who believe they should be sources of revenue is the reason why some like this one are astronomically high when they shouldn't be. Also, there are many who view tolling as double tipping, especially when their taxes for infrastructure are already paying for these crossings. The reason I say that is because I'm sure some of you went to restaurants where you told to leave a tip even though it was already included in the bill, and that's why I feel that tolls should be removed the moment the bonds used to build the said crossing or highway have been Tal Barzilai

from Pleasantville, NY

I agree that as long as the roundtrip toll equals the current one-way and the same E-Z pass discount to Staten Island residents is kept, then this isn't a big deal.

Sajh from Staten Island

Giving us a new toll is unfair! The toll is for the people coming from Brooklyn. They all wanna come here, then they want us to pay for it!!!! Tooty from Staten Island

Lower tolls on the Verrazano should be done in parallel with higher tolls for Manhattan-bound or Manhattan thru traffic.

Dave from Brooklyn

Look on the bright side: If the MTA approves it through a study, congestion on the Gowanus Expressway will be greatly reduced during rush hours thanks to open road tolling and will be breaking the chain of a phenomenon known as "Bridge Shopping."

Pedro Valdez Rivera Jr. from BS, BK, NY, US

Climate for a change

To the editor,

The world is changing faster than ever, and — for the most part millennials are rolling with the punches and seizing opportunities. However, we're also facing considerable headwinds: from an underperforming economy to an impending climate crisis.

Feelings of disillusionment threaten to spread far and wide amongst our peers as distrust in our government is at an all time high. But we can change the course of our future if we act now.

According to a recent report, 95 percent of young people believe we can create change in the U.S. And why wouldn't we believe that? Recently we've been encouraged by the amazing role of indigenous youth in rerouting the Dakota Access Pipeline and the emergence of 21 teens who are suing the government to protect the constitutional rights of future generations from climate pollution.

However, worryingly, the same study also reveals only 36 percent of millennials participate in demonstrations, protests, boycotts and marches, which are effective methods for getting organized and showing power. This number is far too low, and is unacceptable in response to the climate crisis, which Trump has dramatically exacerbated in his first 100 days, reversing years of progress on the issue.

On April 29, The People's Climate Movement will march in D.C. to resist Trump and fight for a safe climate for all. It's marches like these where we can see the manifestations of real shifts in power occur. A march is a catalyst that brings us into contact with other like-minded people, enables us to build relationships, and gives us a platform to stay active and voice our opinions.

Following the march, our challenge is to continue building the movement with grassroots organizations like The Climate Mobilization that are creating the road maps for change. Displays of power and purpose between elections can ultimately transition to voter turnout numbers and electoral victories in 2018 and 2020 if we remain orga-

Our generation has the opportunity to create a blueprint for a world that isn't controlled by an outdated and dangerous elite. Join me on April 29 as we mobilize and march together on the streets for rapid, systemic change. Jared Proudfoot

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A 'girl' by any name is always bestseller

f you're thinking of writing a bestseller, I've got a word of advice for you:

Girl

Put "Girl" in the title and you almost don't have to do anything else, except figure out a plot, some twists, and an ending. And don't forget to put a girl character in there, of course. She can be doing anything: Kicking a hornet's nest or sporting a dragon tattoo, like Stieg Larsson's epic sellers. Or she can be on a train, like Paula Hawkins' bestseller (turned into a leaden movie described by one Rotten Tomatoes reviewer as "Less like hopping on board a train and more climbing onto the bandwagon of dozens of Lifetime movies.") (Note, that didn't stop it from making \$170 million.)

Or the girl can be gone, like Gillian Flynn's chilling thriller. Or she can have pearl earring, or marry a lion, or fall from the sky, chase the moon, play with fire, or be interrupted. She can also love Tom Gordon. And recently I really enjoyed "The Girl You Left Behind," by Jojo Moyes. All those girls made it big on the bookshelves.



RHYMES WITH CRAZY

Lenore Skenazy

To make it big on television, apparently all a girl has to do is hang out with a bunch of her tormented friends who are trying to grow up, like "2 Broke Girls," "New Girl," or Lena Dunham's squad. Or she can have grown up so long ago that now the "girl" part is ironic. (See "Golden Girls," which, come to think of it, may have started something.)

Just a few years before all this girlishness, the book trend was "wife," as in "The

Paris Wife," "The Time Traveler's Wife" (best book ever), "The Kitchen God's Wife" (also the best book ever, weirdly enough). Not to mention, on television, "The Good Wife." But clearly the wives have been ditched for someone younger.

Last year an author named Emily St. John Mandel looked at 810 non-children's books with the word "Girl" in the title. She crunched some numbers and found that 79 percent of those were written by women, and yet 65 percent of the time the "girl" in the title is actually a woman.

So why call the woman a girl?

One theory holds that when we see the word "girl" we automatically feel protective and worried — more than we'd feel about a grown woman. But another theory is that mega best-sellers tend to inspire publishers to copy them slavishly and often. So once you have "Gone Girl" plus "Girl on a Train," nobody's going to bother with a "The Comedienne with the Lower Back Tattoo," or, "Young Female in Hyacinth

St. John Mandel noticed one other trend: When women write "Girl" books, the girl ends up alive 90 percent of the time. When men put "Girl" in the title, only 68 percent make it out alive. Gee thanks, guys.

Anyway, if you're looking for a title for that bestseller of yours, I've got some suggestions:

The Girl Last Seen Running Away from a Bunch of Angry Hornets

The Girl with the Misspelled "Pougkeepsie" Tattoo

The Little Dumber Girl
The Girl You Last Saw in
the Dairy Section

The Girl Eating "Cheese-Its" on the Bolt Bus

The Girl Who "Forgot" to Call Her Mother's Friend's Super-Nice Son

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The Girl Who Chased Viggo Mortensen (And Who Can Blame Her?)

I Am Melania: The Story of a Girl who Stood Up for Trump

Too Many Girls, Not Enough Kombucha (from the "Wild in Williamsburg" se-

The Girl on the D Train

The Girl STILL on the D Train, Because of a "Sick Passenger" on the Train Ahead of Her

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Using mobile phones

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phone conversations. The use of a hands-free device does not lower distraction levels. The percentage of vehicle crashes and near-crashes attributed to dialing is nearly identical to the number associated with talking or listening.

Daydreaming

Many people will admit to daydreaming behind the wheel or looking at a person or object outside of the car for too long. Perhaps they're checking out a house in a new neighborhood or thought they saw someone they knew on the street corner. It can be easy to veer into the direction your eyes are focused, causing an accident. In addition to trying to stay focused on the road, some drivers prefer the help of lane departure warning systems.

Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

chewing gum at the same time may want to avoid eating while driving. The majority of foods require a person's hands to be taken off of the wheel and their eyes to be diverted from the road. Reaching in the back seat to share some French fries with the kids is also distracting.

Try to eat meals before getting in the car. For those who must snack while en route, take a moment to pull over at a rest area and spend 10 minutes snacking there before resuming the trip.

Reading

Glancing at an advertisement, updating a Facebook status or reading a book are all activities that should be avoided when driving. Even pouring over a traffic map or consulting the digital display of a GPS system can be distracting.

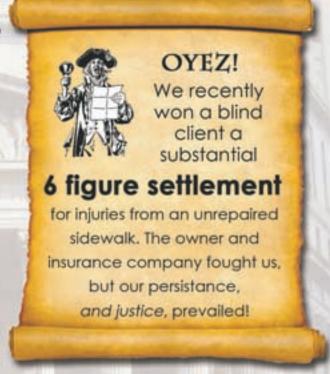
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DOWNTOWN

Five bouquets to HeartShare for raising \$500,000 at its 2017 Spring Gala and Auction on March 30 at the New York Marriott Marquis.

HeartShare honored Salvatore Calabrese of RE/MAX Metro; actor Dr. Dan Grimaldi; Gary Perone, Brooklyn Cyclones Assistant General



Manager; and Blakely Page of Spouting Rock Financial Partners at the soiree. The honorees are long-standing advocates and supporters of the orga-

"I've been coming to this gala for a decade. My adult goddaughter participated in a HeartShare day program and I recently found out that my cousin has been receiving residential services from HeartShare for 25 years," shared Gary Perone, recipient of The Heart-Share Genie Foundation Award.

Adding to the funds, HeartShare was able to raise \$40,200 during a mobile campaign. Guests texted their donations after viewing a video featuring Carol, who said, "When I was younger, kids would tease me, 'Oh, you are handicapped. Oh, you can't do anything.' Today, I live, work and commute on my own and I'm proud to say, I can do more things than I thought I could do."

included Guarinello, HeartShare president and chief executive officer; Paul Torre, chairman of the board; actor Danny Aiello of "The Sopranos;" Dominic Chianese, Robert Iler, Jason Cerbone and Artie Pasquale; actress Barbara Feldon ("Agent 99"); actress Abigail Hawk of "Blue Bloods;" "Orange is the New Black" actress Barbara Rosenblat; Q104.3's Shelli Sonstein; and Fox 5's Ines Rosales.

Q104.3 Radio Host and long-time HeartShare Board Member Jim Kerr served as Master of Ceremonies. Fox 5's Rosanna Scotto and actor Sean Ringgold, both on boards at the agency, encouraged the crowd during the mobile campaign.

HeartShare Human Services of New York (12 MetroTech Center at Myrtle



SCHOLARLY STUDIES: Ryan McEvoy of Brooklyn is studying in Germany as a Fulbright

Bright & full of promise for scholar

BOROUGH WIDE

Prost! Congratulations to Ryan McEvoy, who was awarded a Fulbright grant to teach English in Germany. The borough son is a senior at the University of Richmond.

Ryan is triple majoring in German studies, international studies. and history, with a focus on world politics and diplomacy, and minoring in Jewish studies.

Ryan will be traveling to North-Rhine Westphalia and teaching from September 2017 through June

"While in Germany, I am also interested in exploring the possibility of pursuing an additional community engagement activity such as an internship that would allow me to work with newly resettled refugees," Ryan said.

He has also participated in multiple study abroad projects during his time at University of Richmond, including two summers in Berlin, and trips to Poland and Israel. He spent a semester abroad in Bangalore, India, where he completed coursework in Indian culture and history, international development, and elementary Hindi.

"These opportunities have not only allowed me to sharpen my language skills, but also to develop the relevant cultural competency needed for successful in-country engagement," he explained.

When Ryan returns to the States he plans on attending the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

"Ryan made the most of his time abroad as an undergraduate and used this experience to write a compelling application for a Fulbright award," said Martha Merritt, international education dean. "Fulbright recognizes both academic achievement and a desire to serve as an educational ambassador for the United States."

Standing O wishes Ryan good



Maternally yours

NYU Lutheran Medical Center is overflowing with babies. With more babies born in Brooklyn than anywhere else in New York City, the healing center is taking several important steps forward to ensure the borough's many expecting moms have access to the safest, most comprehensive care available.

Leading the delivery charge will be Dr. Ming C. Tsai. Standing O says welcome and congratulations to Dr. Ming on his appointment as chief of obstetrics and gynecology. He will oversee an extensive expansion of the hospital's labor and delivery ser-

"We are extremely pleased that an accomplished, experienced physician like Dr. Tsai is leading the effort," said Dr. David Keefe, the Stanley H. Kaplan professor and chairman of Obstetrics and Gynecology at NYU Langone.

'Patients want the best care and that is our principal goal to provide world-class, highly specialized services that meet the needs of Brooklyn's families,' said Dr. Tsai.

Just for the record, and according to the State Department of Health, out of the 117,099 babies born in New York City — 41,746 of them were in Brooklyn. That's a lot of labor going on.

Standing O and the stork says, "Welcome to the borough, Dr.

NYU Lutheran Medical Center [150 55th St. at First Avenue in Sunset Park, (718) 630-7000].

Avenue in Downtown, www.heartshare.org).

BOROUGH WIDE

Hip, hip, hooray

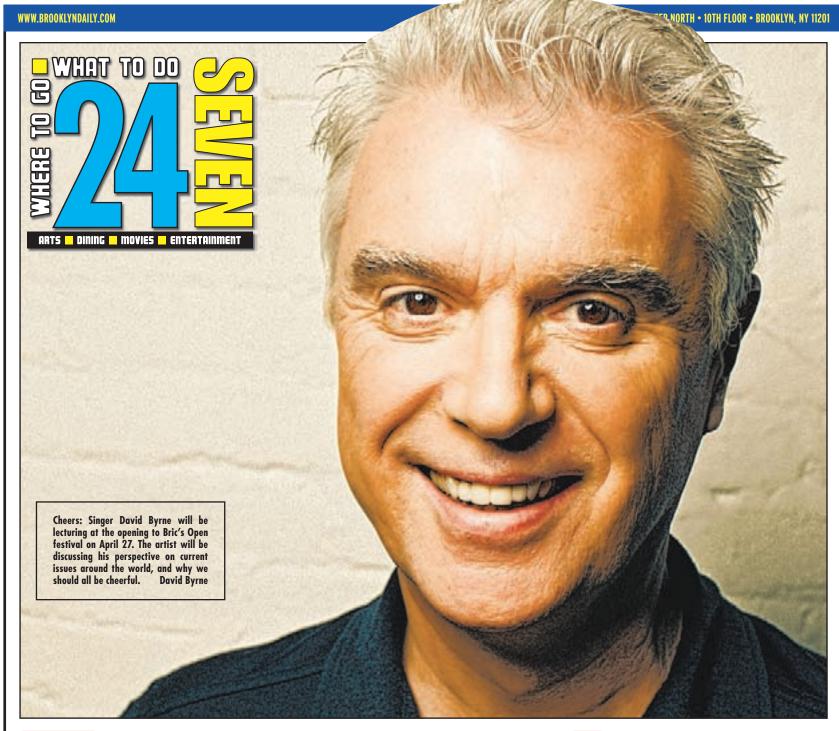
Cheers and kudos to borough son Alexandro Hererra. The teen, who suffers from Tourette syndrome, was recently honored and inducted into the Tourette Association of America's 2017 Youth Ambassador Pro-

New York public transportation with the big crowds and tight railway cars during morning rush hour. But for Alexandro, his experience commuting to school is so intensified by involuntarily movements such as rapid eye blinking and neck snapping that he can no longer attend his public school in the city.

The disease, which is severely misunderstood, affects one in 160 schoolaged children. Most people only know it as the "cursing disease" but the re-It is stressful enough traveling on ality is that at least one child in every

school is suffering from a wide range of motor and vocal "tics" that range from disruptive to life-threatening, as well as comorbid disorders that go hand-in-hand with Tourette, such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, anxiety, depression, and more.

The program, which was an initiative launched in 2008, trains teens with and without Tourette to speak on national and local platforms about Tourette awareness and education.



Toast to cheer

David Byrne tells us why we should be happier

By Alexandra Simon

heer up, and come hear all about it.
The front man of the 1980s rock band Talking Heads, David Byrne, wants to put cheese on your mug. The musician is going to be laying out reasons why people should be jolly at his lecture at Bric on April 27. In "Reasons to be Cheerful" Byrne will explain why the world is in the it is now, and how to find joy in spite of it all, he said.

"My perspective is that what is happening now is the result of policies and forces that have been going on for decades, and to some extent, what is happening therefore shouldn't be such a surprise," said Byrne. "Which is different than saying everything is acceptable — and rather than pointing fingers and blaming, which I too love to do, I am thinking that, if we find some hopeful, signs that we might move forward."

One of the main reasons the world lacks high spirits is economic disparity, said Byrne. He believes the unlevel playing field leads to wider issues and weighs on our personal lives.

"Inequality is a big one — it seems to affect so many other areas, and it's bad for the greater economy," he said. "It's bad for health, education, innovation, quality of life — all of which affects everyone, even those who think they are others problems."

To keep people optimistic, at the event Byrne will be discussing the growth of renewable energy around the world, the increase of parks in large metropolitan cities, advancements in public education, and countries like Finland banning coal for energy and diminishing the importance of car ownership. Byrne says a lot of places in the world could stand to model after Finland and its neighboring countries.

"Some of the Scandinavian countries seem to have a high happiness index," he said. "Denmark usually ranks first — though this year it looks like Norway has taken the lead. I think this is related to less inequality and a robust safety net."

But even though he feels his travels and positive mindset can guide him to inspire a happy crowd, he says a long road still awaits.

"I'm hardly an expert — I'm an ordinary citizen but I have taken the time and effort to compile some of these hopeful and inspiring signs and initiatives," said Byrne. "If some of these initiatives and signs can serve as models, if I can help spread the word about some things everyone might not know about, then who knows? I need hope as much as anyone, so I have a personal incentive to do this."

"Reasons to be Cheerful" at Bric [647 Fulton Ave between Rockland and Ashland places in Fort Greene. www.bricartsmedia. org, (718) 855–7882]. April 27 at 7:30 pm. Free.

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HOUSE UNITED

Band combines jazz, rock, and world music

By Laura Meltzer

hey are international Waters!
An instrumental trio that combines elements of Irish folk, South American rhythms, and American indie rock will play selections from its latest eclectic album at the BAM Cafe on April 28. The hammered dulcimer player for House of Waters says that the self-titled album marks a new, stripped-down direction for the three-piece jazz, rock, and world music band.

"We really wanted to focus on the trio sound. In the past we had recorded multiple overdubs, with multiple tracks and instruments," said Max ZT. "But for this record, we really wanted to focus on the raw trio sound."

Six-string bassist Moto Fukushima, percussionist Ignacio Rivas Bixio, and ZT each bring different musical influences, and the new album is designed to show off their those elements, said ZT.

"Musically, we were very keen to include our compositions that represent our varied influences, specifically those from India, West Africa, South America, Western classical music, and New York City jazz," he said.

And while it may seem difficult to weave those disparate styles into a cohesive sound, the members of House of Waters have found a way to work together to craft their songs, said ZT.

"Most of the time an individual would bring a phrase or a progression



World music is in the House: The electric band House of Water will bring its instrumental mix of jazz, rock, and world music to the BAM Cafe on April 28.

David Sosnow

to the group and see where we take it," he said. "We'll work on adding sections, transitions, rhythmic hits, or new melodies. Even though the instrumentation is quite unusual, we have had very few issues in our writing process; everything has been quite natural."

The blending of international cultures in the band's music matches the way that the world has become smaller in recent years, said ZT.

"In these ever-porous times, where transportation is at its easiest, where the Internet connects every culture from around the world to each other, where everything is influenced by everything, it's only suiting that our songs incorporate these varied influences," he said.

The show at BAM Cafe will be a high-energy performance that includes tunes form the latest albums, as well as some brand new songs.

House of Waters at BAM Cafe [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636–4100, www.bam.org]. April 28 at 9 pm. Free.

Fellowship of the read

By Carlo Bosticco

hese book worms are social ani-

mals!

A science-fiction and fantasy book club called "Readers of the Lost Ark" brings nerdy readers to the Way Station bar in Prospect Heights on the last Saturday of every month to socialize and discuss the latest in alt-reality fiction. The founder of the club said that a shared passion for spaceships and sorcery gives the group a focus that most book clubs lack, and keeps the members coming back each month

"It helps bringing together people that already have something in common, otherwise all readers all have such different tastes," says Heather Strickland, who lives in Crown Heights. "With us, from the beginning, there was a common ground. Everyone who joins has many interests in the outside world, but at least all are fans of Dr. Who and Marvel movies and the like."

And while the stereotypical sci-fi which was unique because all of a sud-

fan is known for engaging in passionate and extremely nit-picky arguments over contentious topics like whether the Hulk could beat up Superman [editor's note: he can], the Readers of the Lost Ark are intellectually engaged and respectful, said Strickland.

"People have their own favorites, but at the end of the day we very much appreciate everyone's different points of view," she said. "It's kind of the point!"

The group gives members an outlet to discuss esoteric topics such as the merits of classical vs. contemporary world-building techniques, and detailed guided questions — often written by Strickland — keep the group from going too far afield.

Each month the group chooses a different theme, and members suggest books to match. An anonymous online vote determines the next month's selection. The different themes keeps the discussion from getting stale.

"In March we did a graphic novel, which was unique because all of a sud-



Fully booked: Heather Strickland, organizer of the Readers of the Lost Ark science-fiction book club, holds the graphic novel about time-traveling teens the group read last month. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

den we had to start taking the visual aspect into account in our discussion," said Strickland. "In April, because of April Fool's, we selected our first non sci-fi book ["A Visit From the Goon Squad"]."

In the two years the club has existed, it has attracted about 50 members on Facebook, and a roster of about 15 regulars meeting each month. Strickland, who created the club in hopes of finding like-minded friends, said that her experiment could not be more successful.



The best reads — hand-picked by some of our best bookstores

Community Bookstore's pick: "The Names" by Don DeLillo

If "White Noise" was Don DeLillo's commercial break-through, "The Names" was his stylistic one. Set primarily in Greece and India, the novel follows James Axton, a risk analyst for a company overseeing catastrophe insurance for companies abroad, possibly affiliated with the CIA. Axton becomes obsessed by a series of killings in the

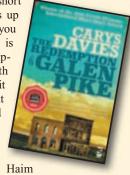


region, purportedly staged by a cult dedicated to the worship of the alphabet. DeLillo takes this language worship to heart, and each of his sentences is a master class in control and sound, rhythm and form.

— Hal Hlavinka, Community Bookstore [43 Seventh Ave. between Carroll Street and Garfield Place in Park Slope, (718) 783–3075, www.communitybookstore.net].

Word's pick: "The Redemption of Galen Pike" by Carys Davies

In the title story of this short story collection, Davies sets up his shot so perfectly that you don't see the target until it is already bleeding. The redemption in question bristles with an electric irony so sly, it might be easy to miss if it weren't both shocking and satisfying. Davies throws the reader into a constructed relationship between



puritan do-gooder Patience Haim and Galen Pike, a ruffian awaiting the gallows. The tale meditates on the weird relational web of humans, but it also tells a damn good story.

— Ashanti White-Wallace, Word [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383–0096, www. wordbrooklyn.com].

Greenlight Bookstore's pick: "Feminism and Nationalism in the Third World" by Kumari Jayawardena

Publishing is alive with books about feminism! Many good, many pink, many furthering the project of American exceptionalism. But this book, written more than 30 years ago, does not wrest figures from their historical context to fit the Western imperialist sense of individual empowerment as feminism. Instead, Jayawardena excavates early women's history



movements of the global south as they arise pre- and post-colonialism and in conversation with each other, not as an ideology imported from the West. Lean in to this book: the print is small to fit in all the history.

— Stephanie Bartolome, Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246–0200, www.greenlightbookstore.com].







HIP AS FOLK

Rap founders Last Poets play Folk Fest

By Alexandra Simon

t's the music of all the people!

The Brooklyn Folk Festival is Lexpanding its scope this year, welcoming folk performers from around the world, as well as the traditional music of the exotic island of Manhattan — hip-hop! One of the featured guests at this year's fest, happening at St. Ann's Church in Brooklyn Heights from April 28-30, will be the pioneering 1960s band the Last Poets, which helped to lay the foundation for rap music. The festival's founder says that the trio personifies the meaning of folk

"One aspect of folk music is that it is grass roots community music and the Last Poets certainly embody that," said musician and festival founder Eli Smith, who lives in Park Slope. "Since the 1930s, the idea of folk music in the United States has been very much connected to left-wing politics - the Last Poets bring that as well. At its roots, rap and hip-hop are one of the first things that you would think of when you think of folk music and New York City."

The frontman for the Last Poets said that he is excited to appear at the Folk Festival for the first time.

"I'm looking forward to everything at the moment, and because I am a poet and I like people — I love to see a diverse a group of people at festival or any major activity," said Abiodun Oyewole. "Considering the diverse group of cultures that is going to be there, I'll be looking forward to check out what I can."

The trio will present a mix of music tration, said Smith.



Bin Hassan, will make its Brooklyn Folk Festival debut on April 30. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

and poetry, said Oyewole, with the exact mix depending on how he reads the room.

"We are basically going to perform some poetry and I will sing - I might sing before I do a poem," said Oyewole. "Singing is something I have always done, and our conga drummer is a master drummer and he knows how to complement voices."

The ninth annual festival is stacked with an international array of performers, including artists from India, Ireland, and Puerto Rico, along with performances from the Thunderbird Native American Dancers and a broad selection of bands from the Brooklyn area. The diverse line-up is an attempt to counter the anti-immigration rhetoric coming from the Trump adminis-

"Since the election, which exemplified intolerance, hate, and fear, we want to make sure that the Brooklyn Folk Fest offers a very clear vision of America — and a fest where people can come where it's open and welcoming to everyone," he said.

The three day festival will feature more than 30 musical acts, as well as sing-alongs, discussions, music workshops, and the popular annual banjotossing competition at the Gowanus Canal, on April 30 at 1 pm.

The Last Poets at the Brooklyn Folk Festival at St. Ann's Church [157 Montague St. between Clinton and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 875-6960, www.brooklynfolkfest. com]. April 30 at 8 pm. \$20. Festival runs April 28–30 at various times. \$20-\$35 (three-day pass \$85).

Folk-fest newbies: Pioneering rap group the Last Poets, featuring Abiodun Oyewole and Umar

Bay Ridge cranks it up to 11

By Caroline Spivack

reak out your ear plugs — it's gonna get loud!

Bay Ridge watering holes will be flooded with local talent this weekend, but we waded through the torrent to bring you the best:

On Friday, ease into your weekend shenanigans with Full Disclosure at the Greenhouse Cafe (7717 Third Ave. between 77th and 78th streets) for a wild night of debauchery that pairs as a birthday bash. In honor of songstress Catherine Lau Hunt's name day, the band will play some of her favorites including covers of AC/DC, Queen, and Led Zeppelin. This shindig is sure to bring the house down - the greenhouse that is - so don't miss a beat starting at 10 pm.

Come Saturday, start your night early at 4:30 with classic rockers The Groove at Red, White, and Brew (8910 Fifth



Ave. between 89th and 90th streets). Go all the way with \$40 all-you-can-drink beer, wine, and well drinks or in honor of the good ol' American rock 'n' roll you'll be enjoying go for the \$20 bucket of domestic brews.

Then fly over to the Three Jolly Pigeons (6802 Third Ave. between 68th Street and Bay Ridge Avenue) for a rollicking - or should we say rocking - good time Saturday night. Enjoy a dynamic line up of eclectic groups including the self-described surf-punk cover band Band of Others, acoustic folk guitarist James Parenti, and the original rock riffs of Jared Mancuso and the Very Pleasant People. The amps turn up at 9 pm.

Cap the night off with a pilgrimage over to the Wicked Monk (9510 Third Ave. between 95th and 96th streets) for some late-night hip-hop jams by 3 am Tokyo. The set starts at a contrary 11 pm, but once you make head way on the gastropub's impressive beer list, you'll be lucky if you're still standing by 3 am.



Biting humor: Auggie Lutz and Bob Palos host the Comedy Under Artichoke show every Thursday night in Bushwick. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Well-suited

Comics bring slice of the past to eatery

By Adam Ullian

hese comedians are fed up! A new Thursday night comedy show is bringing a taste of a bygone era to Bushwick. Comedy Under Artichoke takes place in the basement of Artichoke Basille's Pizza at the corner of Wyckoff Avenue and Troutman Street in Bushwick, and co-hosts Auggie Lutz and Bob Palos are bringing a retro, classic spin on the underground comedy scene. The lounge space beneath the pizza joint and bar is the perfect venue for a night of libations and laughter, and the location keeps the comedians full of jokes and of pizza.

We chatted with Lutz about his new comedy venture, which started in March.

Why did you choose Artichoke Pizza as a venue?

My co-host Bob Palos and I wanted to start a show in a small, intimate room, and the lounge under Artichoke is perfect. It has low ceilings and a few candle-lit tables, and it packs out pretty quickly. That and everyone at Artichoke has been great to us. They make sure all the comics are full of pizza before they leave.

There are many comedy shows that pop up in Bushwick. How do you make this one unique?

We wear suits. We were tired of seeing shows hosted by hipsters in hoodies, who didn't really put any effort into it. So we decided we would at least look good for each show.

Is there a certain vibe that you'd like to create that isn't necessarily happening at other shows?

The show has a speakeasy type of vibe. It's in a dark little basement, hosted by two guys in nice suits, and our microphone is one of those old-timey jazz microphones.

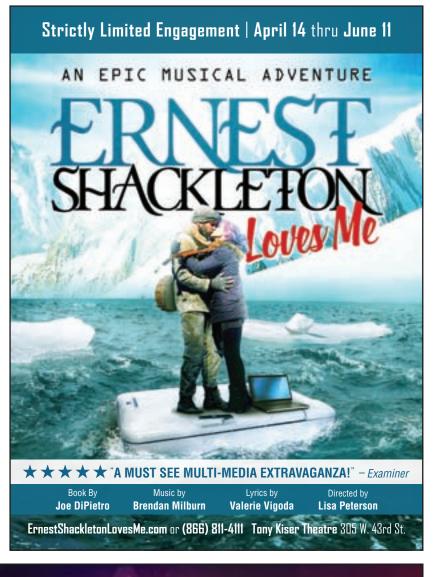
It's early on, but have there been any memorable moments at the show so far?

The superintendent of the building, "Rocko," has been stopping by to watch the shows. He's great. He sits on the back and loves it all — although he does get a little vocal at times and needs to be reminded he's not a comedian.

"Comedy Under Artichoke" at Artichoke Basille's Pizza [18 Wyckoff Ave. at Troutman Street in Bushwick, (718) 386-0333, www.artichokepizza.com]. Thursdays at 10 pm.



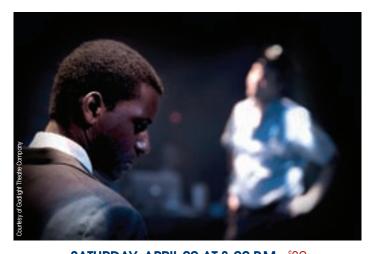




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SAT, JULY 22

MUSIC, IRON MAIDEN: \$69–\$190. 7:30 pm.

FRI, JULY 28

MUSIC, QUEEN AND ADAM LAMBERT: \$49– \$505. 8 pm.

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

FRI, APRIL 21

FILM, "TO HAVE AND HAVE NOT": Part of the BAM Senior Cinema lineup. During World War II, American expatriate Harry Morgan (Humphrey Bogart) helps transport a French Resistance leader and his beautiful wife to Martinique while romancing a sensuous lounge singer (Lauren Bacall). Free for those 65 and older. 10 am. BAM Rose Cinemas [30 Lafayette Ave. between Lafayatte Avenue and Hanson Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www. bam.org

KIDS DISCOVERY STA-

TIONS: Get your hands dirty at kids' discovery stations throughout the Garden. Investigate and classify plants, touch a carnivorous plant and learn how it eats, or go on a monarch and milkweed exploration in the meadow! This is a drop-in program for schools and families with children of all ages. All programs are outdoors and canceled in inclement weather: for cancellation updates, visit this page. Free with admission to the gardens. 10:15 am to 12:15 am. Brooklyn Botanic Garden [1000 Washington Ave., at Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 623-7220], www.bbg.org.

"THE PRINCESS, THE EM-PEROR, AND THE DUCK":
The Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre presents three classic tales from Hans Christian Andersen "The Princess and the Pea," "The Emperor's New Clothes" and "The Ugly Duckling." For children ages 3 to 9. \$12 (\$8 for children under 12). 10:30 am and 2 pm. Swedish Cottage Marionette Theater [West 79th and West Dr in Central Park West, (212)

988–9093].

ART, "GEORGIA O'KEEFFE
— LIVING MODERN": A
new look at the renowned
modernist artist and her
self-crafted public persona. \$16 suggested donation. 11 am-6 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern
Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights,

(718) 638-5000], www.

brooklynmuseum.org.
ART, "IGGY POP LIFE

CLASS": Artist Jeremy Deller used the traditional life-model drawing class to stage a performative event with musician and personality Iggy Pop as model and subject. Come see the results! \$16 suggested donation, 11 am-6 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklynmuseum. org. **CRAFTS AND GAMES:** Drop

in and make a 19th- century craft and play historic games. If the weather is nice, enjoy the collection of wooden toys outside in the garden. Museum tour and children's corner included. Reservations required. \$8 adults (\$7 seniors & students; Free for children under 12). 11 am to 4 pm. Mount Vernon



EVENTS



Bounce & brass: The high-energy three-piece brass act Too Many Zooz, which played on the Beyonce track "Formation," will rock Brooklyn Bowl on April 28 and 29. Frank Cohen

Hotel Museum & Garden [421 East 61st St. between First and York avenues in Upper East Side, (212) 838–6878], www.mvhm. org.

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ART, "SPRING OPEN STU-DIOS" OPENING RE-CEPTION: The International Studio & Curatorial Program hosts an "open studio" for the public to view artwork and engage in conversations with 38 artists and curators from 22 countries around the world. Free. 6–9 pm. The International Studio & Curatorial Program (1040 Metropolitan Ave between Morgan and Vandervoort avenues in Williamsburg), www.iscp-nyc.org.

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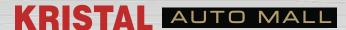
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 'You start looking me ... I just had to embrace that.'
 - Bishop Loughlin standout Keith Williams on his ascension to team leader.
- back at the games you should have won.'
 - Xaverian coach Frank Del George on the team's early season loss.

Hornets hindered by emotion-filled week

BY LAURA AMATO

They just ran out of gas.

A whirlwind week ended in disappointment for the Midwood baseball players, falling 4-1 to New Dorp in a Public Schools Athletic League matchup on April 17.

"We didn't battle like we should today," Hornets coach Saverio Nardone said. "You can't take anybody lightly and I tell these guys and that's exactly what they did. They took the opponent lightly and they got the best of us today."

Midwood clinched the Monroe Tournament title on April 15, defeating the host team in extra innings, but it wasn't an easy road to the championship. The Hornets lost to Bronx Science on April 11, but an ineligible player put Midwood back in contention and the squad felt the after-effects of the up-anddown week when it returned to league play.

The Hornets struggled at the plate, unable to find a rhythm against New Dorp starter Kevin Ryan. The junior racked up 10 strikeouts in five and a third innings.

"We just weren't swinging at strikes," senior second baseman Matthew Eng said. "We were looking at pitches right down the middle. Strikeouts don't lead to wins. We were just not into the game, we weren't really looking at them right."

The Hornets' struggles weren't limited to the batters box — the squad also racked up a handful of miscues in the field and New Dorp made sure to take advantage.

The Centrals got on the board quickly, notching a firstinning run, and padded the lead with Michael Pennachio's two-run double in the second.

Midwood starter Nicholas Lopez never hit his stride, forced off the mound after just an inning and a third, and while Daniel Lentini did his best in relief, the junior gave



DOWN ON THE MOUND: Midwood relief pitcher Daniel Lentini did his best, but the junior gave up four walks to New Dorp, and the Hornets fell Photo by Sean Murphy

up four walks.

"We didn't execute. We had a couple of miscues and that's not our game," Nardone said. "We've got to play the game the

Eng finally broke the hitless streak in the bottom of the fifth inning, blasting a tworun double to deep left field to give the Hornets its only run of the game.

It wasn't enough, however, and New Dorp snuffed out any possible Midwood rally quickly, adding another run in its next at bat.

The Hornets tallied just two hits — both from Eng — and recorded three errors in addition to giving up five hits.

"We need to execute a lot better on the offensive end, just one run," Nardone said. "You can't expect to win with one run. We've got to score a couple and that's what we've been doing."

It was a frustrating game for the Hornets, but Midwood is anxious to get back on track. After all, the loss was just the squad's third league game of the season and, as far as the reigning city champs are concerned, there's still plenty of baseball left to play.

"It's not the end all, be all here," Nardone said. "There's a lot of games left to play and we've got to take it one game at a time."



MAKING A POINT: Bishop Loughlin guard Markguis Nowell directed the Lions' high-powered offense all season, packing his stat line with points and assists.

All-Brooklyn boys' basketball honors

BY LAURA AMATO

Brooklyn boasted some of the best boys hoops in the city this season.

Lincoln returned to the top of the basketball mountain, taking down Thomas Jefferson in the Public Schools city final and cruising to a pair of lopsided victories in the New York State Federation Tournament.

Brooklyn Law and Tech posted one of the most dominant regular seasons in the city and notched a city championship appearance as well.

Bishop Loughlin led the way in the Catholic High School Athletic Association. appearing in the Brooklyn-Queens championship game and advancing to the intersectional semifinals.

Of course, none of that success would have been possible without the players. Read on to see which athletes packed their stat sheets and dominated on the court this

Player of the Year Keith Williams, senior,

Bishop Loughlin

Coach of the Year Dwayne "Tiny" Morton, Lincoln

The Railsplitters were coming for a title this season

and Morton made sure the squad got it. Lincoln avenged its disappointing showing in last year's city final with a lopsided win over Thomas Jefferson and then cruised to victories over Cardinal Hayes and Albany Academy in the Federation Tournament. The squad wrapped up the year perfect in New York State and silenced any doubters, led by Morton's fierce leadership on the sidelines and a lock-down defense that was among the best at any level.

First team

Markquis Nowell, junior, **Bishop Loughlin**

Nowell was a passionate player on both sides of the ball and his determination often sparked the Lions against a tough league schedule. The high-scoring guard, who was potent from just about anywhere on the court, averaged 20 points per game this season.

Donald Cannon-Flores, senior, Lincoln

The Railsplitters' point guard was tasked with leading his squad on both sides of the ball this year and Cannon-Flores didn't just answer, he dominated. The senior averaged 15.2 points,

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Close calls cost Clippers in loss

BY LAURA AMATO

They came up just short.

The Xaverian baseball team couldn't get that one big moment, struggling to find consistency at the plate as the Clippers fell 2-1 to Archbishop Molloy in a Catholic League battle on Tuesday afternoon.

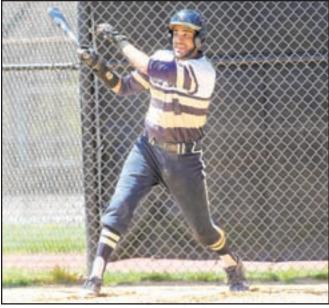
"We have six, seven hits in the game and they get just two or three and win," Xaverian coach Frank Del George said. "That's baseball. What are you going to do? It's a timing thing."

The Clippers got on the board first, notching a run in the third inning as the top of the order managed to make contact. Leadoff hitter Jared Lerner connected on a firstpitch single and crossed home on a Luke McDonald sac fly.

But it wasn't enough and Xaverian knew it left runs on the field.

The Clippers stranded a handful of runners throughout the league matchup, including a pair in the first inning that Del George said he thought could have turned the tide of the game.

"We had our chance in the first inning. We had him



HARD HITTING: Xaverian first baseman Xavier Vargas was strong at the plate on April 18, but the Clippers couldn't turn it into runs, falling 2-1 to Archbishop Molloy. Photo by William Thomas

said. "It's [Ruben] Jimenez, we know he's a pretty good pitcher, so if you get to him early, you might put a few numbers on the board and that might hold up for the rest of the game. But we let them off the hook.'

Xaverian starter Chris-

on the ropes," Del George tian Allegretti did his best to keep his squad in the game, turning in a solid five-inning performance. He worked his way out of a handful of jams including bases loaded pickle in the bottom of the third but a miscue in the fifth inning cost him.

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Williamsburg native returns to Barclays

BY LAURA AMATO

It felt good to be home.

Williamsburg native Jose Alvarado wrapped up his high-school hoops career on April 14, competing in the Jordan Brand Regional Classic at Barclays Center and for the Christ the King star, the chance to play one last time in Brooklyn was something he'll always cherish.

"It was a great opportunity just to be in this game and play in a game like this," Alvarado said. "It was fun. I can't believe high school is over now, but it was a great event. If I could do it all over again, I'd definitely do it."

Alvarado — who will head to Georgia Tech next season notched one of the most dominant on-court performances in the city this winter, but the chance to play with some same team at Barclays.



LAST SHOT: Williamsburg native Jose Alvarado wrapped up his high school hoops career on April 14.

Photo by Robert Cole

of his friends was one of the highlights. He's close to St. Raymond's star Isaiah Washington and Bishop Loughlin standout Keith Williams and all three competed on the

"That's the thing about basketball, you get great friendships on and off the court," Alvarado said. "So we play each other a lot and we talk to each other all the time off the court. This was just a great opportunity to play with those guys as teammates."

It was an All-Star game and Alvarado was happy to be on the court, but that didn't mean he gave up his competitive tendencies. In fact, as soon as he got off the court. Alvarado grabbed the stat sheet and couldn't stop himself from being just a bit disappointed in the numbers he put up.

Alvarado racked up eight points, nine assists, three rebounds and two steals - but he couldn't quite top Washington.

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DRIVING THE LANE: Loughlin senior Keith Williams didn't shy away from playing physical, pushing into the paint and sinking the shot.

File photo by William Thomas

Player of Year honors earned by Loughlin star

BY LAURA AMATO

his stat line anymore.

Bishop Loughlin senior standout Keith Williams came into his final season on the hardwood with a brand-new challenge ahead of him — to lead his team.

Williams is the first to admit that job wasn't always easy and, at times, wasn't one he was particularly interested in, but the Cincinnati-bound forward found a way to make it work. He didn't just lead his team on the court, he set the tone for the entire season. It's because of that leadership, as well as some pretty impressive stats, that Williams is this year's Courier Life All-Brooklyn Player of the Year.

responsibility grew," Williams said of his on-court role this season. "From my junior year to this, I needed to embrace the leadership role. Coach had high hopes for me and I just had to embrace that role this year and try to lead our guys to wins."

Of course, being thrust into the leadership spotlight wasn't a perfect transition for Williams. He was used to taking up residence on the block every night, more interested in knocking down bankshots and grabbing rebounds than serving as emotional support for his teammates.

'It was a challenge for me," Williams said. "Com-

ing into this year some of It wasn't just about packing our big guys had left and now the spotlight was on me. I was like, 'Dang, that's a tough way to play,' but speaking to coach helped and my teammates were always there for me."

> Loughlin's season wasn't always easy, but Williams's play was nothing short of dominant throughout the year. He added a new dynamic to his game, pushing off the block and out of the post to become a serious outside shooting threat.

> Williams finished third in the league in scoring, averaging 22.4 points per game, and was named the Catholic High School Athletic Association "AA" Player of the Year.

> You know other teams and other guys out there know that I'm strong. I can drive the hoop," said Williams, who notched 14 different 20-point performances. "But guys were starting to play zone against us because of that. So I had to expand my game."

> His stats were impressive and his leadership was obvious, but Williams's most important moment this season came without any time left on the clock in the Brooklyn-Queens semifinal. The senior drained three straight free throws to force overtime, a moment he'd hoped for his entire career and one that defined his senior year.

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HOOPS

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4.8 rebounds, and four assists during the regular season and racked up 21 points in the Federation championship game.

Larry Moreno, junior, Brooklyn Law & Tech

The guard was the only 20-point scorer in Brooklyn this season and Moreno's shooting touch was the spark that made the Jets go. He packed his stat line as the squad notched a perfect regular-season record against city competition, averaging 20.4 points, 6.4 rebounds and 4.6 assists.

Klay Brown, senior, Lincoln

The senior — who transferred to Lincoln two seasons before — didn't always pack his stat line, averaging 11.7 points per game, but Brown was the unquestioned emotional spark for his team. The senior guard pushed tempo on both sides of the ball and refused to let the Railsplitters waver from the goal, wrapping up the season undefeated in New York state.

Malachi Faison, senior, Jefferson

A physical presence on the block, Faison was a major part of the Orange Wave's late-season turnaround. The senior forward averaged 17.2 points and a whopping 16.8 rebounds during the regular season and chipped in 15.8 points during

the playoffs, leading Jefferson back to the city champion-

Second team

Zach Bruno, senior, Xaverian

Bruno never considered taking his talents elsewhere this season despite a young Clippers roster. Instead, he settled into a leadership role with the team and put the ball in the hoop. The senior combo guard averaged 21 points per game, including a 32-point performance.

Mikko Johnson, senior, Brooklyn Law & Tech

The St. Peter's-bound guard was the other half of the Jets one-two backcourt punch this winter. Johnson averaged 14.9 points and 8.1 rebounds during the regular season, but it was his set-up ability that helped separate his game. Johnson averaged 11 assists in 16 games and added seven more assists per game during the playoffs.

Jordan Armstrong, senior, **Thomas Jefferson**

The senior guard actually got better as the year went on. Armstrong averaged 16.5 points in six postseason games — up from 15.9 during the regular season — and shot just over 80 percent from the line during the playoffs.

Mike Reid, senior, Lincoln

The Railsplitters' shooting guard lived up to his position throughout the season, averaging double-digits and prov-

ing to be a scoring threat from nearly anywhere on the court. Reid, who also played in the Mayor's Cup, notched 14.4 points during 13 regular-season games and 13.6 points in the playoffs, helping Lincoln return to the top of the city.

Michael Richards, senior, Midwood

The senior did his best jumpstart the Hornets throughout the season and his ability to put the ball in the hoop was impressive. Richards averaged 29.1 points in 16 regular-season games nearly doubling his total from last year — and also chipped in 5.9 rebounds and 5.1 assists.

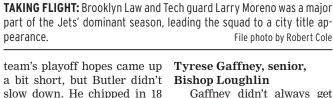
Third team

Victor Ogbo, junior, Brooklyn Law & Tech

The Jets' physical force down low, Ogbo often took on several opposing players to pick up points and rebounds in the paint. It didn't often slow him down. Ogbo averaged a double-double during the regular season, posting 14.2 points and 14.4 rebounds per game. His scoring took a hit during the playoffs, but he still crashed the boards, averaging 12.3 rebounds in the postseason.

Aquarn Butler, junior, Paul Robeson

The multi-year standout led Robeson this year with a team-high 15 points, four rebounds and six assists during the regular season. The



a bit short, but Butler didn't slow down. He chipped in 18 points, 5.5 rebounds, and nine assists in a pair of postseason matchups.

Abdullah Yusuf, senior, **Bedford Academy**

Although his team didn't notch the most dominant season. Yusuf was a scoring machine this winter. The senior packed his stat sheet, averaging 21.7 points and 9.5 rebounds per game, wrapping up the regular season as the leading scorer in the division.

Tyrese Gaffney, senior, **Bishop Loughlin**

Gaffney didn't always get the spotlight he deserved, but the guard still managed to rack up the numbers for the Lions. He averaged 14.3 points and notched five 20-point performances, including a 28-point game during his final season.

Musa Pough, senior, Banneker

The two-year varsity standout was dominant on the hardwood this year. He led the division with 19.39 points per game and padded his stat line with 15.22 rebounds as well.

ALVARADO

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"Me and Isaiah, we said we wanted to get a double-double with the assists. He got it and I didn't, but that's what we were really trying to focus on," Alvarado said. "We knew we had great scorers on our team, so we wanted to kind of dish it out. I wanted to get more than 10, but it still went

Alvarado made a name for himself in Queens, but he's

home and it only made sense that his high school career wrapped up at Barclays in front of his friends and fam-

It's a theme that he focused on all season long, determined to make his entire family proud every time he stepped onto the court.

"I started the season off losing my grandmother and she was my everything," Alvarado said. "I know she was here with me today. Right now it's all about family with me."

Alvarado will leave Brookalways considered Brooklyn lyn once again this summer

Loughlin came up short of

— ready to take his talents to Atlanta — but he knows this one afternoon spent at Barclays will be enough to help spark his determination moving forward. After all, he's a Brooklyn kid at heart.

"I had my little brother here, my mom and dad, today, I'm hoping my grandmother was watching down on me," Alvarado said. "I'm going to be in Atlanta a lot soon, trying to focus on my goal and they understand that. But everybody was here and cheering and I really appreciated that.'

XAVERIAN

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Allegretti gave up the game-winning hit off Molloy's Jack Turner with two outs in the bottom of the frame, unable to field the ball after it bounced off his glove. The hit pushed across two runs for the Stanners and effectively took the wind out of the Clippers' sails.

"I just feel bad for the pitcher because he threw a very good game, he got out of some clutch situations," Del George said. "Unfortunately it went off his glove and the second baseman can't knock it down, make a play. Next thing you know, two runs score. It's just frustrating."

Xaverian still had a chance to make a comeback, but Tom Papadopoulos was left stranded on third base in the bottom of the sixth, unable to cross home after connecting on a single and stealing a pair.

It was a common theme for the Clippers all afternoon missed opportunities and almost-there moments.

"The offense is really not helping [the pitchers] out at all," Del George said. "You start second-guessing yourself and now I'm starting to think about our four and five hitters lay down bunts instead of swinging the bats."

It's early in the season, but Xaverian is still frustrated with play across the board. The squad is coming up short in too many close games and Del George is certain, if something doesn't change soon, these are the matchups they'll regret down the line.

"It's early in the season. But you know what happens when you get later on? Remember that game against Molloy, if we only would have won that game," he said. "You start looking back at the games you should have won. They start eating away at vou."

WILLIAMS

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"I'm not going to lie, I've always had dreams like that, but to have it come true was crazy," Williams said. "It was kind of just a stunning moment and it was definitely the coolest part of my year."

its city title hopes — falling to eventual champion Cardinal Hayes in the semifinals but Williams can't bring himself to be too disappointed in how the year played out. He stepped up as a leader, proved he's a scoring threat from just about anywhere on the court and, now, he's ready for the next step. Williams is anxious to turn in his Lions jersey for the Bearcats, and while his high school career might be over, he knows the challenges aren't.

"I can't wait," Williams said. "I'm staying in the gym, trying to stay sharp. I'm just looking to get ready for next vear."

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STREET agent 1253 70th LLC. Art. of Org. filed SSNY on 02/02/17. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it mav be served. SSNY mail copy shall process to the LLC, 422 Avenue X, Brooklyn, NY Purpose: 11223. Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Graham Avenue **LLC.** Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/1/16. Cty: SSNY desig. as whom upon process against may be shall mail served & 164 Graham process to Ground Fl. Ave., 11206. Brooklyn, NY General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

358 8th Street Realty Holding LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/8/17. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Joseph Mitchell, c/o S. Marchetti & Assoc., 7403 3rd Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11209. General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

465 39TH PROPERTY Arts of Org filed with SSNY on 02/01/17. Kings Office Location: County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail a copy shall process to: The LLC, 465 39 th St., Brooklyn, NY 11232. Purpose: engage in any lawful act.

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57 PINETREE, LLC. Art. filed with the Org. ۸f SSNY 02/23/17. on Office: Kinas County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail сору of process to the LLC, c/o and Rudofsky, 601 West 26th Esas.. Street, Suite 1315, New NY 10001. York, lawful Purpose: Anv purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

John Street LLC. Arts of Org. filed with of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/25/17. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as 11238. General Purpose.

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whom upon process against may be served & shall mail process to c/o Michael 149 33rd Early, Brooklyn, NY 11232. General Purpose.

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Amelie Belanger Photography LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/22/17. Cty: Kinas. SSNY desig. as agent whom nogu process against may be served & shall mail process to Amelie Belanger, 72 2nd Pl., #3, Brooklyn, NY 11231. General Purpose.

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Awesome 995 LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on Cty: 3/15/17. Kinas. SSNY desig. as agent whom process nogu against may be served & shall mail process to 276 St., 13th Apt. 4C NY 11215. Brooklyn, General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Blue Jay Ventures LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/24/17. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as upon whom agent process against may be & shall mail served to Freeda process Schwartz as Trustee of the Blue Jay Holdings Trust, 192 Hewes St., Brooklyn, NY 11211. General Purpose.

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Bravi Ragazzi BK LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/2/16. Cty: Kinas. SSNY desig. as whom agent unon process against may be served & shall mail Antonino process to D'Aiuto, Esq., 116 W. 23rd St., Ste. 500, NY, 10011. NY General Purpose.

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Brookland Development LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/27/13. Cty: SSNY desig. as Kings. whom agent upon process against may be served to P.O. process 380651, Brooklyn, NY

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Civic Health Partners, **LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/28/17. Cty: SSNY desig. as Kings. whom agent upon process against may be served & shall mail to Α process Tara St., Apt. 4A, Brooklyn, NY 11215. General Purpose.

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Cleopatra Realty LLC, Arts of Org. filed with of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/29/17. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as whom agent upon process against may be served & shall mail process to Arti Chandok, 234 Skillman Ave., #4B, Brooklyn, NY General Purpose.

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D & O Meyer LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/09/17. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process be served. SSNY may shall mail process to: Hedvat/D. Meyer, Orly E 8 th 2031 St Brooklyn, NY 11223. General Purposes.

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El Rosedal LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/23/17. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent nogu whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 303 Beverly Rd., Apt. 3R Brooklyn, NY 11218. General Purpose.

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Faconti & Richer, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/19/17. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 323 Dean St., #2, Brooklyn, NY 11217. General Purpose.

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GIDOUGH LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/6/17. Cty: Kings. SSNY against whom process & shall mail may be served & shall Box mail 11232. General Purpose.

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Keith **Photography, LLC,** Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on Bay 41st Street Brooklyn, 3/13/17. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent Any lawful purpose. whom upon process against may be served & shall mail process to 795 Montgomery, 423 15th Carroll St., #4, Brooklyn, NY 11215. General Purpose.

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Metro Housing Management LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/6/17. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig, as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process Nicholas Kay, 500 Means St., Studio F, Atlanta, GA 11211. 30318. General Purpose.

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Notice of Application for Authority DOVERT of LIABILITY LIMITED COMPANY filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 2/17/17. on Formed in FL on 6/12/15. Office loc.: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail copy of process to is 1101 Brickel Ave., South Tower, 8th Fl., Miami, FL 33131. The required office address in FL is 239 E. Virginia St.. 32301. Tallahassee, FL Arts. of Organization filed with Ken Detzner, Secy. State, 500 Bronough St Tallahassee, FL 32399. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of Centrum Lux, LLC, Art. of Ora, filed with Sec'v of State (SSNY) on 1/26/17. 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 Erin M Hyland, 245 16th St., #3, NY 11215. Brooklyn. Purpose: any lawful activities

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Notice of formation of CG MEDIA, LLC. Art. Of desig. as agent upon Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/01/16. Office in Kings INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE process to 240 County. SSNY has been SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, 25TH St., Brooklyn, NY designated as agent of NY 11228. Purpose: any the LLC upon whom lawful purpose.

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Ellenbogen process against it may be NOTICE OF FORMATION UNITED served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 273 NY, 11214. Purpose: LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Deftware LLC, Art. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State (SSNY) on 1/19/17. location: Kings Office County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Eric Α. Tolman, PO Box 330740, Brooklyn, NY 11233 Purpose: lawful any activities.

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Notice of formation of J 242A LLC. Articles of the Org. filed with Secretary of State of New (SSNY) York on 03/13/2017. Office located in Kings county. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: Ridgewood Realty Group LLC, 17 Wyckoff Avenue 2 nd Floor, NY 11237. Brooklyn. Purpose: Any lawful activity or purpose.

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Notice of formation of LEARNING CASTLE DAY CARE LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/12/17. Office Kings location: County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of against LLC process to:1413 Bath Ave., Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION limited ΩŤ liability company (LLC). Name: PIAZZA ESSENTIALS, Articles H.C. ٥f Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/02/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS,

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of limited liability company (LLC). Name: ADAPTATION **PROPERTIES** LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/30/2017. 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 LAW **OFFICE** 0F STEPHEN BUCKLEY PLLC P.O. BOX 11627 ALBANY. NY 12211. Purpose: lawful anv purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION liability limited of company (LLC). Name: S.SILA PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOL, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on Office 03/15/2017. location: Kings County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: INGA SOKOLNIKOVA 505 BRIGHTON BEACH AVE BROOKLYN, NY 11235. lawful Purpose: any purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION limited ٥f liability (LLC). Name: company MELISSA DIPERI DESIGN, LLC. Articles Λf Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/10/2017. Office County. location: Kings SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O UNITFD STATES CORPORATION **AGENTS** INC 7014 13TH AVENUE SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: ARONSON AND BUCHALTER, II C. Organization Articles of filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/01/2016. 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 purpose.

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STATES CORPORATIONSAGENTS. SUITE **AVENUE** 13TH BROOKLYN, 202 NY 11228. Purpose: anv lawful purpose.

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Notice of Qualification

Gardner Purchaser LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) 3/30/17. location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/16/17. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 111 8th Ave, NY, NY 10011. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St. Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave, NY, NY 10011. Purnose: anv lawful activity.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION limited liability of company (LLC). Name: F K A Α R M PRODUCTIONS, Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/03/2017. 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 179 FRANKLIN AVE. APT. 1 BROOKLYN, NY 11205. Purpose: lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION limited liability ΩŤ company (LLC). Name: FILMKRAFT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New (SSNY) York on 11/01/2016. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS. INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE. SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY 11228

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limited liability (LLC). Name: company BITDR LLC. Articles of filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/13/2017 Office Kings County. location: designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail CODV process to: ANTHONY Π 176 SOUTH 4TH STREET #5A BROOKLYN, NY 11211. lawful Purpose: any purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION limited liability Name: J&A ISY VENTURES LLC. of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) 11/19/2015. Office County. location: Kings designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: JED **MARCUS** C/O**MARCUS ATTORNEYS PLLC GREENE AVENUE** BROOKLYN, NY 11238. Purpose: lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited company 489 12TH STREET, LLC. Articles of filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) 02/08/2017. Kings location: designated SSNY agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O UNITED CORPORATION INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION limited liability (ILC)Name: company **CANELA** CLAVO, LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/11/2017. Office County. location: Kings designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 66 WHIPPLE STREET FLOOR BROOKLYN, NY 11206. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION limited liability company Name: AS THE CROW WALKS, IIC. Articles Organization filed with Secretary of State of New (SSNY) York on 03/28/2017 Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail of CODV process PATRA JONGJITIRAT 14A SAINT **JAMES** BROOKLYN, NY 11205. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of L & T MODERN KITCHEN NY LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/9/17. Office Kings County. designated agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to: 181 53rd St., Bklyn, NY 11232. Purpose: lawful act.

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Notice of Formation of MICROBE MEDIA Arts. of Org. filed with of State of NY Secy. (SSNY) 04/13/17. on location: Kings County. SSNY designated

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whom process against it served. SSNY mav he shall mail process to the 530 76th St., Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: lawful Any activity. LEGAL NOTICE Notice of formation of

OHCC Holdings LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/2/17. Kings County. is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served The address SSNY shall mail copy of tο is Brian process 215 Degraw St. Basloe, Ste. 1H, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of PAUL WAI KFR INFORMATION **ADVISORY** LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 03/03/17 on Office location: Kings SSNY designated County. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Paul 42 Tiffany Pl. Walker, 5A, Ste. Brooklyn, 11231. Purpose: lawful acts and activities.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification **NDEVNYS** Authority filed with NY of State on 02/23/2017 Office Kings County location: bus. addr.: CARLTON AVE, #2 BROOKLYN, 11205. NY formed on NY Sec. of 05/19/2016. State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: THE LLC 162 CARLTON AVE, #2 BROOKLYN, NY 850 NEW 11205

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BURTON RD DOVER, 19904 Cert of Form filed with **TOWNSEND** BUILDING 401 **FEDERAL** ST DOVER, DE 19901. all lawful Purpose: purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

OSRA, LLC. Arts. of Org. with SSNY 01/13/17. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process served. SSNY may be shall mail process to: The LLC, 2715 Stillwell Ave., NY Brooklyn, 11224 General Purposes.

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Propto Studio LLC. Arts. Org. filed with SSNY of on 03/10/17. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The 194 Nassau Ave. 2R, Brooklyn, NY 11222. General Purposes.

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Provencio 50 LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/18/10. Cty: Kings SSNY desig. as agent nogu whom process against may be served & shall mail process to c/o Martin P. Medina, 408 Fifth Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11215. General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

RANDA Z Z 0 **ENTERPRISES** LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY 09/25/03 οn Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2099. Office: SSNY Kings County. designated asagent LLC whom the nogu process against it may be served. SSNY shall mailcopy of process to the LLC, John Randazzo, 182 Bay 11th Street Brooklyn, NY 11228 lawful purpose.

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S.B 53 LLC, Arts of Org filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/9/17 οn Cty: Kings. SSNY desig as upon whom agent process against may be served Shimon process to 953 53rd St. Brown. NY Brooklyn, 11219 General Purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION ٥f professional limited liability company (PLLC) Name: ARON LAW, PLLC. **Articles** Organization filed with Secretary of State of New (SSNY) York on 02/27/2017 Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail сору THE PLIC process to: 1603 50th ST Brooklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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