

SLIME TIME

Gowanus polluters could stall cleanup for up to eight years

BY LAUREN GILL

They're playing their Trump card!

Long-time polluters of the Gowanus Canal forced

to pay for its clean-up by the Federal Government are using stall tactics to slow the project by up to eight years in hopes that President

Trump's wacky positions on the environment will eventually get them out of completing the job, activists said this week.

A group of contaminants that includes National Grid and approximately two dozen others filed a timeline with the Feds in February

that drags out work by tacking on unnecessary studies along with tests that have already been completed — the *Continued on page 19*

Back in line at the Food Co-op

Banished members return with tales of dread, capitalism

BY COLIN MIXSON

They have returned to the promised land after spending 40 days and 40 nights in a food desert!

A group of pro-Israel Park Slope Food Co-op members who were banished from the Union Street supermarket for pulling the plug on a presentation condemning an Israeli soda company are back after a yearlong suspension, a little older, a little wiser, and with a lot less money in their pockets.

"It was fun, and it was nice, and it was expensive," said 40-year member Rhudi Andreolli who, along with 26-year member Alan Ettlinger and 20-year member Millie Rutner were suspended for their antics during a presentation given by liberal co-op members seeking to boycott Soda Stream and other Israeli-made products.

The group wasn't fined for its indiscretion, but once outside the socialist food utopia the castoffs paid a heavy price by having to shop at stores with terrible selection in out-of-the-way locations that charged way too much.

"My food habits are based on what's available at the co-



RETURN FROM EXILE: Park Slope Food Co-op members Alan Ettlinger and Millie Rutner are back at the socialist food haven after a yearlong banishment, during which they shopped at capitalist groceries such as Trader Joe's, Key Food, and C-Town. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

op, so there's a lot of stuff they carry that's not available at other super markets," Ettlinger said, who estimated that the prices at Key Food on Fifth Avenue were about 30-percent higher on average than at the co-op, and that he spent roughly \$1,500 more during his banishment.

Rutner had a better experience, shopping as much as she could at Trader Joe's on Court Street at Atlantic Avenue, which she found relatively a-political with prices that were comparable to the co-op.

But the Brighton Beach resident occasionally shopped at the Key Foods on Neptune Avenue, which she

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Bushido blossoming

Cosplayers Danny Chen, Taylor Delgado, and Ven Keta were all dressed up for their trip to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Cherry Blossom Festival, the Japanese-themed celebration of the season. For more stunning photos - in color - see page 2.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

CHERRY ON TOP!

Brooklyn Botanic Garden gets colorful at blossom festival

BY COLIN MIXSON

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden has turned Japanese!

The famed cherry blossoms at Brooklyn Botanic Garden were in full bloom last weekend, and New Yorkers celebrated by donning samurai armor and dolling themselves up as pink-haired anime tweens for the garden's long-awaited Sakura Festival.

Five-borough Japanophiles waited all year for the hotly anticipated chance to show off their sweet cosplay duds, and last weekend's festivities were the best yet in the event's 36-year history, according to one.

"I really like Japanese culture and I really like the cherry blossoms," said Danny Chen, who attends the festival every year in his homemade, gold samurai armor. "It's like my Christmas."

The event featured numerous traditional Japanese spectacles, including Taiko drumming ensembles and fencing exhibitions, along with more contemporary performances, including a show from J-rock band Uhnellys.

Hordes of other revelers turned out in their finest Japanese-themed getups, while more diehard costumers walked the runway for the Cosplay Fashion Show, where they competed for bragging rights, according to garden spokeswoman Elizabeth Longoria

Of course, many festival-goers are drawn merely by the fleeting allure of the garden's famed cherry blossom orchard, which was in spectacular bloom over the weekend.

"It was awesome," said Phil Szeto, who was attracted to the festival's horticultural attractions more than the performances.

The festival, which is planned as much as three years in advance to accommo-



FULL BLOOM: (Above) Phil Szeto, Grace Kuo, Janice Li, and Nick He were blown away by the cherry blossom bloom. (Right) Kato Mito and a friend came to Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Sakura Festival in full regalia. Photos by Stefano Giovannini

date booking of the two-day program's international acts, sometimes misses the full glory of the blossom, but this year's planners hit the nail on the head, Chen said.

"Most of the times it's about half and half, depending on the weather, but this year it actually bloomed on time and about 90 percent was in peak bloom," Chen said.

The cherry blossoms' bloom is a short-lived spectacle, which usually lasts only a few weeks, but plant lovers who missed the weekend's festivities can still catch the tree's pink buds for at least another few days, Longoria said.



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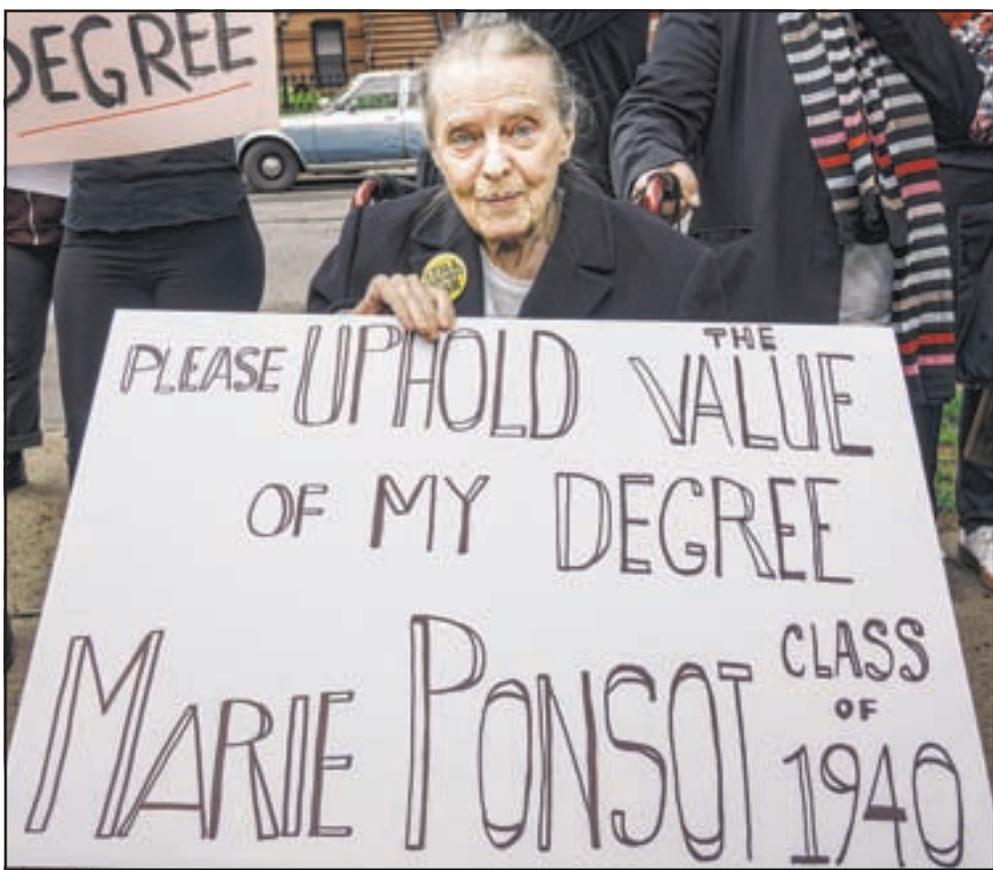
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LOCAL LEGEND: The program's curriculum is based after 90-year-old poet Marie Ponsot's writings, and she turned out to show her support.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

City installs temporary curb fix at entry to Ft. Greene Park

BY LAUREN GILL

Talk about improving your grades!

The city removed a curb and built a makeshift ramp near the Washington Park and DeKalb Avenue entrance to Fort Greene Park last week after locals demanded the Department of Transportation give folks with difficulty getting around easy access to the green space, and it is already a big improvement over the previous situation, said one locals who have been pushing for a solution for years.

"It's better than nothing," said Fort Greene resident Anne-Elizabeth Straub, who uses a wheelchair and has been submitting requests for the city to carve out a curb for six years. "It ain't pretty but it gets the job done, I hope it lasts a long time."

The asphalt ramp from the street to the sidewalk will do the job while the city comes up with a plan to install a permanent solution in the historic district, according to a Department of Transportation spokeswoman.

Straub browses the farmer's market every week, and had to either make the trek to a different corner with a curb cut or risk banging up her wheelchair by going over the sidewalk, she said.

But she tried out the new curb several times on Saturday and reported that she was able to roll up and down

without breaking a sweat or her wheels and will now be frequenting it when she can.

"You get into patterns sometimes of not doing things because I have an errand that will take me in that direction," she said. "Now I have a new rerouting and it's not negative, so I'm pleased."

Fellow Fort Greene resident Ed Goldman — who watches people struggle at the entrance from his stall at the park's popular green market — submitted a request to the city to create the ramp in July.

At the time, the agency told Community Board 2 district manager Rob Perris it had put down the location on a list for "possible inclusion" in a new ramp contract.

It has now been added to a future contract for carving out new ramps that will need approval from the Landmarks and Preservation Commission.

The department did not need to get an okay from the commission for its temporary fix because the streets in the district don't have to adhere to landmark guidelines, according to Perris.

People with strollers, bicycles, carts, and wheelchairs have already been taking advantage of the new easy-access curb, according to Goldman, who said he's satisfied his hard work has actually paid off.



HIGH ROLLER: The Department of Transportation installed this temporary ramp at the Washington Park and DeKalb Avenue entrance to Fort Greene Park and Danayah Caldwell is pumped.

Photo by Caleb Caldwell

ODE TO OY!

Students rally for fired St. Joseph poetry prof

BY LAUREN GILL

The administration of St. Joseph's College in Clinton Hill must reinstate the director of the school's graduate creative writing program it recently fired and put a moratorium on all decisions relating to its budget until a new president takes office in July, students demanded on April 27.

School leaders fired the program's beloved founder and director Jackson Taylor at the beginning of the month, and then told students they can't guarantee the replacement will stick to the same curriculum that attracted fledging writers to it in the first place — a move that could send the worth of the diploma down the tubes, according to one scholar.

"The value of our degree will go down," said Alexa Wilding, a second-year student who organized the protest. "In the literary world, it's who you work with, that's your value."

Wilding — who claims she pays \$40,000 in tuition — said she and fellow students met with St. Joseph's vice president of academic affairs Barbara Garii after they heard Taylor was fired, but the veep refused

to give them a reason for the dismissal.

Taylor had put together a curriculum based on writings of poet and alum Marie Ponsot that brought wordsmiths to the program, but Garri said that finding a new director who will stick to that course is not high on it list, said Wilding.

"She said that is not a priority, she can't guarantee whoever they bring in will uphold that," she said.

Honchos have carved out a few weeks to find a new head, which students claim is not enough to time to find a replacement, said Wilding.

"This is very little time to properly conduct a search. We don't want to learn from some career academics, we want to learn from real writers," she said.

In January, St. Joseph's administration had threatened to cut faculty salary by 80 percent, making it nearly impossible for professors to return for the spring semester. But it hashed out a deal at the last minute and teachers were able to stay on.

Now, it wants to revisit those pay cuts and Garii warned stu-

dents that slashing salaries is imminent, according to Wilding, who said she doesn't understand how the veep, who doesn't write, is the right person to make those decisions.

"How is somebody like Dr. Garii, who isn't a writer, how is she going to be the one leading a bunch of writers who are paying top dollar?" she said.

Wilding and her classmates suspect that the cuts will be made before the new president starts this summer while the administration still has the support for those changes.

The college painted a different picture following the protest, claiming it is devoted to defending the program's core and it is not planning on cutting the budget.

"St. Joseph's College is fully committed to preserving the M.F.A. in Creative Writing program's high standards and reputation of excellence while continuing to uphold the pedagogy and curriculum that makes it a unique, highly competitive, and a sought after program in the region," said Jessica McAleer Decatur, vice president of marketing and communications.

AY CHI-HUAHUA!

Pups de-stressed by mystic volunteer



DOG WHISPERER: Reiki practitioner Esther Cho soothes an anxious dog at Sean Casey Animal Rescue with the power of chi. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

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BY COLIN MIXSON

She's got the whole dog in the palm of her hands!

A Prospect-Lefferts Gardens woman uses the mystical power of chi every week at Sean Casey Animal Rescue, where her ability to channel the healing energy has done wonders to calm stressed dogs awaiting adoption, according to the no-kill shelter's beloved founder.

"She gives off an energy that gets the dogs to a nice calm place, and helps them relax," said Sean Casey. "It helps with their stability in the shelter until they can find a permanent home."

Esther Cho, who began studying reiki — which harnesses the body's life force via the palm of the practitioner's palms — under Zen Buddhist master Inamoto Sensei Namoto about three years ago, typically makes house calls for clients throughout the city. But she spends an hour every Monday working with the larger dogs at Casey's E. Third Street shelter, as a pack, and with lone wolf individuals who need special attention. Her goal? To reassure the pooches that their stay in the shelter is temporary, and that the good life awaits, she said.

"I not only help them relax, but I send them the message that this is temporary — you're going home," Cho said.

Cho first visited the Kensington shelter earlier this year to donate some spare blankets, but was hesitant to become too involved with the pooches stuck there, fearing the plight of the hapless hounds would leave her heartstrings in tatters, she said.

"I didn't really mean to volunteer

there, because I didn't think I could handle it emotionally," Cho said. "I take things to my heart."

But something drew her inside, and she began working with an especially anxious mutt named Papaya who became instantly calm, she claims.

"He was thrashing his body against the cage wall, back and forth, back and forth, and I did reiki and he calmed down really fast," Cho recounted.

That same day, a mother and her son decided to adopt the now-placid Papaya, and Cho knew she couldn't turn her back on the other needy dogs there.

"It was like the universe's sign saying to do this," she said.

Now, Cho is looking for other reiki practitioners willing to donate their time at the shelter to help lighten the load.

"There's usually always one dog that's extra stressed and they need individual attention," Cho said.

Reiki is classified as a pseudo-science, and is not accepted by the medical community, according to Stefano Ghirlanda, an animal behavior expert and psychology professor at Brooklyn College.

The Japanese healing technique has no actual benefits for the dogs, and should not be used in lieu of proven therapeutic measures, Ghirlanda said.

"My personal and professional opinion is that reiki will be ineffective at curing anything, including stress in dogs, and therefore it can be harmful if employed in place of effective treatment," said Ghirlanda.



Put the bark in the park

Pups get new homes at Carroll Gardens adopt-a-thon

BY LAUREN GILL

It is the not-so-ruff life they were meant to live!

Kings County shelter dogs sashayed down the red carpet at the annual Bark Avenue Adopt-A-Thon in Carroll Park on Sunday and even though most of the furballs had rough lives before baring their canines for the cameras, the pups knew the spotlight was right where they belonged, according to the event's organizer.

"I have to say, the dogs really seem happy when they walk on the red carpet, like they know they're stars," said Marion Fiore, who has been running the event for four years. "Most of them are happy to be stars for the day."

Prospective owners who turned out to the event must have been impressed with the pooches' confidence — 20 dogs were adopted during the day, said Fiore.

Organizers outfitted the park with a vintage travel theme that included old-timey decorations such as a departure board alerting people to "fur-ever home boarding" and a delay sign for "Bark Airways."

And once they stepped off the red carpet, pups struck their best poses against an old train background in a photo booth, where they modeled accessories including travel scarves.

HELPING HANDS: (Left) Organizer Marion Fiore and her dog Crystal were the dynamic duo behind the fourth annual Bark Ave. Adopt-A-Thon in Carroll Park on Sunday. (Center) Volunteers helped roll out the red carpet and take care of the animals. (Above) Estee Teich shows pooch Malachi some love.

Photos by Stefano Giovannini



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Market down!

Brooklyn Flea bouncing from Williamsburg

BY LAUREN GILL

It's a flea for all!

High-end bric-a-brac bazaar Brooklyn Flea is leaving Williamsburg's East River State Park less than a month after it moved in because it clogged up the space where people used to sit and enjoy its sister food market Smorgasburg, according to one of its organizers.

"It became clear within a few short weeks that the addition of a second market was preventing us from optimizing the event experience in the world-class way our audience deserves and expects," said co-founder Eric Demby.

The trinket emporium moved into the Kent Avenue park in April, sharing the waterfront space with Smorgasburg on Saturdays. Organizers set up the Flea on the concrete slabs next to the food stalls which previously housed tables and seating where Smorgasburg attendees chilled out and chowed down on their meals — a weekend tradition for some residents and many out-of-towners since 2013.

But the feng shui was thrown out of whack when the bazaar moved in and organizers want to reclaim the space

to put everything back in balance, according to Demby.

"We just needed that 'second slab' for seating, hanging out, general crowd flow," he said.

The market — which has occupied several parks since its 2008 inception — is now seeking a new location and will still operate in Dumbo around the Manhattan Bridge archway on Sundays.

The Flea has had a rough relationship with Williamsburg residents over the years — locals complain it directs business from brick-and-mortar shops and takes away valuable green space from April to November. And the addition of Flea on Saturdays took up a large chunk of the meadow, angering one denizen who says the state must start preserving its greenswards.

"I believe strongly that this is our public space and it is important space — we have so little park space here in North Brooklyn," said Williamsburg resident and former Flea vendor Andre Van Hoek.

Van Hoek added he noticed signs this weekend banning anyone from bringing food or drink into the park,



FLEEING WILLIAMSBURG: Brooklyn Flea co-founders Eric Demby and Jonathan Butler are closing their East River State park location. File photo by Louise Wateridge

despite it being a public space.

"The signage is really egregious," said Van Hoek.

But the signs were actually there to let people know they aren't allowed to bring glass or plastic into the market, according to Demby, who claims Smorgasburg isn't producing any waste this year and all of the trash goes to a composting facility. Picnickers, he said,

can bring in whatever they want.

"The signs give advance notice that glass or plastic items should be disposed of before entering the park and market," he said.

A parks department spokesman said the signs won't be back up for future incarnations and green honchos are working with Demby to make sure the wording is clearer.

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BY JAMES HARNEY

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It's 'Magic'! New bookstore opens in Carroll Gardens

BY LAUREN GILL

The next chapter begins!

Independent bookstore Books Are Magic opened in Carroll Gardens on Monday, filling the void left by the closure of beloved story shop BookCourt, and locals are pumped they can finally check out their new neighbor.

"It's a really nice, warm, comforting, and welcoming place so we're super excited it's here," said Carroll Gardens resident Raquel Frechette, who bought three books on her inaugural visit.

Brooklyn novelist Emma Straub and her husband Michael had long been dreaming of opening their own store and were given a golden opportunity for Books Are Magic when BookCourt's owners announced they were shuttering the cherished staple in December.

Shelves from the old Cobble Hill store line the aisles, housing selections including reads by local authors, obscure titles, and kids books. And Frechette is already planning

on taking her two youngsters to Books Are Magic for afternoons of reading.

"I can definitely see us going regularly and seeking it out as a destination," she said.

The Straubs brought in staff from bookstores across the borough such as Fort Greene's Greenlight and Barnes and Noble, impressing one visitor with their congenial personalities.

"The people who worked there seemed very friendly and nice," said Andrew Schlager, who popped into the shop on a visit from Queens.

Books Are Magic replaces a high-end women's clothing store and is a welcome addition to a neighborhood that has been increasingly taken over by national chains and pricey dud shops, said Frechette.

"A lot of the things that have been closing are beloved places that are replaced with things we already have, a lot of chains, or things that have less mom and pop personalities," she said. "I think people are excited that something we really wanted opened up."

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The victim first reported the ongoing saga of serial lock jamming on April 19, when she discovered a metal chunk lodged into the lock securing her apartment between Seventh and Eighth avenues.

She claims the vandal has struck twice before, once on Dec. 16, and again on Feb. 11, each time destroying her pricey locks, which cost about \$150, and the costs are adding up, according to police.

No arrests have been made, and the case has been closed, cops said.

Foul-smelling fiend

Cops have called off the hunt for the stinky scoundrel who nabbed \$10 worth of bar soap from a Fourth Avenue dollar store on April 17.

A worker told police that he was inside the store between Bergen Street and St. Marks Place at 6:58 pm when he spotted the rancid reprobate pocket the store's soap, and then flee past the register.

Break up

Some brute smacked a woman on Flatbush Avenue as retaliation for refusing to give him her number on April 22.

The victim told police she'd recently left a nightclub near Plaza Street at 1:20 am, when the bar crawler slithered up to her and demanded her phone number.

But when the victim refused, he went berserk, slapped her face, and hurled her to the ground, leaving her with injuries across her face, cops said.

Choosey beggar

Police have given up the hunt for the disgruntled indigent who threatened a woman outside her Berkley Place home on April 23.

The vagrant approached the victim as she was moving boxes out-



POLICE BLOTTER

side her home between Sixth and Seventh avenues at 8:45 am, demanding money and "place to live," cops said.

When the bewildered victim refused him, the beggar turned nasty and snarled, "better watch it, girl," according to police.

Graby gardener

Cops have given up looking for the creep who grabbed a woman's arm inside the Brooklyn Botanic Garden on April 22.

The victim told police she was inside the garden off Washington Avenue at 12:50 pm when the would-be suitor exclaimed, "hi, beautiful lady," before suddenly grabbing her arm.

— Colin Mixson

88TH PRECINCT

FORT GREENE-CLINTON HILL

Bodega bash

Police arrested a man who they say bashed a DeKalb Avenue bodega worker on April 25 over the price of sandwiches.

The employee told cops he was in the shop by St. Felix Street at 4 am when the suspect wanted two sandwiches but became agitated with the price, and then hit the employee with an unnamed blunt instrument several times, authorities said. The blows injured his head and arm, according to cops.

Doctor!

Authorities slapped handcuffs on a guy who punched an emergency room doctor at a DeKalb Avenue medical center on April 30.

The doc was conducting his duties in the hospital near Ashland Place around 12:40 am when his

patient socked him in the face and neck, tackled him to the floor, and kicked him in the ribs, cops said.

Bottled

Three punks hit a drunk guy over the head with a glass bottle on Hanson Place on April 27.

The victim was highly intoxicated and unable to provide information about the attack by S. Portland Avenue to authorities, a report said.

Held up

Cops cuffed a teen who they say stole a guy's dirt bike and cash by putting a gun to the victim's chest on S. Elliott Place on April 25.

The 15-year-old suspect flashed the firearm and forcibly took the two-wheeler and \$130 near Atlantic Avenue at around 1:30 pm, according to a report.

Text and ride

A fast-moving sneak on a bicycle snatched a guy's phone from his hands as he was walking and texting on Rockwell Place on April 28.

The victim told police he was strolling near DeKalb Avenue at 3:55 pm and looking down at his iPhone 7 when the thief came up from behind him and grabbed it from his hands.

— Lauren Gill

68TH PRECINCT

BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

Burn, baby, burn

A goon set fire to a car on Colonial Road on April 23.

The gray Toyota Corolla was parked between Wakeman Place and 67th Street at 4:30 am when an arsonist set the car ablaze, accord-

ing to a police report.

The car was unoccupied and no one was hurt during the incident, said police.

While you slept

A thief swiped a man's cellphone as he napped on a Bay Ridge-bound R train on April 22.

The sleepy straphanger told police that he got on the train in Manhattan and dozed off.

When he awoke at 7 am, he was at the 95th Street station and realized that someone had stolen his iPhone, police said.

The man used an app to track his phone, which is apparently in the foreign land of Queens, according to a police report.

Right in the kisser!

A would-be robber sucker-punched a man in the face on Third Avenue on April 28.

The victim told police that he was near 97th Street at 7 pm when a hooded man approached him from behind, tapped him on the shoulder, and said, "Give me your wallet."

When the man refused, the ruffian slugged him in the face, causing a bloody nose and lip, police said.

The goon fled on foot, officials said.

Brutal beating

Several brutes surrounded a man and beat him to a pulp on Fifth Avenue on April 29.

The victim told police he got into an argument with one of the goons between 88th and 90th streets at 6 pm when someone kicked him and he fell to the ground. The group of bruisers then surrounded the man and bludgeoned him with bats and crowbars, according to a police report.

The man suffered a gash to his head and drove himself to Maimonides Hospital before reporting the incident to police, authorities said.

— Caroline Spivack

Pier 6 settlement talks fail, judge to hear, decide on case

BY LAUREN GILL

A lawsuit over two controversial towers planned for Pier 6 in Brooklyn Bridge Park lies in the hands of the court after reps for the green space and Brooklyn Heights Association failed to reach a settlement, according to the civic group's lawyer.

"There was an attempt

to settle and the next thing is an argument on the merits. We are looking forward to being heard by the judge on the merits of the claims," said attorney Richard Ziegler.

The litigants had previously spent the majority of their court appearances behind closed doors in state Supreme Court Justice Lucy

Billings' chambers trying to work out a deal they both could live with. On April 26, reps for the park and Heights Association shuffled in and out of the private discussions for two hours. The next day, the civic group told the Brooklyn Eagle it had made no progress and the case will move on to arguments, "barring fur-

ther discussions."

The Heights Association is alleging the park has plenty of cash and is violating its agreement to only build as much housing as it needs to sustain the meadow. And green space honchos say they need the money from the two towers at the foot of Atlantic Avenue to fund maintenance on

the timber piles holding up the pier over the East River from wood eating crustaceans called marine borers.

The groups will have an opportunity to make their arguments on either June 7 or June 9.

The Brooklyn Heights Association did not return a request for comment.

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Pols battle over Linda Sarsour's commencement address

Local pols are battling over the City University of New York's decision to give controversial Palestinian-American activist **Linda Sarsour** a microphone at the School of Public Health's commencement on June 1.

Assemblyman **Dov Hikind** (D-Midwood) is demanding the school rescind its invitation to Bay Ridgite Sarsour, — a staunch supporter of the Boycott Divest and Sanction movement (which seeks to punish Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories) who headed the Arab American Association of New York and helped lead the Women's March in Washington — because she is a "terrorism propagandist."

"This is not about our different points of view on the Middle East," said Hikind during a phone interview on May 1. "This is about her crossing the line to something I think should be unacceptable to all Americans, all New Yorkers, when she condones and is advocating violence."

Hikind and others, who are calling on the school's chancellor **James Milliken** to rescind the offer are refer-



ring to her social media posts from more than a year ago when she tweeted a picture of a young boy with rocks in his hands marching towards a group of armed Israeli soldiers, and called it "the definition of courage."

"What is the message there?" Hikind said. "She needs to explain that, that's not acceptable to me and anyone else."

Hikind also condemned Sarsour for sharing a stage with **Rasmea Yousef Odeh**, who was convicted by Israeli courts for her role in the murder of two students in Jerusalem, during a summit for the

Boycott Divest and Sanction movement in Chicago last month.

"With her record of supporting terrorism she's just the wrong person for this," Hikind said. "I would support freedom of speech, for but for someone who advocates for terrorism, shouldn't that be a little different?"

But Councilman **Jumaane Williams** (D-Midwood) called out the Assemblyman on Twitter for fear-mongering by implying Sarsour is a terrorist herself, and saying what he is doing now is just as ignorant as the time he dressed in blackface for a Purim party four years ago.

"Dov Hikind insinuating @lsarsour is a terrorist is dangerous and as irresponsible as a man dressing up in #blackface," he posted on the social media platform.

Hikind should know better than to throw out such problematic accusations — and what she's said has never gone so far as to criticize Judaism, only the politics of the state of Israel, said Williams during a phone interview on May 2.

"We all have some things

in our past and we shouldn't throw accusations out there if we live in a glass house, and I think we should be even more responsible," he said. "Unfortunately we are conflating politics with full on hatred of an entire religion and I think that happens on both sides."

And Williams urged for peaceful discussion between both parties, because the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is so deeply rooted in historical context that such tweets and name-calling are only adding more fuel to the fire, he said.

"My general hope is that as we move forward on these issues that cooler heads will prevail as we are discussing them because I think that serves better for conversation, people are looking for leadership on this," Williams said.

And other Jewish pols are reaching out to the University in support of Sarsour giving the keynote address to graduating students, alongside First Lady **Chirlane McCray**, who will receive an Honorary Doctor of Science during the ceremony.

Councilman **Brad Lander** (D-Park Slope) penned a letter

to Milliken saying he proudly stands with Sarsour, and that her actions speak louder than her words — Sarsour was one of the first to call him after the anti-Semitic vandalism that desecrated tombstones in the Jewish cemetery in St. Louis and organized efforts for its restoration, he said.

Sarsour may support a movement that many Jews do not, but that does not make her anti-Semite, said Lander.

"Linda immediately reached out to me, and organized an overwhelming Muslim response that raised tens of thousands of dollars for its restoration," Lander wrote in the letter. "I do not agree with Linda on every issue, of course. We are New Yorkers, after all! We have strong, and divergent, views on the Israeli-Palestinian conflicts. I know that she supports the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement. She knows that I oppose it. That does not make me an Islamophobe. And it does not make her an anti-Semite."

Milliken released a statement on April 26 that the University will not un-invite Sarsour.

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Governor opens new span to Queens

BY COLIN MIXSON

Brooklyn celebrated the grand opening of the first of two spans that will replace the aging Kosciuszko Bridge last Thursday night with a dazzling lightshow before traffic was allowed onto the first new bridge to grace the city's skyline since the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge connected Kings County to the Rock in 1964.

The light display was synchronized to city-themed ballads such as Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York," and Billy Joel's, "New York State of Mind," but it was the surrounding industrial wasteland that really gave the light show its flavor, according to one local.

"It was interesting to see this big spectacle in an otherwise different kind of environment," said Greenpoint resident Willis Elkins. "The area

is heavy industry, it's not your typical tourist destination."

Throughout the day leading up to the big show, drivers were stuck with traffic delays on both sides of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, as lanes are closed and traffic directed away from the old bridge and onto the new one.

But the old Kosciuszko has served as a major bottleneck along the expressway for decades, with Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-Greenpoint) calling it "the worst bridge in the state." The new dual bridges replacing it at a cost of \$825 million are expected to ease congestion considerably, according to Cuomo.

"This new bridge will ease congestion and improve our region's transportation network while demonstrating that the Empire State continues to lead the nation

in building state-of-the-art infrastructure projects that will serve New Yorkers for generations to come," the governor boasted at the opening.

Cuomo, who drove Franklin Delano Roosevelt's 1932 Packard to the opening, rigged the bridge to radiate a massive, multi-color light show as the premier to what's called "New York Harbor of Lights," an event that will eventually feature coordinated displays from other bridges throughout the five boroughs, along with the Empire State Building.

Following the show, traffic was finally allowed to flow over the new bridge at 11:30 pm.

Cuomo announced in February that the old Kosciuszko, opened in 1939, would go out with a bang, with workers carting away the span's center portion and then rigging the remaining structure



FDR APPROVED: Gov. Cuomo cruised into the celebration behind the wheel of a '32 Packard previously owned by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Photo by Mark Hallum

with explosives in order to speed up the work.

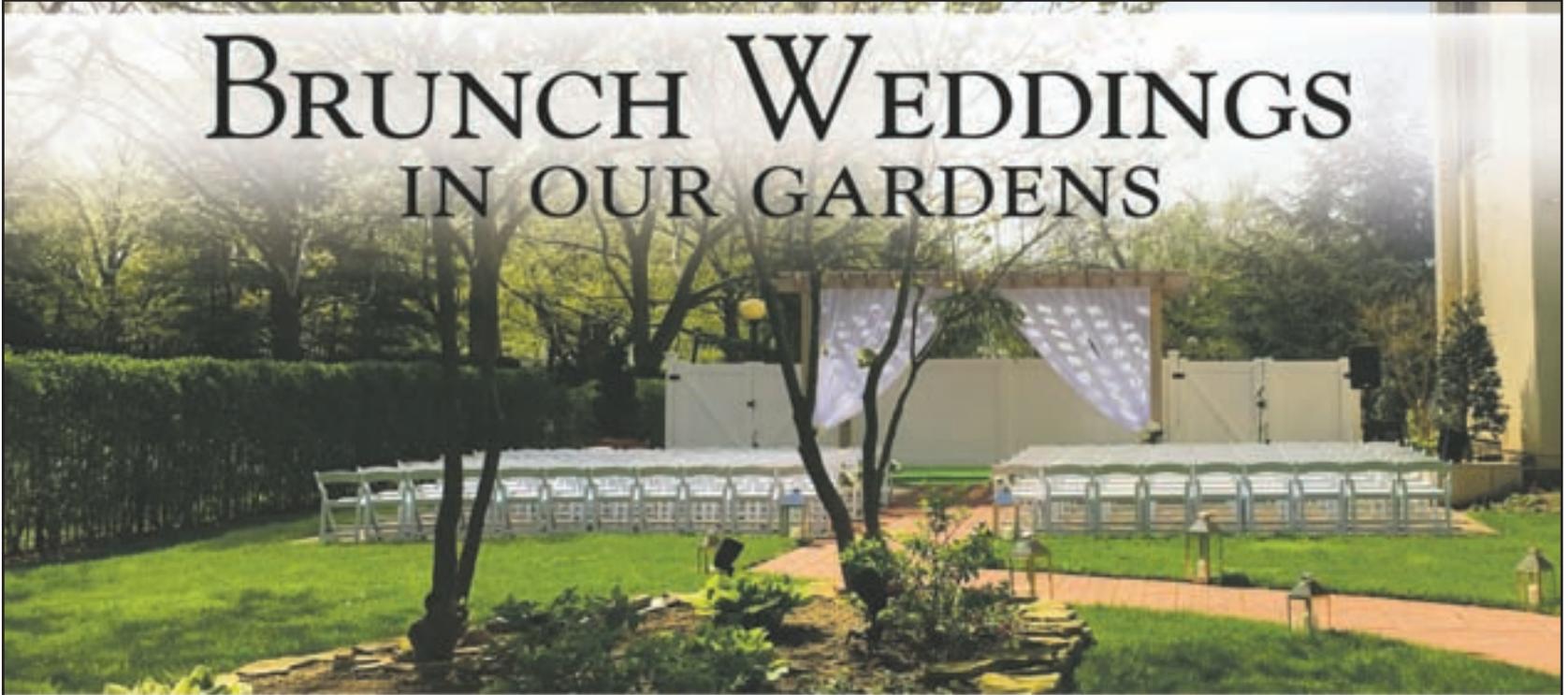
The demolition was originally set to coincide roughly with the opening of the new bridge, but as of April 27, the bridge's fiery doom isn't expected to happen until the summer, according to a spokeswoman for state Department of Transportation.

Recently, a group of musicians calling themselves the Kosciuszko Philharmonic Orchestra created an online petition requesting the city let it perform Tchaikovsky's famed "1812 Overture" during the span's obliteration, although they remain short of their goal with only 237 out of 1,000 signatures.

Once the new span is open, six lanes will take traffic from Brooklyn to Queens and vice versa.

Construction of a second cable-stay span with four-traffic lanes headed to Kings County, along with a bike and pedestrian lane, is in the works and is scheduled to open in 2020.

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Los Sures celebrates 45 years

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Standing O shouts out to **Southside United HDFC-Los Sures** on providing 45 years of commitment to affordable housing, community development, and advocacy.

The organization celebrated the occasion with a soiree held at the **Freehold Brooklyn** in Williamsburg on April 26, where more than 200 guests danced, laughed, and honored Los Sures.

Ramon Peguero, Esq., executive



director of Los Sures, expressed his gratitude "to all the executive directors who came before me."

"We have added 250 units of affordable housing. We have increased staff by 20 percent and we have expanded every department of Los Sures," he said. "You ask how we are able to celebrate 45 years and I have two words: resiliency and adaptability."

Five individuals were honored at the event, including longtime board member **Martin Needelman, Esq.**, who received the Humanitarian Award; El Puente Founder and President **Luis Garden Acosta**, who received the David Pagan Community Legacy Award; **Hirschen Singer & Epstein LLP**, the Corporate Award winner; New York City Council General Counsel **Jason Adolfo Otano**, the Rising Leadership Award recipient; and Councilman **Antonio Reynoso**, who was honored with the David Lopez Friend of Los Sures Award.

Along with a video produced by **James Eden** and **Adrian Martinez**, and introduced by **Natalie Rodriguez**, development associate at Los Sures, guests dined on sumptuous hors d'oeuvres; danced to the pulsating beat of salsa, meringue, and reggae music; and socialized — all in the name of Los Sures.

Southside United HDFC-Los Sures [434 S. Fifth St. and Hewes Street in Williamsburg, (718) 387-3600].

BOROUGH WIDE

Future librarians

Hats off to Sen. **Charles Schumer** and **Kirsten Gillibrand** for providing \$494,223 in new federal funding for Brooklyn Public Library. The gelt was allocated through the **Institute**



STAYING ALIVE!: A John Travolta impersonator got guests boogying down at the Alliance for Coney Island's annual gala at Gargiulo's Restaurant on April 20.

Coney Alliance getting down

ONEY ISLAND

Roses for the **Alliance for Coney Island** on its fifth anniversary, 90 birthday balloons for the **Cyclone** roller coaster, and white suits for everybody in honor of the 40th anniversary of "**Saturday Night Fever**."

The Alliance celebrated all of these milestones with its annual fund-raising gala held at **Gargiulo's Restaurant** on April 20. Touted as the largest networking event held in the Coney Island community, this year's festivities greeted more than 350 individuals. The night paid homage to those who have helped usher forth the Coney Island revitalization of recent years.

Along with staff and community members, Councilmember **Mark Treyger** (D-Coney Island) and Assemblymember **Pamela Harris** (D-Coney Island) were on hand to dance the night away to the disco-themed events that had everybody

on the dance floor doing the hustle, and enjoying the entertainment provided by a John Travolta impersonator. Guests were also treated to fab food, a silent auction, and more.

Cindy Godla, public relations manager of events at the Alliance, helped make this year's fund-raising goals a reality, with the soiree raising more than \$100,000, the highest amount the gala has ever raked in.

"When people think of Coney Island, they think of fun. I wanted to produce an event that was nothing short of that," said Cindy. "We work really hard all year to be able to produce free public programming each summer and to be able to raise over \$100,000 in one evening is amazing and will help us continue doing that."

Standing O hopes the Alliance keeps "Staying Alive" for many more years to come.

Alliance for Coney Island [1323 Surf Ave. at W. 12th Street in Coney Island, (718) 594-7895].

of Museum and Library Services's Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program.

Specifically, Brooklyn Public Library will use the money to create an internship program for 180 high school students in the field of library and information services. The Librarians of Tomorrow program will be composed of a two-month summer session and a nine-month peer-leadership program, and will include educational workshops.

"Libraries like Brooklyn Public Library are vital to our democratic society because they provide citizens with access to literature, computers, and other educational resources," said Sen. Schumer.

"The lives of New York's children are richer because of educational programs

funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services," added Sen. Gillibrand. "The Brooklyn Public Library's internship program will help expand new learning opportunities for students in the community, so they can grow up and reach their potential no matter what their background is or where in the city they live. I will continue to fight for federal funding like this that helps our children grow and develop."

Linda Johnson, chief executive officer and president of the Brooklyn Public Library said, "The Librarians of Tomorrow internship program presents a terrific opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience at the library. We thank the Institute of Museum and Library Services for helping to ensure that the librarians of tomorrow are as



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Go Patriots!

Put your pom-poms together for borough daughter Allison DeJesus. Following a grueling six-week audition process that began with open try-outs and concluded with the annual Patriots Cheerleaders Boot Camp, Allison was selected as one of the 2017 New England Patriots Cheerleaders.

The squad shakes its pom-poms and rehearses twice a week and performs at all Patriots home games. Patriots cheerleaders have also visited deployed military troops in more than 25 countries, supported many charitable organizations and local business, and appeared on local and national television.

Allison learned her craft as a student at Burncoat Senior High School in Massachusetts, then earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Health Education with a minor in theater at Worcester State University. Allison has also been with the Pat's organization for the past three years.

"I am filled with an overwhelming sense of pride and emotion to be able to continue working alongside an incredible organization that is passionate about volunteerism and their fan base," she said. "After being a part of the historic 2016 Super Bowl win, I can't wait to kick off the 2017 season with my teammates and the best fans in football."

Standing O says, "Allison, if you ever get tired of the cold New England winters, there are a few New York teams that could use a cheerleader or two."

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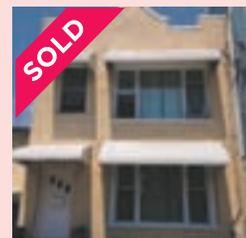
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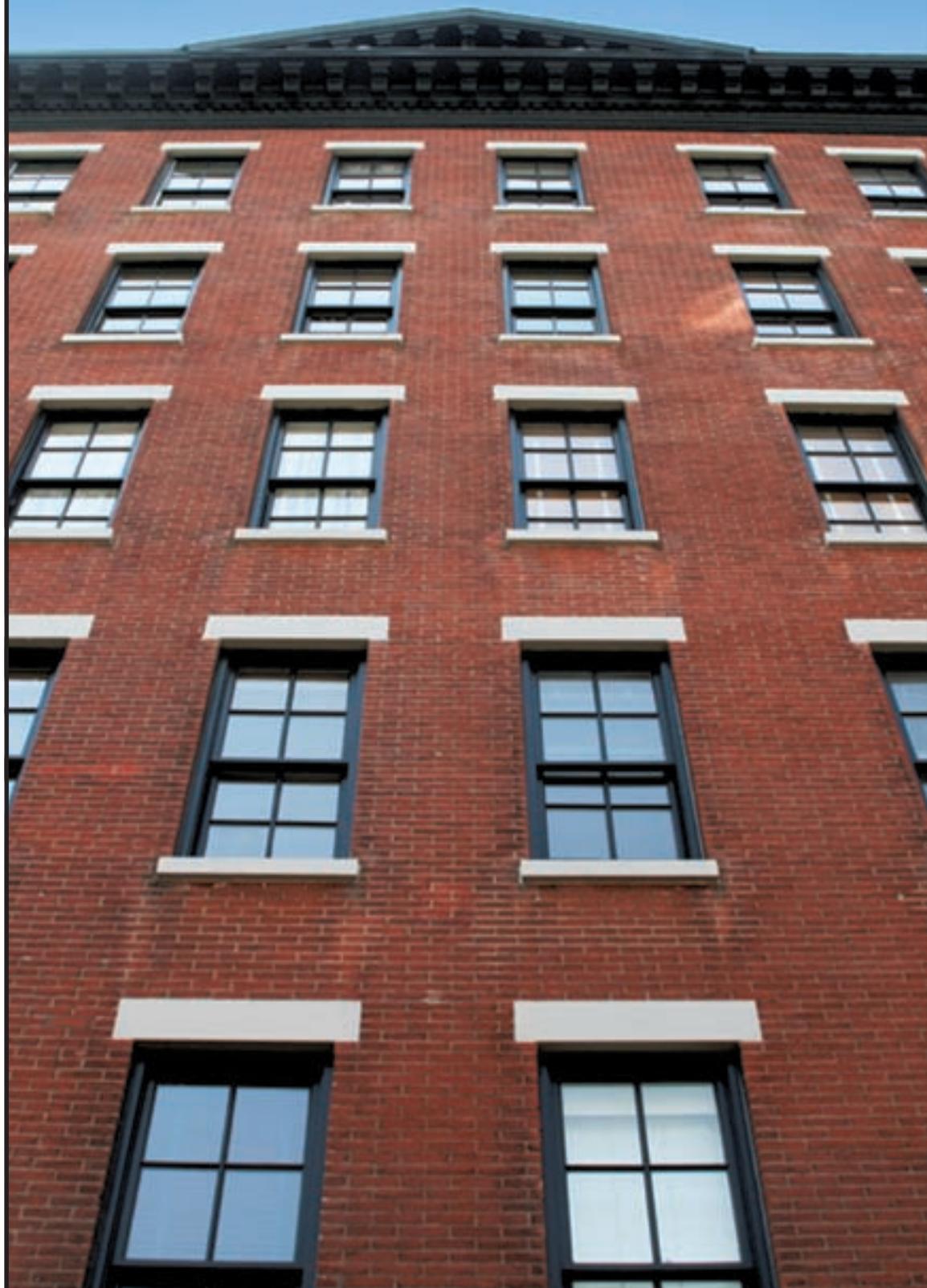
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GOWANUS

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project's manager claims — a move that could have something to do with the sometime climate change denier in the White House.

"The [polluters] are taking full advantage of that," said Carroll Gardens resident Katia Kelly, a member of the so-called Superfund site's Community Advisory Group. "It seemed right after the election there seems to be a discrepancy when it comes to the schedule."

And even if Trump doesn't kill the clean-up, the new schedule will delay the project up to eight years, project manager Christos Tsiamis said at the group's monthly meeting on April 25, as first reported by local blog Pardon Me For Asking.

"With this schedule forget about completion by 2022," said project manager Christos Tsiamis. "So we're going to the end of the decade for completing the canal, not 2022 but it will be closer to 2030."

The Environmental Protection Agency has already used existing information on the canal from the Army Corps of Engineers and conducted its own analyses to make sure everything is up to snuff, but the polluters insist on going back and doing their own time consuming work, Tsiamis said.

"We don't have to go and investigate every particle of sand in the sediment. That's not what's happening with the work right now," he said. "[It] forces me to send mail to them to tell them to stop wasting your

money, you're wasting my time."

Tsiamis has already sent several requests to the polluters demanding they buck up, but said he can't guarantee how successful they will be. The agency could also take the responsible parties to court, but a lawsuit would take years and delay the project even further, he said. He added the cleanup can still be completed on time as long as the parties involved agree to play ball.

But the responsible parties claim they're doing what they can to get the job done and they need to do the supplemental studies to ensure accuracy and safety, said a National Grid rep, although she refused to say if one of the motivations for stalling was the possibility of one day getting out of the cleanup entirely.

"This process has been expedited and the responsible parties are working cooperatively to meet the more ambitious timeline while also being mindful of the need to create a design that is safe, constructible and sustainable," said spokeswoman Karen Young.

National Grid has already taken steps to foot the cleanup bill — it hiked its rates last year to pay for its many so-called Superfund obligations around the city.

Outraged locals believe that the sludge-spewing companies are not stepping up to the plate and promise to make their life hell until they stop mucking around.

"I have always said it is criminal to go ahead and not step up to the responsibilities we all know they have," said Kelly. "I think the only thing we can do as a community."

CO-OP

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claims charges exorbitant prices because its customers are older people who won't go anywhere else.

"They charge a dollar more on almost every single item, because they have a trapped audience," Rutner said.

Andreolli said she took pleasure in exploring Park Slope's more conventional grocery stores, like the Third Street Whole Foods, the Ninth Street C-Town, and the Seventh Avenue Union Market, where she found the organic produce to be fresher but more expensive than the co-op's.

She really liked the organic mashed potatoes at Union Market, which she heated up with butter and organic olive oil, and topped with red beats, red peppers, and garlic.

"It's a healthy, fun meal," she said.

Ettlinger described his weekly schlepps to Key Food as a "pain in the a-," and was disappointed that the variety of organic produce and meats that he had grown accustomed to at the co-op were unavailable.

So he admitted he'll be "more

careful" when protesting the grocery store's influential boycott faction, but that he's "pissed off" that the co-op's in-house newspaper, the Linewriter's Gazette, still provides them a place to pontificate about their anti-Israeli agenda.

That's not so for Rutner, who said she has returned to the co-op for political reasons, and that she won't leave until the boycotters have been "excommunicated" from the grocery store.

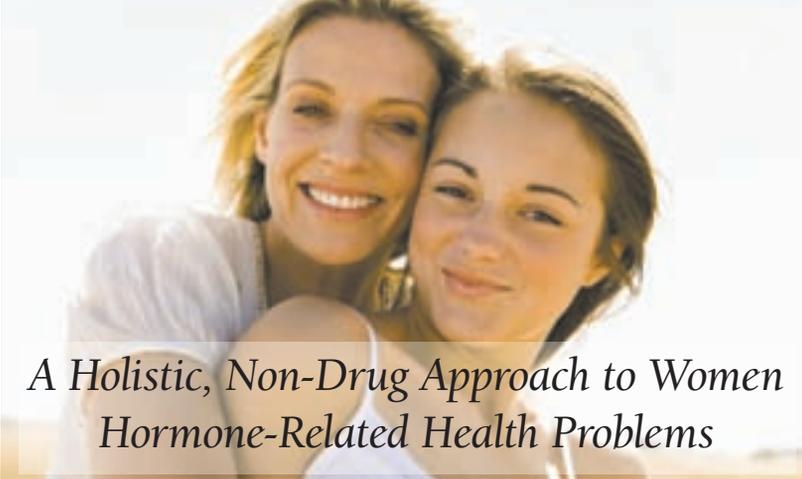
"I hate them like poison, to tell you the truth," she said.

And Andreolli spent some of her time away visiting the United Nations in Manhattan, where she petitioned Israeli and Jewish advocates for support in a civil defamation suit she plans to file against the co-op in retaliation for her suspension, which she claims ruined her good name.

Her efforts there were unsuccessful, however, despite the minor celebrity she enjoys among Jews for standing up against the co-op's boycotters.

"It was unbelievable," said Andreolli. "I'm in this sea of big Jewish organizations, and they know about me, and say I'm a hero, that we love you so much, but we can't help you."

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How to show a nurse you care

Nurses are often the first people patients see when visiting hospitals. According to the United States Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources Services Administration, there were 2.8 million registered nurses, including advanced practice registered nurses, and 690,000 licensed practical nurses, in the United States between the years of 2008 and 2010.

Nurses fill many roles in the medical community, assisting doctors and helping to make in-patient stays more comfortable for men and women who are ill or injured. Specialized nurses, such as nurse practitioners, may even serve as the primary healthcare provider, offering diagnoses and writing prescriptions.

While there is a specific week set aside to show appreciation to nurses, many people agree that they deserve recognition throughout the year. Any instance is a good time to give back to nurses, and the following are a few ways to honor the nurses in your life:

Play caretaker to him or her. Nurses tend to the needs of others all the time, but some nurses do not get the respite they deserve. Those who want to show appreciation to a nurse who has helped them in their lives can present the nurse with a gift card for a massage and soothing spa treatment.

Cater a meal. Offer to cater a meal at the hospital or medical office so that all nurses on staff can bene-

fit. If there is one nurse in particular you want to treat, give that nurse a gift card to a nearby restaurant.

Provide foot relief. Nurses spend hours on their feet, and that can cause pain or stiffness throughout the body. Present a gift card to a store that specializes in comfort shoes or custom orthotics. A certificate for a pedicure or foot massage would no doubt be appreciated as well.

Create a charmed existence. Charm bracelets are the rage right now, and nurses may appreciate a bracelet that highlights their career path with specific charms. For something they can wear on the job, treat nurses to a Steth-o-Charm, which is a charm that slides securely onto

stethoscopes. These charms come in many designs and can make for a memorable gift.

Give a decorative badge reel. Nurses must wear identification or have swipe cards on them to gain access to areas of hospitals. Many badges are standard items without any flare or style. A colorful or decorative badge reel can be a nice way to brighten up a nurse's day.

Give verbal or handwritten thanks. One of the easiest and most heartfelt ways to show your appreciation to nurses is to simply tell them how you feel. Offer a handwritten note or speak with a nurse in person. Such a simple gesture does not take much effort, but it is bound to make an impact.



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School nurses often unsung heroes



School nurses do much more than apply bandages to playground scrapes. School nurses conduct vital health screenings and are often the security blanket for students who need special care during school hours. Despite all they do, school nurses are often the unsung heroes within the school community.

School nurses certainly tackle their share of fevers, nosebleeds, cuts, and scrapes, but they play other pivotal roles as well, calling up moms and dads to pick up their sick sons and daughters, overseeing the school's health policies, and helping to ensure a safe school environment for students. In addition, the role of the school nurse has changed dramatically over the years. A school nurse may oversee vaccination schedules. He or she also may arrange for assemblies regarding

"change of life" seminars for children about to enter puberty. When there is an epidemic at the school, the nurse is often charged with notifying staff and parents and helping to contain the situation.

Apart from all of the tasks in treating "sick" children, nurses also are essential in helping to keep children with life-threatening diseases healthy while they are at school. The number of children with serious allergies, diabetes, asthma, and even seizure disorders has increased. According to the American Diabetes Association, roughly one in every 400 children and adolescents has diabetes. School nurses may help administer life-saving insulin shots to children who need them. According to Anaphylaxis Canada, one in 50 Canadian children has a peanut allergy, and about one to two percent

of these can have severe or life-threatening reactions. School nurses may treat serious allergic reactions or provide a safe place where children with serious allergies can eat lunch.

In some cases, school nurses become a mediator between home and school. Nurses may indirectly be teaching students as well. Each time the nurse treats a condition, he or she may be educating students on how to avoid that situation in the future. For example, a nurse may impart the importance of eating breakfast to avoid a morning headache or teach youngsters about the benefits of stretching before diving into physical education class.

School nurses are often the unsung heroes of a school, wiping away tears when youngsters suffer an injury at school and acting as a reassuring voice when such injuries are painful.

Sidestepping foot, hip, and back pain critical for nurses

Nurses work hard. And virtually all of that hard work, from administering medication to hanging IVs to moving patients and equipment, is done standing up on hard surfaces. So it's no surprise that many nurses experience foot and back pain after a long day — or night — on the job.

Millions of people in physically demanding occupations experience chronic back, hip, and foot pain. Repeated strain on the feet, hips, and back not only causes pain but also gradually reduces the ability of muscles to recuperate quickly. As a result, healthcare professionals such as doctors, chiropractors, and massage therapists spend countless hours treating patients whose pain and discomfort stem from job-related injuries.

For nurses, these ailments and injuries are difficult to avoid. In fact, research shows that nurses suffer from lower

back pain more than people in any other profession. The constant physical demands of the profession also prevent nurses from getting enough rest between shifts, which can exacerbate both the problem and the pain.

While treatments for foot, hip, and back pain can be effective, nurses can also take steps to prevent strain in the first place. The following are a few proven strategies for staying healthy and injury-free on the job:

Wear the right shoes. Nurses need shoes that fit well and provide proper support. Since it is important to give shoes a day to air out before being worn again, it's best to have more than one pair of work shoes. Full-time nurses should replace their shoes every six months.

Tend to your feet. Foot problems, such as corns, bunions, and ingrown toenails, are painful and can sap one's

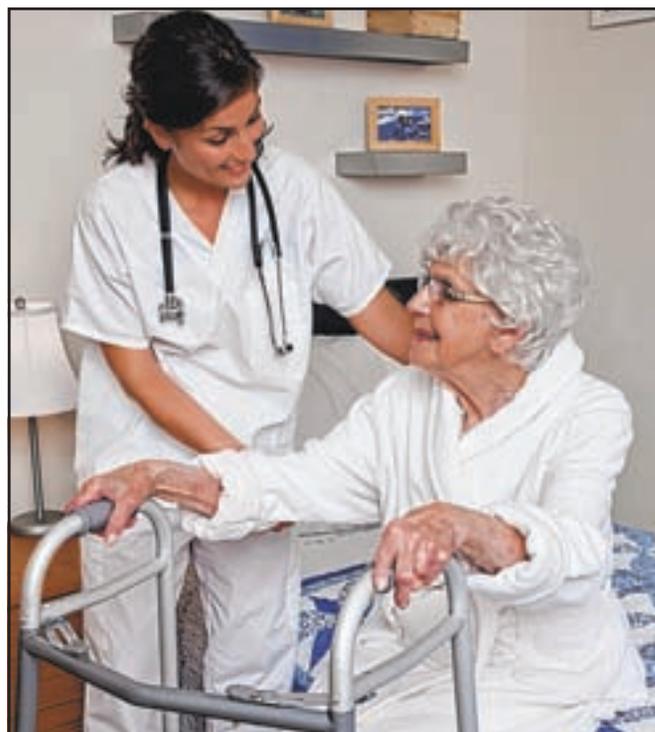
energy, so treat them early and often.

Stand up straight. Good posture is one of the keys to preventing both foot and back pain. When the body is in the correct position, the vertebrae that form the spine are aligned and muscles and ligaments can hold them in place without strain. If necessary, various types of posture supports can help ensure that the body is properly aligned and supported properly.

Bend right. Always be aware of how you move your body. When lifting equipment or moving patients, give your back a break. Instead, bend at your knees and let your legs do the work.

Think teamwork. If your facility has a lift team, don't hesitate to use it. If not, work in pairs when lifting, shifting, or transferring patients.

Turn, don't twist. Lifting and twisting can strain the lower back. When picking up



The physically demanding nature of a nurse's job leaves many nurses susceptible to foot, hip, and back pain.

heavy equipment or even a patient, plant your feet firmly on the floor for support. As you turn, be sure to move both your feet and your body.

Make a move. Holding equipment or patients in one

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There are now apps and programs that are specifically geared toward caretakers and seniors.

Technology and caregiving

Caring for someone with dementia or Alzheimer's is an exhausting, complicated and, often, a frustrating 24-7 job. It's no wonder that technology, software, and application designers are working hard to create products that make caregiving challenges more manageable.

One of the most time-consuming activities for caregivers is managing multiple appointments and daily tasks, including the medication schedule. Calendar apps and programs help caregivers keep track of appointments and reminders, assign and coordinate tasks, and share calendars with friends and family. There are also dosage scheduling trackers with reminder alarms, as well as pill identification tools that pro-



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vide important information on medication side-effects and risks.

Managing health records is also easier with health record tracking programs. These offer tools that organize personal health records while protecting privacy. They also allow the caregiver to record symptoms, track test results and diagnoses, track hospital visits, maintain insurance records, and provide health-related alerts.

There are innovative safety devices that allow caregivers

to keep track of the location of the person with dementia. Since wandering is a major safety concern, these devices can be as simple as entry and exit alerts on doors, or as advanced as a small, wearable navigation system-locator, accessible with a smartphone app.

Caregivers often feel alone and isolated. Social media allows caregivers to create virtual communities to communicate and support each other. Many families create a personal website where the caregiver posts updates for family, friends, and neighbors, including good times to visit or how they might help. Webcams and video conferencing allow the homebound caregiver the op-

portunity to stay in touch.

Audio and video apps are available to help caregivers manage stress. These include meditation, yoga, and spiritual programs. Even a short daily break listening to calming music or relaxing sounds may provide respite. For caregivers who can't get out to exercise, there are countless websites and apps that offer at-home Pilates, aerobics and other types of workouts.

Online shopping apps make it possible to do errands any time of day or night. Many take care of banking, bill-paying, grocery, clothes and appliance shopping, refilling prescriptions, movie and book purchases, and much more. And many will guarantee next day delivery or schedule a specific time to deliver items.

A great starting place to explore some of the ways technology can support caregivers is the Balance App, designed by the Hebrew Home at Riverdale in partnership with CaringKind. It includes caregiving tips, calendars, pill reminders, news updates, a medical record tracker, and more. I am confident that in the near future, we will see many more wonderful technology resources, but just as a reminder, technology will never replace the hands-on loving care and affection that a caregiver can provide.

For more information on this and other caregiving topics related to Alzheimer's and dementia, call CaringKind's 24-hour Helpline at (646) 744-2900 or visit www.caring-kindnyc.org.

Appointment companions for seniors a smart move



Seniors who bring companions along to appointments with their physicians can reduce the risk of misunderstanding advice or diagnoses given by their doctors. iStock

Visits to a physician are just one step people make in an effort to improve their well-being. It's important that everyone visit their physicians at least once a year for a checkup, but seniors may need to see their physicians more frequently than other age groups.

When visiting the doctor, it is easy for anyone to miss important components of what the doctor is saying, and it's just as easy to misunderstand certain instructions or medication information. Seniors who bring companions along to appointments with their physicians can reduce the risk of misunderstanding advice or diagnoses given by their doctors.

Data from U.S. News and World Report states that about one-third of seniors still living on their own take a companion with them to their routine doctor's office visits. Companions

are typically spouses, but they can include children or other family members as well.

Patients may find there are many advantages to bringing someone along to an appointment. And companions may want to learn more about patients' goals at each appointment prior to going along so they can prepare and know how to help during the appointment.

Listen

People tend to forget at least half of what they hear in the doctor's office, says the Archives of Internal Medicine. This tendency may be increased when patients are nervous about the potential outcome of their visits.

Bringing a companion along means that both people are actively listening. Together, the information they've heard can combine to provide a full account of

the visit.

Taking notes

Companions can jot down important notes about the appointment, such as dates and times for follow-up visits, medication advice, and any other instructions that may be forgotten once the patient leaves the office.

Companions can later translate the jargon-heavy language of a physician into an understandable language the patient can fully understand.

Medical history

Sometimes a companion can be a useful resource, calling a doctor's attention to a patient's prior hospitalizations and illnesses. Companions can even call attention to any medications the patient is currently taking.

Serving as an advocate

Very often a companion

can operate as a patient advocate, clarifying questions or getting further information out of a doctor if the patient is hesitant to ask. If the information isn't clear, the companion can raise red flags or ask to have the in-

structions put in a different light.

Translation

Sometimes patients need companions who speak their native languages when their physicians do not.

Keeping a Steady Beat: Treating Arrhythmia with Implanted Cardiac Devices

Implanted cardiac devices, which include pacemakers and implanted cardioverter defibrillators, are important tools for the treatment of patients with arrhythmia, a condition in which the heart beats abnormally. While some arrhythmias are benign, others can be very dangerous and even lead to cardiac arrest. Implanted cardiac devices help maintain a regular and safe heartbeat rhythm. A cardiologist specializing in electrophysiology (a doctor who monitors the heart's electrical system to diagnose and treating arrhythmias) can help determine whether an implanted cardiac device is necessary. It is our job to pinpoint the arrhythmia and then to improve the patient's quality of life and in many cases, to save it," said Gioia Turitto, director of electrophysiology at NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital.



One of the most common arrhythmia treatments involves implanting a pacemaker—a device that sends consistent electrical impulses to the heart to maintain a regular heartbeat. Pacemakers are usually used to treat patients with brady-

cardia (slow heart rate). The pacemaker is implanted just under the skin of the chest, and a wire attached to the pacemaker is then threaded through the heart.

Patients who have heart-

beats that are too fast or un-

even may need an implanted cardioverter defibrillator (ICD). The procedure for implanting the device is similar to that used for a pacemaker, but while a pacemaker consistently controls the heartbeat, the ICD shocks the heart if it

beats dangerously fast or stops altogether. "An ICD can react in an emergency situation when there is no time to get to the E.R.," said Dr. Turitto.

"Implanted cardiac devices provide critical care to patients with severe arrhythmia, and significantly improve the quality of their lives," said Dr. Turitto. "The procedures are minimally invasive and patients usually go home within 24 hours. And thanks to continuing improvements in technology, ICDs and pacemakers are now smaller and more comfortable than ever."

To find a physician associated with NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital's Institute for Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery, call 1-866-84-HEART or visit nyp.org/Brooklyn and go to the "Find a Doctor" tile.

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Culture change

Nursing homes switching focus

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

The traditional image of nursing homes is of large institutionalized buildings with long barren hallways bordered by rooms filled with two, three, or four hospital beds. The residents' days are a blur of meals and regimented activities. Breakfast is served by 7 am, lunch at 11:30 am, and dinner no later than 5 pm. Bingo, sing-alongs, and movies or presentations fill the rest of the day.

This sterile vision is beginning to change. During the last decade, more nursing facilities are transforming themselves from a hospital environment to places that feel more like a home. This new movement called culture change allows residents to determine their daily schedules. Residents decide when to wake up, when they want to shower, and when they want their meals. Floors are divided into small intimate areas called neighborhoods. The rooms are clustered around a central living space with room for lounging and working on projects. The space is airy and well lit. A central galley kitchen is located in the middle of the living area so residents and staff can prepare fresh meals. Gone are the dreary environment and the institutionalized food that is served on trays and is usually stale by the time it is served.

The original focus of nursing homes was on illness. They were created to care for the poor elderly who had no family. Their primary purpose was medical with little emphasis on quality of life. They were literally places where people went to die. A resident's day was scheduled around the convenience of the staff with little thought to his quality of life. Patients were expected to be up and dressed early so the cleaning staff could change the sheets, make the bed, and clean the rooms. Meals were served in large central dining rooms, and food choices were limited and often served lukewarm.

Nursing homes are now adopting a more personalized living arrangement. This new environment requires the staff to be more flexible. Employees are trained to perform multiple tasks like cooking, cleaning, and assisting the residents with eating, bathing, dressing, and mobility. Their duties are becoming more like a family caregiver and less like a staff member.

The look of the facilities is changing as well. Spaces are designed to be more intimate. Individuals are assigned their own bedrooms with private baths. These



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rooms are concentrated in clusters around a central living area that includes a kitchen area, lounge, and spaces where patients can interact as a community. This is in sharp contrast to the institutionalized model where residents are assigned to rooms with one, two, and sometimes three or four other residents with only a curtain separating the beds for privacy.

Many of these new homes offer residents space for gardening, allow them to own pets, and provide stimulating programs such as yoga, tai chi, book groups, and political and scientific presentations. Studies show residents who live in this person-oriented environment are more active and live longer.

These new facilities offer seniors a more dignified way to age and are changing the negative image of nursing facilities from institutions to homes. They are providing the aging population with a place where they can receive required medical treatment but at the same offer them a life style that includes community, interests, and a respectful way to grow old.

Joanna R. Leefer is a senior care advisor, advocate, and founder of ElderCareGiving, a service that helps families make difficult care decision for aging loved ones when family care is no longer enough. She teaches advocacy skills to caregivers who wish to insure their loved ones get the best care. For more, visit www.joanna-leefer.com.

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Plan for your healthcare now

Healthy adults may give little thought to injuries or illnesses. When the going is good, it is easy to forget about the less pleasant side effects of aging. However, putting off these conversations and decisions can lead to unnecessary obstacles in the years to come.

Advanced healthcare directives can be invaluable resources for family members and friends who will be responsible for managing a person's plans should he become unable to make his own decisions. Various organizations, including AARP, offer resources on advanced planning and the options available to adults looking to plan their estates.

The National Healthcare Decisions Day movement, a group dedicated to providing clear, concise, and consistent information on healthcare decision-making, defines advanced directives as establishing:

• A "healthcare power of attorney" (or "proxy," "agent,"

or "surrogate"), the person you select to be your voice for your healthcare decisions if you cannot speak for yourself.

• A "living will" to document which medical treatments you would or would not want at the end of life.

People often tend to put off these decisions, but it's important to make them as early as possible. Not only will they dictate your wishes, they'll also take the pressure off of loved ones who would otherwise be tasked with making difficult decisions on their own.

Healthcare proxy

Appointing a healthcare proxy ensures that there will be someone there who has the legal authority to make healthcare decisions for you if you are no longer able to speak for yourself. This may be a spouse, child, relative, or close friend. The Mayo Clinic suggests choosing a person who can be trusted to make decisions that adhere to your wishes and values and to be



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your advocate if there are disagreements about your care.

Be sure to have a candid discussion with your healthcare proxy in which you go over the types of medical care you wish to receive and any ways you would or would not like your life prolonged. It helps to keep the proxy up-

to-date on any medical conditions you may have so that she can make the most informed decisions on your behalf.

Having a healthcare proxy does not mean you are giving up your right to make medical decisions. It's a fail-safe in the event you are unconscious or cannot direct medical care.

Living will

An advanced healthcare directive enables you to create specific written instructions for future care, known as a living will. The living will should include wishes regarding life-sustaining medical treatments and resuscitation if you are no longer able to speak on your own behalf.

It also can spell out whether you want to remain in a hospital or receive palliative care at home for a terminal illness. A living will can be changed if or when your wishes or circumstances change.

Legal and medical advice

Although legal advice is not required for an advanced directive, it can be helpful to iron out the legalities of your directives.

Speak with your doctor about your desires and needs. A physician can help you form a coherent directive that is in line with your wishes.

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Renovate for senior safety

As adults approach their golden years, the homes they once thought of as sanctuaries can become unsafe. Families wrestle with the decision to keep parents and grandparents in their homes or move them into assisted living facilities or other senior residences.

Modifying seniors' homes to make them safer is another option. The National Institute on Aging says that families may be able to have a senior stay at home by helping older relatives remain independent but safe. The following are a few ways to do just that:

Remove fall hazards

The Institute reports that six out of 10 falls happen at home, where people spend the most time and fail to think about their safety.

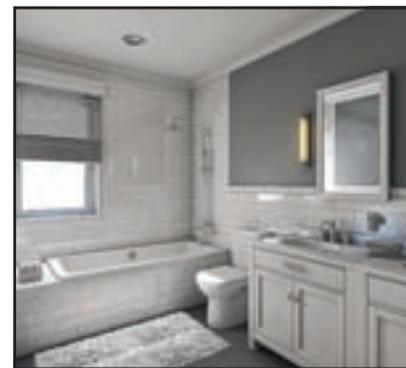
Improve lighting, especially at night when sight may become diminished. Install hand rails and grab bars where possible, and pick up clutter and remove tripping hazards.

Make communication key

Vision loss may accompany aging, but technology can help. Use big-button phones, remote controls, and even keyboards so seniors can keep in touch.

Modify fixtures

Take inventory of areas of the home



This bathroom can be made safer with the addition of grab bars, a bath seat, non-slip flooring, and a transfer bench.

that present the biggest obstacles to seniors.

Replace knobs in the shower or on faucets with lever handles, which are easier to maneuver. Install new cabinets and doors that freely glide open and self-close.

Prepare for medical emergencies

Invest in medical alert systems, such as necklaces or bracelets, that can be used to contact police or emergency medical personnel directly. Make phones available in commonly used rooms in the home, such as bedrooms, living room, and bathrooms.



Stress can wear out caregivers if they do not lighten their loads.

Caregivers can avoid burnout

Caring for an aging or sick relative is not always so easy. In addition to the physical demands of caring for such loved ones, tending to sick people can take a mental toll, potentially contributing to a condition referred to as caregiver stress.

Women are more likely than men to serve as caregivers to elderly or disabled adults. That increases their risk for caregiver stress, says the Office on Women's Health, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The Mayo Clinic notes that caring for a loved one can strain even the most resilient person. It can be quite difficult to be a person's sole caregiver and witness a loved one's health deteriorate due to a debilitating illness. As the population ages, nearly 80 percent of the long-term care that takes place in the United States is overseen by people who are not healthcare professionals, including daughters, granddaughters, sisters, and aunts.

Caregiver stress can manifest itself in many different ways, including physical and emotional problems. The following are some ways to handle the stress of caring for a sick or elderly relative:

Investigate available resources. Explore all of the opportunities in your area that may relieve some of the burden of caring for your loved one. These may include in-home visiting care ser-

vices, meal delivery, adult activity programs, and more.

Ask for help. Find out if responsibilities can be split among other family members, giving each person a chance to rest and recuperate.

Get physical. Physical activity in any form can help reduce stress and improve feelings of well-being, offers the Alzheimer's Association. Go for a walk, take an exercise class, or ride a bicycle. Expect to feel more relaxed and less stressed after physical activity.

Speak with a therapist. Discuss your feelings with someone not directly related to your family or circle of friends. Caregivers may have feelings of anger, depression, and anxiety, and may even be in denial about how much care this person really needs. Talking about your feelings with a professional can put them into perspective.

Focus on things you can control. You may not be able to cure the illness or disability, but there are things in your control. Rather than dwelling on things beyond your control, try to improve the things you can control.

Try to have fun. It's easy to make caregiving the only part of your life. However, you have to leave room for letting off steam. Don't feel guilty about going out with friends or a spouse. Make time for yourself.



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R train station shutdowns cause fiasco

The recent shutdowns of the Bay Ridge Avenue and 53rd Street R train stations for six months of construction displaced nearly 16,000 MetroCard users who swipe into those stations on any given weekday to cram into buses and converge on the 59th Street station, creating commuter chaos ("Day one: Bay Ridge Avenue closure causes nightmare commute," by Caroline Spivack, online May 2). Reactions rode in:

This closure has been publicized for months and anyone with common sense doesn't buy the MetroCard on Monday morning. How do these people even have jobs? 53rd Street has been closed for a month now and we've heard nary a peep about it.

Ms. Me from Bay Ridge

Blame it on Gov. Cuomo for making his MTA, a state agency, shut down the chosen stations on a day's notice, making people along the Brooklyn's R train scramble for alternative public transit options while changing their every day morning routine. **Pedro Valdez Rivera Jr. from BS, BK, NY, US**

Don't just blame Andrew Cuomo, blame Marty Golden — he made sure 53rd Street and Bay Ridge Avenue went to the front of the line for this station rehabilitation. That being said, the fact that they haven't increased service on the B9 and B37 is unconscionable. Hell, the MTA could contract CitiBike to put in temporary sidewalk stations on Fifth [Avenue] from 15th Street (where they end currently) to 59th. Anything to try and meet the demand for riders.

dp from Bay Ridge

Brooklyn celebrated the grand opening of the first of two spans that will replace the aging Kosciuszko Bridge ("New Kosciuszko span opens with razzle dazzle!" by Colin Mixson, online May 1). The old Kosciuszko generated a major traffic bottleneck along the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway for decades, moving one local politician

SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

to call it "the worst bridge in the state." Gov. Cuomo proudly proclaimed that the new dual bridges replacing it at a cost of \$825 million "will ease congestion and improve our region's transportation network while demonstrating that the Empire State continues to lead the nation in building state-of-the-art infrastructure projects." Some of our readers were not quite so enthusiastic:

"The new dual bridges replacing it at a cost of \$825 million are expected to ease congestion considerably, according to Cuomo."

Uhhh, no it won't. Within time, it'll increase it. Why do politicians consistently ignore the concept of induced demand? **S from Greenpoint**

"Ease congestion?" Ha, sure. How about a rail line or bike lanes over that bridge? Same old, same old ain't gonna speed the traffic.

Joe from Sunset Park

The most important question is: Does it actually alleviate the traffic jam problem that always happened at the K Bridge?

Josh L. from Park Slope

A group of pro-Israel Park Slope Food Co-op members who shut down a presentation condemning Soda Stream, an Israeli soda company, were banished from the Union Street supermarket for a year. They returned last week, older, wiser, and a tad poorer. ("Return from exile: Banished Co-op members back" by Colin Mixson, online May 2). During their suspension, they were forced to shop at markets that were further away, charged higher prices, and had worse selections. News of their experience gave some of our readers food for thought:

I find it incoherent that any food store would resort to the politics of food boycotts, or in the case of "Soda Stream," beverages. Just as bakers provide cakes, because that is what they do, supermarkets provide food-stuffs and beverages. If individual customers do not want to buy Israeli products, that is their personal prerogative. And others have the right to disagree. Put another way, food-retailers could hardly afford to lose any customers due to partisan politics, as supermarkets average single-low-

digit profit-margins. Is "Co-op Market" any more profitable?

Steven Rosner from Fresh Meadows

I was a PSFC member for a few months, and hated it. The rampant self-righteousness and weird quasi-hippie-passive-aggressive BS that seem to rule the place made the modest \$ savings feel like a crappy trade-off. And why the @#&@ does a co-op with 15,000 members require members to work 2.5 hours a month? I might still be there if they were more efficient and more realistic and had members work, say, every two or three months instead of every single bloody month. It's a scam. Perfectly happy now going to Associated (the nice one on Fifth Ave.) and Trader Joe's. **Benny from Park Slope**

Well, as a proud Jewish woman and long time Co-op member who has done social justice work all her life, I support the organized boycott of Israeli goods and am ever so proud of all who work in solidarity with those struggling for Palestinian rights and anti-racism. And to those who chose to violate Co-op rules and who persist in believing that support of Zionism is the only way to be legitimately Jewish, those who, like Ms. Rutner, continue to "hate like poison" the people who are not like them ... peace be upon you.

Carol Wald from Prospect Heights

Higher speed?

To the editor,

I write in response to the many unfounded claims in Allan Rosen's letter supporting raising the speed limit on Ocean Parkway ("Debate over Ocean Parkway speed limit," "Sound off the to Editor," online, April 16). From denying the correlation between speed and fatal crashes to falsely claiming that most pedestrian fatalities are caused by pedestrian error, Mr. Rosen's mistaken assertions are typical of drivers who cannot accept that safer urban streets means slower, more cautious driving. Speed is a leading cause of crashes that kill or seriously injure in New York City, just behind failure to yield and driver inattention. The chance of killing a pedestrian at 20–25 miles per hour is five percent, but rises to 45 percent for 30–35 miles per hour, and 85 percent for 40–45 miles per hour. Raising the speed limit on Ocean Parkway by five miles

per hour would greatly increase the chance that a collision results in a fatality. The fact that drivers turning right off Ocean Parkway share a light cycle with pedestrians and cyclists passing through crosswalks at the same time only makes this proposal more dangerous. At the heart of Mr. Rosen's letter is the belief that any inconvenience to drivers is too large to justify measures to protect the lives of pedestrians and cyclists. But the streets of New York do not belong exclusively to drivers.

Mr. Rosen touts Queens Boulevard as another street where he believes the speed limit is too low, claiming that bike lanes and improved pedestrian infrastructure installed by the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) are unwarranted because longer crossing times for pedestrians and fencing to prevent jaywalking reduced that street's high number of pedestrian fatalities 15 years ago. What he neglected to mention is that DOT lowered the speed limit from 35 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour at the same time. After further reducing the speed limit to 25 miles per hour and implementing a redesign of the street's service lanes and medians, there hasn't been a traffic death on Queens Boulevard in more than two years, something which had not happened in 30 years. In fairness to Mr. Rosen, all of DOT's measures likely made Queens Boulevard safer, but while DOT's data repeatedly shows that bike lanes and pedestrian improvements make streets safer and that most crashes (78.5 percent) in which pedestrians are killed and seriously injured do not involve pedestrian error, there is no data to support the claim that a higher speed limit on Ocean Parkway would be safer.

To those of Mr. Rosen's ilk, pedestrians and cyclists — and often, other drivers — are simply an impediment to their driving. Lowering speed limits, striping bike lanes, restricting turns, and the implementation of other traffic-calming measures are simply gimmicks meant to appease a supposedly all-powerful bike lobby (of which I am a member, but seemingly have no power) and frustrate drivers in an effort to discourage them from driving. Like affordable healthcare to [House] Speaker Ryan, other peoples' lives are a sacrifice they are willing to make.

Brian Howald from Brooklyn Heights

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Now! See Native American fashions at museum

When you think about Native Americans and fashion, your first thought might be “Beads.” (Well, at least *mine* was). Wait, no. Feathers! No — buckskin with fringe. What’s more Native American than buckskin pants worn by some high-cheeked hunter about to shoot a deer?

Well how about a Louis Vuitton arrow quiver?

That is just one of the beautiful and unsettling items on display in Native Fashion Now, an exhibit at the National Museum of the American Indian in Downtown Manhattan, just opposite the Bowling Green subway stop. Admission is free — the museum is part of the Smithsonian Institute.

Step into the exhibit and you are surrounded by the kind of beauty and boundary-pushing you’d expect at a fashion show, not a powwow — and that’s the idea. While most non-indigenous Americans may think of Native fashion as whatever the “bad guys” wore in Westerns, Native Americans themselves have been designing chic clothing since at least the 1950s.

That was when Lloyd “Kiva” New burst onto the scene.



RHYMES WITH CRAZY

Lenore Skenazy

Trained at the Art Institute of Chicago, the Cherokee designer opened a boutique in Scottsdale, Ariz., that was so popular, you could buy his dresses in New York and Beverly Hills. Neiman Marcus carried his clothes. He hobnobbed with the Kennedys. When New came out with a line of leather handbags inspired by Navajo medicine pouches, they were the Birkin Bags of their day: Everyone wanted one.

His genius was to straddle both cultures. He used beads, yes, and Native symbols and

colors, but the dresses of his on display at the show were classic ‘50s and ‘60s silhouettes.

Frankie Welch, New’s friend and sometime collaborator also of Cherokee extraction, incorporated Native designs and even basketry patterns into her work, too. From the ‘60s through the ‘80s, her styles were so popular, she designed clothes for five first ladies and seven Presidents. Her most celebrated creation was the Cherokee Alphabet scarf, an accessory she designed in 1966 when Virginia Rusk, the secretary of state’s wife, asked her to come up with an “all-American design.” What could be more all-American than Cherokee?

While Welch continued designing, New pivoted in the early ‘60s and opened the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, which to this day serves as an incubator for Native American fashion. Karen Kramer, curator of the Native Fashion Now exhibit, goes to the annual Indian Market there, which has grown to a gathering of 1,000 artists. While the market had always held a “traditional clothing” contest, Kramer said, “I started noticing more and more contempo-

rary Native fashion making its way on to the scene.”

That was the inspiration for this show, which debuted at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Mass., where Kramer works. “There are a lot of things in this show that might not look quote-unquote ‘Native American,’” she said. “But why is that? Everything in the show is Native American, so it should look native whether there are symbols and patterns you recognize or not.”

Most of the clothes are simple, strikingly gorgeous.

For instance, there’s an Oscars-worthy gown of orange and black swirls accompanied by a spiky headdress made of, as it turns out, porcupine quills. The ensemble is worn with a short cape of shiny black feathers as sexy as it is stunning, fastened with a sparkly beaded choker.

Then there’s the “Old Time Floral Elk Tooth” dress by Bethany Yellowtail, of Apsaalooke (Crow) and Northern Cheyenne heritage. A sheer black sheath covers a tight ivory-colored mini-dress. The sheath is decorated with elks’ teeth, which Kramer says were the epitome of wealth and style among the

Apsaalooke people (also known as the Crow). That’s because only two teeth per elk are ivory, and considered suitable for adornment. On the dress, they form an outline that is sleek and slightly scary.

But not all the items on display are meant for the red carpet. In a section of the exhibit titled “Activators,” Kramer highlights designer who area also activists. “Native Americans Discovered Columbus,” says a T-shirt that manages to flip history on its head. Jared Yazzie, of Dine (a.k.a. Navajo) heritage designed that shirt to protest Columbus Day.

“I’m rockin’ the tee today because I am the 500-year resistance,” he wrote on his social media account. “I have been persecuted, stereotyped, hated, and killed. I stand strong with my people. I wear the tee to continue the fight and share the truth.”

As with all the clothes in Native Fashion Now, the shirt is a startling reminder of the fact that, like America itself, American style has been around for thousands of years, and it just keeps evolving.

Lenore Skenazy is a founder of Free-Range Kids.



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Odd men in



Risque revue: Evil Hate Monkey is one of seven scantily clad performers competing for the title of Mister Coney Island. The Slipper Room

Finally, the first *Mister Coney Island* Pageant!

By Caroline Spivack

They're looking for the right Mister! Seven bawdy kings of the circus ring, the art world, and burlesque stage will compete for a spot among Coney Island royalty at the first ever Mister Coney Island Pageant next weekend. The risqué revue, at Sideshow at the Seashore on May 13, will feature anything-goes performances that will keep pageant-goers on the edge of their seats, said the organizer of the spangled spectacle.

"It's kind of a free-for-all to be as crazy and creative as possible. I imagine it will be very eye-popping and exciting," said Bambi the Mermaid, who somehow hails from landlocked Bushwick. "The boys are looking forward to going to extremes."

The extravaganza follows in the glittery

footsteps of its sister show, the Miss Coney Island Pageant, celebrated since 2003, and the dude display will have just as much skin, sparkles, and salacious entertainment as its feminine counterpart.

The contestants for the crown include Hovey Burgess, a 76-year-old circus veteran who teaches his craft at New York University; Velvet Crayon, a burlesque dancing dwarf who is also an electric one-man-band; Machine Dazzle, a gender-bending costume designer behind some of the outlandish looks of Taylor Mac; pulchritudinous primate Evil Hate Monkey; carnival barker Mr. Strange; drag king Vigor Mortis; and athletic avian Eric "Baby Bird" Schmalenberger.

"We have big names on the scene and a lot of variation — burlesque performers,

unicycle riders, experimental musicians — the boys are going to kill it," said the siren behind the show.

The gents will vie for votes in a series of kooky showcases, including Coney Island-style evening wear and swimwear competitions, and a talent portion where performers can really let their freak flag fly. For that segment, Burgess plans to navigate the stage on a unicycle, while wearing the head of a polar bear mascot and juggling. The circus performer is so pumped for the show that he flew all the way to Paris, France to pick up an extra-special prop for his routine, according to the organizing mermaid.

"That's how extreme this is going to be. People are flying to other countries for props," said Bambi. "It's going to be crazy

— God knows what to expect."

The master of masculine magnificence will be crowned by the reigning Mister Coney Island, Glenn Marla — a transgender man who earned the title while competing in the 2009 Miss Coney Island Pageant.

"I asked Glenn to get involved with Miss Coney Island and then thought it might be awkward if we crowned him Mister Coney Island," said Bambi. "So we made a Mister Coney Island sash and crown and he got the title when he won. Now he'll finally pass down the torch."

Mister Coney Island Pageant at Sideshow at the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. at W. 12th Street in Coney Island, (718) 372-5159, www.coneyisland.com]. May 11 at 10 pm. \$15.

PITCHER PERFECT

Boozy art show raises cash for Sunny's Bar

By Julianne Cuba

It's art that's good enough to drink!

A trio of artists inspired by alcohol will showcase their whiskey-filled work at Sunny's Bar in Red Hook, as part of an ongoing fund-raising effort to preserve the endangered waterfront watering hole. Among the artists at the Booze Arts party on May 8 will be Brooklyn Heights artist John Tebeau, displaying five of his handmade prints of beloved local bars. Tebeau says that each print is a sort of love letter to his favorite saloons — including Sunny's, his home away from home.

"I loved it because it was such a throwback to the old Brooklyn, one of the few places that still had that old waterfront feel to it," said Tebeau, who has been drinking at Sunny's since 2010. "I loved it because it was off the beaten path."

Tebeau has created a series of silk-screened posters and prints of iconic liquor-slugging spots around the city, and a hardcover collection of his pub portraits, titled "Great Good Places of New York," will be published early next year, he said. Among the other Brooklyn



Photo by Stefano Giovannini

gin joints Tebeau will feature in the Booze Arts show will be Ruby's Bar and Grill in Coney Island, and Montero's and the Long Island Bar in Brooklyn Heights.

But the booze is not what gives Tebeau his artistic buzz — it is the atmosphere inside a saloon that gets his creative juices flowing, he said.

"It's more about the feel of a

place, that's what inspires me. I love places and I love having my different spots where I feel at home outside of home," said Tebeau. "Having a good cocktail is fantastic, a cold beer is wonderful — the artwork and the book that I'm doing are more about loving the place."

Joining Tebeau for the show at Sunny's will be artist Jill DeGroff,

who portrays barflies and other nightlife figures in paintings and caricatures, and painter Nicole Desmond, who creates classical still lifes of tiki drinks.

A portion of the proceeds from the party and arts sale will go towards helping Sunny's owners purchase the building so it can remain a neighborhood institution,

said Tebeau's wife Colleen, who organized the event.

"We're just fans of Sunny's — it's a magical place," she said.

Booze Arts at Sunny's Bar [253 Conover St. between Reed and Beard streets in Red Hook, (718) 625-8211 www.boozearts.com]. May 8 at 9 pm. Free. Art on display through June 20.



Jill DeGroff

Bar inception: (Left) Brooklyn Heights artist John Tebeau holds his portrait of Sunny's Bar while standing in front of Sunny's Bar. (Above) Artist Jill DeGroff's "To Have and Have Another" will be on display at the Booze Arts fund-raising show at Sunny's on May 8.



Bang on a drum: Members of Brooklyn Raga Massive will perform at the Bang on a Can Festival at the Brooklyn Museum on May 6. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Indian group rounds out Bang on a Can fest

By Alexandra Simon

It will be a Massive show!

The experimental music group Bang on a Can will celebrate its 30th anniversary with a marathon day of music at the Brooklyn Museum on May 6. The eight-hour event will feature 16 music groups that push the boundaries of their genres, concluding with a set from Women's Raga Massive, an almost all-female offshoot of the Indian classical music collective Brooklyn Raga Massive. The group's modern

take on a classic sound makes it a perfect fit for the experimental show, said the festival's director.

"It's a big thing for us to present an ever-increasing range of artists who are stretching the boundaries of music," said Kenny Savelson, the executive director of Bang on a Can. "This group of artists are taking Indian tradition and they've basically been pushing forward into new territory."

Women's Raga Massive will perform a 30-minute set of dif-

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A 'Dams' good show

Vampire Weekend drummer's new project

By Lauren Gill

He's leading the girls' night out!

The drummer for the band Vampire Weekend has swapped his Oxford comma-questioning bandmates in favor of a trio of women for his new solo project Dams of the West, which opens for folk singer Father John Misty at the Kings Theatre on May 10. The biggest difference between touring with his Columbia University-brethren and his new band is not musical, but aromatic, he reported.

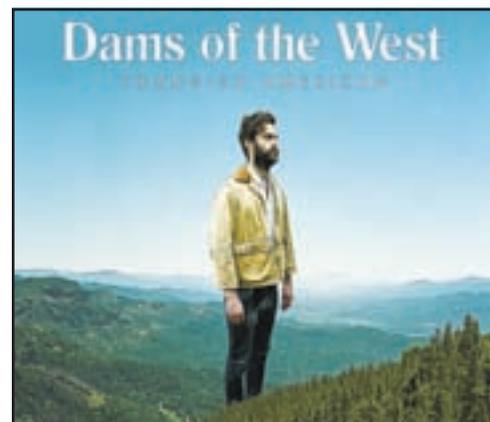
"The van smells a lot better than what I remember from Vampire Weekend," said drummer-turned-guitarist and singer Chris Tomson, who lives in Bedford-Stuyvesant.

Tomson felt very deeply about drafting all women for his backing band, which released its first album in February. He eventually found three winning candidates through friends of friends.

"The only thing I really knew was that I wanted to play with women," he said. "I just spent a decade creating music, playing shows with four dudes, which was great and I look forward to doing that again, but I thought conceptually it would be a cool change for me to lean into."

Along with adjusting to new bandmates, he's also adjusting to appearing on stage away from his drum kit, an experience that has awakened a startling new awareness of his lower limbs.

"The weirdest thing has been standing up while performing," he said. "My legs are normally spoken



Standing tall: Vampire Weekend drummer Chris Tomson has learned to stand and move around the stage while leading his new band Dams of the West.

for and now it's sort of stumbling around, not sure what to do."

People are so eager to check out his showmanship and new music that the Flatbush show has already officially sold out — though tickets are still available from ticket resellers — but Brooklyn fans will have another chance to catch him at Baby's All Right on June 19.

Dams of the West at the Kings Theatre (1027 Flatbush Ave. between Tilden Avenue and Duryea Place in Flatbush, www.kingstheatre.com). May 10 at 8 pm. \$50-\$55.

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MUSEUM MUSE

Cartoonist draws a time-travelling exhibition

By Lauren Gill
He's ready to hit the big time! A Ditmas Park cartoonist will show off his new graphic novel about time travel — and give kids a peek at his creative process — at the Spring Into Stories Children's Author and Illustrator Festival at the Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch on May 6. The creator of the 250-page comic book "The Time Museum" says that, although his work is marketed to teens, his creation process just involves writing about what he thinks is cool.

"I really just write stories that I want to tell. I write the funny stories I'd like to read," said author and artist Matthew Loux.

Catapulting through the decades is a topic that has always piqued Loux's interest, and his book follows a teenage girl from Brooklyn who discovers a museum that uses time travel to assemble its exhibits. The modern-day protagonist must compete for an internship against five kids from different time periods, from the far future to the pre-historic past.

Loux spent five years working on "The Time Museum," but before he started sketching, he visited several museums, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Natural History Museum to research the exhibits, architecture, and layout of the display halls so he could accurately portray his title subject.

"I did a lot of background research," he said. "If you're going to claim it's the ultimate museum,



Right on time: Graphic novelist Matt Loux shows off his new book "The Time Museum" in his home studio in Ditmas Park. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

you've got to make it look like it is."

The result is a book filled with background drawings of pillars, nooks and crannies, exotic exhibits, robot kitties, and characters that stay true to their historical time periods.

Loux is currently halfway through the sequel to "The Time Museum," but he took some time last year to pick up a watercolor brush and develop an entire fantasy comic called "Smith Quest." He says that going back to painting, which he studied in college, was a challenge to his usual methods of using a pen, ink, and digital touch-up.

"I'm very particular about cleaning up the mistakes I make digitally, but when you're painting you've got to let some of that go," he said. "There's definitely going to be more painting in the future for some other projects."

At the festival on May 6, Loux will be joined by nine other creators, including fellow Brooklyn cartoonists Sara Varon, whose book "President Squid" is about a sea-creature running for the White House, and John Green, offering an advance look at his new project "Hippopotamister," being released on May 10.

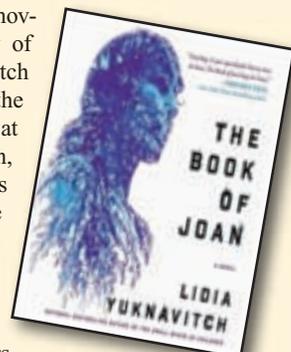
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The best reads — handpicked by some of the best Bklyn bookstores

Word's pick: "The Book of Joan" by Lidia Yuknavitch

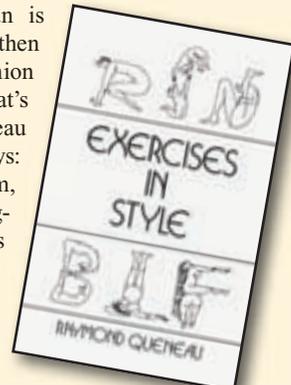
In an innovative and moving retelling of the story of Joan of Arc, Lidia Yuknavitch portrays a future in which the essence of humanness is at stake. Forced to flee Earth, a portion of humanity lives on a space station, where they are condemned to lives without gender, sex, procreation, or old age. Hope exists only in the legend of Joan and rumors of rebellion and insurrection on the Earth's surface far below. Yuknavitch beautifully examines the will and need to fight against tyranny and oppression even at the cost of one's life.



— Alison Gore, *Word* [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096, www.wordbrooklyn.com].

Greenlight Bookstore's pick: "Exercises In Style" by Raymond Queneau

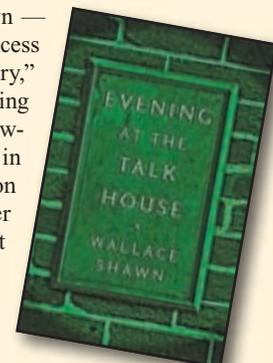
A peevish young man is jostled on a public bus, then receives unsolicited fashion advice from a friend. That's the whole story. But Queneau tells it 179 different ways: backwards, in sonnet form, in cockney slang, in zoological metaphor, and on. This is a book for any adult who grew up loving "The Phantom Tollbooth," and perhaps for some precocious kids too.



— Hannah Sheldon-Dean, *Greenlight Bookstore* [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200, www.greenlightbookstore.com].

Community Bookstore's pick: "Evening at the Talk House" by Wallace Shawn

You know Wallace Shawn — he was Vizzini in "The Princess Bride" and Rex in "Toy Story," but Shawn is also a scathing political playwright. His newest work, now available in print, follows a production company gathered together for the anniversary of its hit play. What have they done in the decade since? Drone strikes, assassinations, and extra-judicial murder around the world, to name a few. It's as hilarious and chilling as anything Shawn has done, and a hard slap to our bourgeois cultural scene.



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

The Ridge celebrates Cinco de Mayo!

By Caroline Spivack
Bay Ridge is ready for a fiesta!

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Street), which starts its Cinco de Mayo fest at 5 pm. You can start with \$5 margaritas, or go

for the low-sodium option of the \$3 Corona special — and if you are with your amigos, grab a \$15 bucket of the golden Mexican lager. Once you've worked up the liquid courage, grab a sombrero and try your hand at the *Jarabe Tapatio* — also known as the Mexican Hat Dance.

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MUSIC, NAO: With opener Brasstracks. \$30 (\$27.50 in advance). 8 pm. Brooklyn Steel (319 Frost St. at Debevoise Avenue in Williamsburg), www.bowerypresents.com/brooklyn-steel.

THEATER, "RAGTIME": The Gallery Players closes its 50th season with a powerful musical about American families in the early 20th century. \$25 (\$20 for students and seniors). 8 pm. Gallery Players [199 14th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (212) 352-3101], www.galleryplayers.com.

MUSIC, "RESIST" NYCLU FUNDRAISER: Kick off a weekend of resistance with music, comedy, dance, and poetry to benefit the New York Civil Liberties Union. Tonight with American String Conspiracy, Band of Others, Ernie Vega, Laura Rebel Angel, and more. \$10. 8 pm. Halyards [406 Third Ave. at Sixth Street in Gowanus, (718) 532-8787], www.barhalyards.com.

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MUSIC, "RESIST" NYCLU FUNDRAISER: An afternoon of kid-friendly music to benefit the New York Civil Liberties Union. With Beau Edmondson, Jamison Sevits, and Mike Cobb. \$10. Noon-5 pm. Halyards [406 Third Ave. at Sixth Street in Gowanus, (718) 532-8787], www.barhalyards.com.

THEATER, "AMELIA & HER PAPER TIGERS": The Bond Street Theatre perform a family-friendly adventure story. \$10-\$15. 2 pm. Waterfront Museum Barge [290 Conover St. near Reed Street in Red Hook, (718) 624-4719], www.waterfrontmuseum.org.

THEATER, "RAGTIME": 3 pm. See Friday, May 5.

MUSIC, DAVE BALLOU: The trumpeter performs as part of the monthly series of solo artists. \$10. 4:40 pm. Gallery 440 [440 6th Ave between 10th and 11th streets in Park Slope, (718) 499-3844], www.connectionworks.org.

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It's Chaka Khan-ukkah! The Queen of Funk returns to the borough of Kings, playing her hit songs like "I'm Every Woman" and "I Feel for You" at Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts on May 13.

Tim Fielding

Union. Tonight with Mike Cobb and the Crevulators, Mike Lemme, Pinky Swearz, The Serpentones, and more. \$10. 8 pm. Halyards [406 Third Ave. at Sixth Street in Gowanus, (718) 532-8787], www.barhalyards.com.

NIGHTLIFE, LEFTY LUCY: Burlesque queen Lefty Lucy returns after two years in New Orleans to open the Burlesque at the Beach season. \$15. 10 pm. Coney Island USA (1208 Surf Ave. at W. 12th Street in Coney Island), www.coneyisland.com.

THEATER, "A STATE OF EMERGENCE": 7:30 pm. See Friday, May 5.

THEATER, "RAGTIME": 8 pm. See Friday, May 5.

MARKET, FLEA MARKET: Clothing, family commodities, arts, books, refreshments, and more. Free. 9 am-4 pm. Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit [8117 Bay Parkway at 82nd Street in Bensonhurst, (718) 837-0412], www.episcopalchurch-of-holyspirit.org.

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TUES, MAY 9

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MON, MAY 8

TALK, "100 CLARK STREET": Margaret Streicker Porres, owner of the long-abandoned mansion at 100 Clark Street, and architect Tom van den Bout, discuss saving the 150-year old building from destruction. \$10. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklyn-history.org.
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MUSIC, "CHANCE AND CIRCUMSTANCE" FESTIVAL: 7 pm and 9 pm. See Thursday, May 11.

THEATER, "THEIR EYES WERE WATCHING GOD": A theatrical reading of the Zora Neale Hurston's classic tale. The reading is also the debut of the newly renovated Billie Holiday Theatre! \$40. 8 pm. The Billie Holiday Theatre [1368 Fulton St. between New York and Brooklyn avenues in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (718) 636-6995], www.thebillieholiday.org.

SAT, MAY 13

MUSIC, "OFF THE BEATEN PATH": Chamber ensemble Quicksilver performs music from the 17th century. \$25 (\$15 students and seniors). 7:30 pm. Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church [85 S. Oxford St. at Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene].

MARKET, SPRING CELEBRATION AND PLANT SALE: The community garden 6-15 Green hosts a festival with live music, games for kids, a pot luck dinner, and a plant sale. Free. 10 am-6 pm. 6-15 Green Community Garden [Sixth Avenue and 15th Street in Park Slope, (347) 850-2283], www.615green.org.

MUSIC, CHAKA KHAN: The Queen of Funk closes Brooklyn Center's 2016-17 season with an unforgettable concert. \$45-\$85 (\$250 gala tickets). 7:30 pm. Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd. between Hillel Place and Avenue H in Midwood, (718) 951-4500], www.brooklyncenter.org.

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COMICS

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During the event, Loux will need to be quick on the draw, breaking out his pen and paper for an interactive session where he asks the audience what to sketch. The "Time Museum" creator is pumped to show youngsters that they can make a life out of their art, he said.

"I'm really looking forward to talking

about art and how it's something that is possible to do as a career," said Loux. "I feel like when I was that age it was a very abstract idea to think you can do it as a career, but one of the greatest things is being able to see a talk or a drawing display from an artist and you see other people can do that stuff."

Children's Author and Illustrator Festival at Central Library (10 Grand Army Plaza at Flatbush Avenue in Prospect Heights, www.bklynlibrary.org). May 6, 1-4 pm. Free.

CAN FEST

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ferent arrangements inspired by classical and South Indian folk music. The group uses that musical tradition as a framework to improvise, and then adds influences from the diverse cultures of Brooklyn, said the collective's co-founder.

"I think in classical traditions, a lot of times there are a lot of rules and boundaries, which is also fine but there is so much creativity that can be explored within classical traditions — especially Indian classical tradition," said Trina Basu. "But for us all, being here in America — and some of us being American-born Indians — we're bringing all our different worlds together and feeling that we can be creative and free with that."

The music collective identifies with the

boldness of the experimental music movement, said Basu, and with the music marathon's focus on female performers.

"It takes organizations like Bang on a Can to push the boundaries and provide platforms for creative artists to make the music they want," said Basu. "We're really honored to be a part of this festival and bring in some of the awesome women and core members of the Brooklyn Raga Massive collective. As female instrumentalists and improvisers, we are still a minority, but we're out there doing our thing and want to make our presence heard."

Bang on a Can Marathon at Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. between Washington and Flatbush avenues in Prospect Heights, (718) 852-7755, www.bangonacan.org]. May 6, 2-10 pm. Women's Raga Massive at 9:30 pm. \$16 suggested donation before 5 pm.

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— Brooklyn Tech grad Lawrence Menyah on his determination with Fordham's football team

● 'Today we were able to chip away enough to win.'

— Madison softball coach Danielle Moresca on the team's win

E'Hall star selected by Panthers in draft

BY LAURA AMATO

He's going to Carolina — and not just in his mind!

Erasmus Hall grad Curtis Samuel heard his name on April 28 and, suddenly, every dream he's ever had came true in a single moment.

Samuel was selected No. 40 overall by the Carolina Panthers in the National Football League Draft, capping off a year that was nothing short of spectacular for the Brooklyn-bred gridiron star.

"It's amazing, just to get drafted and share that moment with my family," Samuel said during a press conference after being drafted. "That experience is just amazing. Just to finally realize, that's a dream come true, to finally get to play in the National Football League."

Samuel made a name for himself at Ohio State this season, leading the Buckeyes in receiving with 74 catches for 865 yards and seven touchdowns. He also chipped in with 97 carries for 771 yards and eight touchdowns and was the only player in a major conference with more than 700 yards each rushing and receiving.

Now, the one-time Dutchmen standout is hoping to translate that kind of production to the pros, and is anxious to find a spot in the Panthers' offense.

"There are different things I can do," Samuel said. "Line up in the backfield, motion out to the slot, put me up against a linebacker or a safety. Just creating different looks for the [opponents'] defense."

Samuel won't be the only would-be playmaker to compete for a position in the Panthers' backfield next season; Carolina also



BIG CAT: Erasmus Hall and Ohio State star Curtis Samuel has been drafted by the Carolina Panthers. Associated Press / Detroit Lions

drafted Stanford star Christian McCaffrey in the first round. But Samuel isn't worried about splitting reps, if anything, he's confident he and McCaffrey can provide a one-two punch that will give the Panthers offense a new dynamic that will set opposing defenses back on their heels.

"He [McCaffrey] can do a lot. And I can do the same thing," Samuel said. "Just to have that opportunity, [to] flip-flop guys, give defenses different matchups, is a good thing. Then hav-

ing a great quarterback in Cam [Newton], it's going to be great. We're going to have fun here."

Samuel is the 19th Ohio State product to suit up for the Panthers, but he's quick to point out that he hasn't forgotten his Brooklyn roots. In the hours immediately following the draft, he celebrated his professional future with a family dance party, and constantly reiterated how thankful he was to have his family's support every step of the way.

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NEVER ENOUGH: Bergen Beach native Charles Misiano comes into every season with a renewed focus, always looking to jump-start the Blackbirds to wins. Long Island University Athletics

Former Xaverian standout leading LIU

BY LAURA AMATO

It sounds like a cliché, but he doesn't care.

Long Island University senior Charles Misiano knows some may call it a copout when he says he's taking it one game at a time and one swing at a time, but he's found success following that mantra this season.

The Blackbirds standout is not overlooking anything — a single moment or a single at bat — and it's helped him notch one of his most successful baseball seasons to date.

"I'm just trying to help the team get to the playoffs so we can get a couple more games here," Misiano said. "We're just trying to control what we can control and that's the next game that we have in front of us."

Misiano is the first to deflect whenever someone mentions his own stats. He hit .342 in the Blackbird's first 33 games, racking up 41 hits and 34 runs scored, all of which led the team.

Still, the Bergen Beach native and two-time team captain puts winning games ahead of his own numbers.

"It is definitely more fun to play when you're doing well," Misiano said. "It's

[his performance] been helping the team, though, so as long as we win, I don't really care if I go 0-for-4 at the plate."

Misiano has worked hard to get where he is. He wasn't guaranteed a starting spot his freshman season but refused to stop working, even after his spot in the infield became all but secure.

"Every year I've come in thinking that there's always someone better, so you have to just play like there's someone behind you who's trying to take your spot," he said.

Misiano has done his best to make sure he never misses a single opportunity on the field. As cliché as it may sound, he's anxious to do his hometown proud every time he puts on the uniform. The chance to compete in Brooklyn, playing the sport he loves, is a dream come true, he says.

"I've always been Brooklyn. I wanted to stay close to home," Misiano said. "I really like being with my family and I have two sisters and a brother. We're always together and they come to all my games, so it's nice to have their support."

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Fontbonne falters against dominant Molloy pitching

BY LAURA AMATO

It just wasn't their day.

There were no excuses, and no focus on what could-have-happened or might-have-been.

The Fontbonne Hall softball team suffered an 11-1 loss to Archbishop Molloy in five innings on April 28, a disappointing end to a day marred by everything from traffic jams to broken-down buses — and a distinct lack of hitting.

"It happens, right? The bus broke down and it just happens," Bonnies coach Frank Marinello said. "I don't want to let little things get in the way, so I'm not going to blame that with what happened today. What happened today was a [Molloy] kid threw the ball very well and you've got to tip your cap."

Fontbonne actually got out to a quick start, despite a nearly hour-long delay, jumping out to a one-run lead on the strength of a run-scoring triple by Abigail Fogliano.

That, however, was as much as the Bonnies would get. The Stanners answered in the bottom of the frame, putting up three runs of their own, and, from there on out, it was all Molloy pitcher



TROUBLE WITH THE CURVE: Fontbonne's Abigail Fogliano connected on a first-inning triple, but the Bonnies lineup struggled at the plate against Archbishop Molloy on April 28.

Photo by William Thomas

Kelsey Carr. The Stanners freshman struck out 12 and held Fontbonne to just one hit in the final four innings.

"We have a long way to get to where we want to be and we have two young kids who can throw," Marinello said. "We have one of the best catchers in the city, so we're strong up

the middle, but we've got to get the ball in play."

Bonnies pitcher Anna Acevedo did her best to keep Fontbonne in the game, but was never able to get her timing quite perfect, and Molloy took advantage.

The Stanners batted
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Madison softball holds on for win

BY BENJAMIN LEIBOWITZ

It felt like a title game.

James Madison grabbed a big-time, regular-season victory on April 28, taking down Construction 11-10 in nine innings, a preview of what, likely, could be the city championship game.

It wasn't easy — the contest was filled with offensive ups and downs on both sides — but the Golden Knights held on down the stretch, and in the process grabbed a bit of late-spring confidence.

"The main thing for us was just to chip away and take each at-bat one at a time," Madison coach Danielle Moresca said. "The moment we get a runner on, our team gains momentum, and today we were able to chip away enough to win."

Madison wrapped up

the victory with an offensive explosion in the top of the ninth, plating four runs early in the frame. But the Red Hawks didn't go down without a fight. Construction answered with three runs in the bottom of the inning and put the tying run on base before running out of offensive steam.

In the end, the Golden Knights got just enough offense. Senior shortstop Taylor Trim collected three hits and scored five runs, while outfielder Valerie Horton and first baseman Melissa Cayetano had two hits each. But it was Marian Moran's single past a drawn-in infield with the game tied in the top of the ninth that broke open the contest for the Golden Knights.

"I was just trying to help
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DYNAMIC DUO: Madison softball standouts Marian Moran, left, and Alyssa Curiale helped the squad wrap up a dramatic extra-innings victory over Construction on April 28.

Photo by Benjamin Leibowitz



STEPPING UP: Brooklyn Tech grad Lawrence Menyah is ready to up his leadership game this season, already settling into a new role during Fordham's spring season.

Fordham University Athletics

Brooklyn Tech grad taking next step at Fordham

BY LAURA AMATO

He's never been one to back away from a challenge.

Brooklyn Tech grad Lawrence Menyah commuted an hour, each way, on the subway to and from high school, rising early and getting home late, all for one very specific reason — he wanted to be the best. He brought that same determination with him to the football field at Fordham University.

"I really want to become the best," he says. "The best player on my team and in the whole country, honestly. I want to go as hard as I can all summer, to motivate myself to be that kind of player."

In his two seasons with the Rams, the junior defensive back has brought his own personal brand of focus every practice, even in the somewhat less-than-intense spring season, and has stepped into a leadership role. Teammates have turned to Menyah to help set the defensive tone throughout the spring.

"The last couple of weeks have been pretty good," he said. "We're learning a new defense and we're getting to know the coaches. Me and my teammates are getting familiar with the schemes and knowing where to be and just working on playing faster."

Menyah has plenty of reason to be confident this year. He appeared in all 11

games and was a key part of the Rams' defensive secondary last season, racking up 37 total tackles and two interceptions. Still, he knows there's room for improvement.

"I want to be the one to stop the offense from making all those headlines," Menyah said. "I want to be the one who really shows the defensive side of the ball. That's where the grind is and the aggressiveness is and that's what I really like."

Menyah grew up in the Bronx, but he's quick to point out that his determination got its start at Brooklyn Tech, where he served as a team captain. He credits his experience at the school for his success, on and off the football field.

"[The coaches] always had the best outlook for the players and they made sure I stayed on the right track," he said. "I focused on what was in front of me and not on anything negative that would take me away from going down the right path."

Fordham will hold several more spring practices before the end of the semester, followed by a few weeks off before camp gets underway in August, but Menyah doesn't plan to waste a single moment.

There's really only one way to go about it," he said. "You can't wait around and expect it to come to you. You have to go and get it."

Xaverian, Holy Cross game suspended

BY LAURA AMATO

Unexpectedly, it was three and done.

Xaverian held a 7-6 lead over Holy Cross after three innings on May 2, but then the Catholic League game had to be halted — bumped by a scheduling conflict with a Little League contest.

The game will be completed as soon as possible, but the Xaverian players couldn't quite mask their disappointment, as it looked like they had found their hitting stride just as the game was stopped.

"Little League had the [field] permit, but today was supposed to be cleared," Xaverian coach Frank Del George said. "On the Holy Cross schedule, it's clear. But [the Little League coach] showed [the teams] the schedule and it was right there. So we had to get off. It's crazy."

The mishap was another bump in the road of a spring season that has been chock full of potholes and detours. Nothing has come easy to any of the teams in the league — battling weather and delays as much as each other — but Xaverian managed to find a silver lining: in its offense.

"We're happy that the lineup is coming together and starting to get a little consistent," said Clippers senior first baseman Xavier Vargas. "I feel that even though the game got shut down and we'll have to finish at a later date, we finally got a unit that we're confident [in] and we're ready to go."

Holy Cross jumped out to a two-run lead in the top of the first inning, but Xaverian answered in the bottom of the second, batting through the order and then some. The Clippers chased Holy Cross starter Patrick Morrissey after just one and two-thirds innings of work.

It was one of Xaverian's strongest hitting performances of the season and, even in a suspended game, the Clippers hope the energy in the dugout that day lingers.

"You've got to figure out what's the mindset that you need to bring in because we're not playing every day," said Vargas, who smacked a two-run double in the offensive spurt. "So once it clicks, it comes through and this was one of the days that we found the click. I think it's going to continue."

Xaverian's effort wasn't perfect; Holy Cross got four runs back in the bottom of the third, thanks to a pair of Clipper errors.

"I haven't seen a spring like this. Forget the weather and everything, we haven't played like this," Del George said. "This is very uncharacteristic of the type of baseball we play."

But Xaverian is determined to find its rhythm down the stretch; there's still plenty of season left to be played and, in a season like this, the Clippers know anything can happen.

"We feel that every game is important and every game we're going to play our best," Vargas said. "We showed it here; we came in and scored seven runs in three innings. We want to continue doing it and have a great season."



FIELDING ERRORS: Fontbonne struggled in the field against Archbishop Molloy on April 28, racking up a handful of errors in an 11-1 league loss. Photo by William Thomas

FONTBONNE

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around twice, and knocked out 14 hits, including Carr's first-pitch, solo home run to open the fifth inning.

But Marinello refused to make excuses, saying that the Stanners were simply too much for Fontbonne to handle.

"We'll be fine," he said. "The object is you have to have a better idea when you get in the game. That's all there really is to it."

It wasn't an easy day for

the Bonnies, and as they walked off the field, it was clear that the squad was having difficulty finding a silver lining in the loss.

Fontbonne isn't ready to give up its goal of winning a championship, and is anxious to get better down the stretch. They'd just like to avoid any more disabled buses.

"We're a good team," Marinello said. "The goal is: If you want to put yourself to be in a position to be a championship team, you've just got to go through the mud."

SAMUEL

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Samuel is shining a light on New York City football and he's determined to be a role model for future gridiron greats in Brooklyn.

"It's amazing," he said. "To have younger kids look up to me and understand that what

I'm doing is the right thing in life, and to just keep motivating those little kids to accomplish dreams like this one day."

There's been plenty of talk in the past few months about what Samuel can bring to a professional team — discussions of his speed and receiving ability, and even chatter about us-

ing him in the return game — but he's not listening to any of it. Samuel knows what he's capable of and he's ready to prove it all over again.

"I'm always a team-first guy. I'm about making the team get better and get them to where they want to be," he said. "I just want to be Curtis Samuel."

MADISON

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my team out, because together, as a team we can win and achieve so much," said Moran, who also starred in the field, snagging two line drives in the top of the eighth that prevented Construction from scoring.

On the mound, freshman Alyssa Curiale tossed a complete game for Madison. Construction challenged Curiale throughout the afternoon, but could keep her from going the distance.

"[The bottom of the ninth]

was a little nerve-racking, but I was able to keep my composure and told myself that the only way I was going to get through this was to just breathe, relax, and focus," said Curiale, who had thrown five innings in the Golden Knights' previous game.

Construction coach Marco Migliaccio conceded it was Madison's day to emerge victorious, and now is simply hoping for a rematch.

"Every time we play Madison it ends up being a good game, so we aren't feeling discouraged," Migliaccio said. "We do a lot of bunting run-

ning and slashing, and they did a good job taking that away from us."

There was plenty of late-game dramatics, but Madison couldn't help but be pleased with its effort from start to finish and, most importantly, its presence at the plate.

"Without our hitters the game would have been a mercy," Curiale said. "That made the difference."

If the Golden Knights can keep hitting, the team is certain it can make a deep post-season run, and vie to get back to the top of the softball heap in the city.

MISIANO

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Misiano knows there are only a few more weeks left in his college career and he's determined not to waste them. He's going to keep hitting and keep scoring runs and, he hopes, leading his team into post-season play.

After everything he's done, that would be the cherry on the top of it all — another cliché he's more than willing to embrace.

"I really only have team goals and that's always to get to the tournament," Misiano said. "I haven't made it since I've been here, so it'd be nice to go out with a bang like that. We want to make the tournament now and push for the championship."



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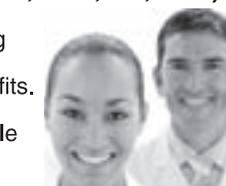
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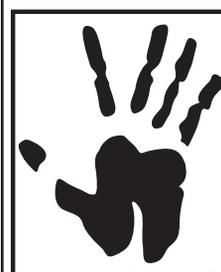
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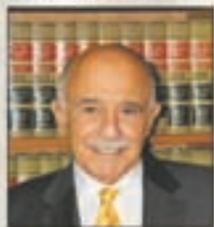
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6 figure settlement

for injuries from an unrepaired sidewalk. The owner and insurance company fought us, but our persistence, and justice, prevailed!

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