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## Homeless cleaning machine

BY LAUREN GILL

Talk about a hot shower!

A Park Slope soup kitchen will provide a cleaning service to the homeless next year now that locals have voted to use tax dollars to pay for a mobile shower stations, where those needing a good scrub can get washed up before they fill their bellies — a win-win according to backers of the plan.

“It will be really cool to be able to provide this to our soup kitchen guests and give them a little bit of dignity they might lack after walking around the city not having showered for awhile,” said Andi Hinnenkamp, who is the executive assistant for Chips, which came up with the idea for the showers. “It’s a huge relief knowing we’ll get funding for it.”

Residents living in Park Slope, Gowanus, Cobble Hill, Kensington, Windsor Terrace, and Carroll Gardens allotted roughly \$60,000 through Councilman Brad Lander’s (D-Park Slope) participatory budgeting — which lets locals choose how to spend part of Lander’s budget — for the showers, the pol announced Monday.

A 12-seat van will haul a trailer housing two stalls  
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**THE FACE OF COMMUNIST PARK SLOPE?:** Park Slope Collegiate Principal Jill Bloomberg says the Department of Education is investigating her “communist activity” in an attempt to silence her allegations of racist city policies promoting segregation in Brooklyn schools.

# A RED SCARE

### Outspoken principal under city investigation for ‘communist activity’

BY COLIN MIXSON

The Department of Education is investigating a Park Slope principal’s “communist activity” in a brazen attempt to silence her complaints alleging racist city policies that promote segregation in Brooklyn schools, according to a law-

suit brought against the city by Park Slope Collegiate Principal Jill Bloomberg.

Accusations of leftist-leanings may sound out of place in the new millennium, but the city’s McCarthy-era slurs are effective, time-honored tools for destroying reputa-

tions and silencing activists, Bloomberg said.

“Anti-racist activists have historically been characterized as communists in an attempt to discredit them, and that’s what we consider to be chilling,” said Bloomberg, who has served as princi-

pal at Park Slope Collegiate since 2004. “Without investigating anything specific, just these vague unconstitutional claims, is what leads people to fear about their politics and what they believe in.”

Bloomberg says she’s no  
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**DELI CATS:** Following their rescue, the two cats firefighters saved from a Fifth Avenue fire sheltered in a nearby deli until their owner came to retrieve them. Photo by Paul Martinka

# Locals: Don't gentrify our Fort Greene Park

BY LAUREN GILL

They want a people's playground!

Plans to makeover Fort Greene Park must include perks for the people who live in the public housing complexes surrounding it and shouldn't just create a fancy facade to make the meadow look good for gentrifiers, neighbors demanded at a meeting on May 3.

"We don't want a vanity project, we don't want a promenade, we don't want more pavement," said one Fort Greener to Brooklyn Parks Commissioner Marty Maher, who led the meeting. "We want more grass, more intimate spaces, we want more recreational opportunities for our kids and seniors. This is everyone's backyard."

The Parks Department is in the midst of redesigning the greensward's Myrtle Avenue entrances — which are heavily used by residents from nearby Walt Whitman and Ingersoll Houses — with \$5 million from the city's Parks Without Borders program that aims to open and beautify parks.

Green space honchos revealed renderings in February that showed significant changes on the corner of St. Edwards Street, including clearing a way to the Prison Ship Martyr's Monument by taking out a stone wall and granite platforms, and adding wheelchair ramps and a water feature. The agency says it based the designs on historic blueprints for the park, as well as feedback from a November meeting attended by about 40 people.

The preliminary plan also included chopping down rows of trees to create the path up to the memorial, but it sparked such outrage from locals that the Parks Department decided to conduct a more thorough examination of the timbers, concluding that can and will be saved, according to Maher.

"We found that the trees had solid roots and we could preserve them," he said.

Residents fumed at the new agency head for the majority of the meeting, during which he asked denizens to give ideas for activities and programs in the park. Instead, locals used the opportunity to rail against the earlier plans and a perceived lack of outreach, and let him



**HAVING A SAY:** (Above) Philip Frantzis takes his turn to let Maher know how he feels. (Right) Resident Sandy Reiburn said she was never even asked to put in her two cents on the makeover.

Photos by Stefano Giovannini

relocate the barbecues to somewhere else in the park during construction.

But he couldn't guarantee that he'd be able to keep areas such as the playground open, instead offering the consolation that residents will be able to pick up where they left off when the makeover is complete.

"Sometimes you can accommodate, sometimes you can't. Things we can accommodate like barbecuing, it's easy enough to relocate," he said. "When construction is done, any activity you could've done you can do after."

Along with the barbecues, locals asked Maher to expand the basketball courts, but the commissioner said this is unlikely because the Landmarks Preservation Commission — which must rubber stamp any changes to the landmarked park — wouldn't approve it because of water pipes underneath.

Residents supported more lighting and repaving the sidewalks along the park, and stressed the agency must be wary of changes that would negatively impact the community. "I think the neighborhood has seen a lot of 'improvements' that are destroying what exists," said Laurena Allan. "We need to preserve what's important to this community and [the park] is very important."

know how popular the urban meadow is, urging Maher to advocate for keeping part of it open during the revamp.

Construction will take 10 to 18 months and Maher said that portions of the park will need to be closed during that time.

Locals hang out at the park's barbecue area in warm months and treat the green space like their own backyard because their apartments don't have places to sit outside, they told him, and one area leader said the tree-hugging agency must ensure residents will have somewhere to grill and chill during the makeover.

"We use the barbecue — that means our summer is done, our spring is done," said Anthony Sosa, who is the tenant association president for Ingersoll Houses. "We don't go on the other side of the park cause y'all don't allow barbecuing there. While this construction is going on, the other side, it's going to get ugly, Marty. People want their park."

Maher said he is planning on installing 20 more tables in the next week and promised to

## Cat-astrophe is averted on Fifth

BY COLIN MIXSON

Two lives down, 16 to go!

New York's Bravest rescued two helpless felines trapped in a Fifth Avenue inferno on May 4.

Deli worker Saleh Abdullah of Express Deli Grocery called 911 at 10:15 am after he spotted smoke billowing from the top-floor apartment of the building between 10th and 11th streets.

Firefighters Joe Hayes and Mike Biserta emerged from the blaze clutching the hysterical but otherwise unharmed felines.

The city's Bravest left the lucky furballs with Abdullah, who let them relax in his candy rack until their owner came to retrieve them.

At least one of the cats, according to Abdullah, looked like he had seen better days. "The big one was scared," he said.

Firefighters extinguished



**HISSEY FIT:** Firefighter Joe Hayes carries an upset, but unharmed, feline from a Fifth Avenue inferno on May 4. Photo by Paul Martinka

the blaze in less than a half hour, and, thanks to their efforts, nobody — feline or otherwise — was injured, according to a spokesman for the Fire Department.



**BURNING DOWN THE HOUSE:** Around 60 firefighters rushed to combat the blaze that consumed a Fifth Avenue apartment. Photo by Paul Martinka

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# Trailblazing PR exec dies at 93

BY JAMES HARNEY

Evelyn Goodwin Potter, a trailblazer for women in the public relations industry who created the public affairs department at Brooklyn's State University of New York Downstate Medical Center in 1959 and served as its director for nearly 20 years, died on April 13 at age 93.

Potter went to work as an associate for community relations at the Crown Heights hospital in 1954, at a time when it was expanding and emerging into one of the largest teaching, research, and patient care institutions in the United States. She spotted the trend, and convinced Downstate administrators that the facility needed a public affairs department. They agreed, and in 1959 named her the new department's director.

During her tenure, Potter created an award-winning quarterly newsletter, "The Downstate Reporter," and wrote a book, "Medical Education in Brooklyn: The First Hundred Years," published by Downstate in 1960 to mark its centennial. She worked closely with faculty to publicize their research and achievements, including Dr. Samuel Kountz, the first African-American transplant surgeon, Dr. Eli Friedmann, inventor of the portable dialysis machine, and plans by Dr. Raymond Damadian to develop a device to scan the human body to detect cancer now known as magnetic resonance imaging — the MRI. In 1975, Potter arranged the first live telecast, on NBC's "Today" show, of a kidney transplant, performed by Dr. Kountz.

Dr. Pascal Imperato, dean of the School of Public Health at Downstate, called Potter "the best public relations professional he ever met." And when she left in 1975 to take a position as vice president of university relations at Clark University in Worcester, Mass., then-Downstate president Dr. Calvin Plimpton said, "For her, a cold



**HER LEGACY LIVES ON:** Public relations trailblazer Evelyn Goodwin Potter founded the public affairs department at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. Family of Evelyn Potter

fact is still stark but she can dress it with a charm that gives it life and influence."

Potter's daughter, Jill, says her mother was "excited about being on the cutting edge of publicizing important medical work and research at the time," and wasn't worried about doing it during an era when most women with families didn't pursue careers.

And she was fond of Brooklyn, where she and her husband Neil raised Jill and her brother Eugene in an 11-room, turn-of-the-century house on a tree-lined street in Midwood.

"I enjoy it," Potter said of the borough in one of numerous interviews she gave during her illustrious career. "It's a shopper's paradise; it's near the beaches; and it has some really lovely old homes and streets that compare favorably with those I've seen anywhere. At this point in my life, I prefer living in Brooklyn."



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# Designs are by BKLYN

BY MATTHEW JOHN

It was a design fest!

Artisans, craftsmen, designers, and architects young and old gathered at the Brooklyn Expo Center from May 5 to May 7 for the 15th annual BKLYN Design fair, showcasing their works for a crowd eager to see what the next big (or

little) thing to come out of the borough will be.

The event provided emerging designers and well-known brands a showcase for their products while offering attendees exhibits, pop-up lounges, and product demos that turned heads.

"It was a good mixture of

different types of designs," said Eric Moed, who had been referred to the fair by one of the participants, One Button. "It was cool to see what young designers were able to come up with."

The fair was hosted, as always, by the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.

ON DISPLAY: (Left) Eric and Caila Moed gaze at the various products at BKLYN Designs in Greenpoint over the weekend. (Above) Designers be-dazzled at the fair, hosted by the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce at the Brooklyn Expo Center.

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# Clipper's legacy lives on in new book

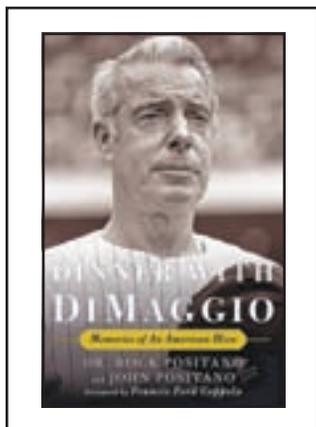
BY ZACH GEWELB

Joe DiMaggio spent 13 years making baseball history from center field in the Bronx and earning plaudits as an American hero.

He left behind quite a legacy when he died of lung cancer at 84 in 1999, and that legacy is brought back to life with "Dinner with DiMaggio," written by Dr. Rock Positano, the foot doctor and close friend of the Yankee Clipper during DiMaggio's later years.

The book, released by Simon & Schuster last week, comes 18 years after DiMaggio's death, and the timing of the release is not a mistake.

"I think the most important thing is that this memoir has the unique opportunity to introduce a whole new group of people to Joe DiMaggio," Positano, who grew up in Bensonhurst and graduated from Xaverian High School in Bay Ridge, said. "You have a lot of kids and millennials who don't really know who Joe DiMaggio was. So I wanted to reintroduce to this new generation of people who might not know about him."



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A notoriously private man, DiMaggio let Positano into his circle of trust, and the author offers incredible, rare insight into Joltin' Joe's life through stories heard over dinner and at other places the two traveled, including Yankee Stadium.

Positano, who was 42 years younger than DiMaggio, first met the legendary outfielder in 1990, when an old baseball injury brought the unlikely pair together. A mutual friend recommended Positano, then an up-and-coming foot doctor at the Hospital for Special Sur-

gery in Manhattan, to DiMaggio and the two made a connection that would last the remainder of his years, giving Positano a chance to get inside the mind of a living legend, who he says was more than just a baseball player.

"The man was able to understand so many other things besides sports. He understood business, movie-making, the arts, pretty much everything," said Positano. "He was sharp as a knife and it was very rare that he missed anything; he was that perceptive and intuitive."

The stories Positano, who wrote the memoir with his brother John, relates illustrate just how sharp the Hall of Famer was. DiMaggio had an answer for everything, he says, set a high standard on how to act both privately and socially, and always made sure he looked the part when out in public — and made sure everyone he was involved with did the same.

He tells the tale of how DiMaggio made him leave a dinner date with the slugger's granddaughters — coming up with an intricate plot to have Positano's beeper go off — be-



LET'S EAT: Author of "Dinner with DiMaggio," Dr. Rock Positano, left, with Yankee legend Joe DiMaggio. Dr. Rock Positano

cause the doctor showed up without a tie.

"Didn't anyone ever teach you about how to dress in the company of ladies?" DiMaggio asked Positano, giving the doctor a chance to leave the scene only to return later wearing a tie. "Women — especially my granddaughters — deserve more respect."

The nine-time World Series champ always believed in treating women with respect, Positano posited, and also valued having positive relationships with children. Joe

D. would always go out of his way to make children happy, whether it was signing a baseball or making a surprise appearance at a birthday party.

DiMaggio loved children because they "will never hurt you or betray you — only grown-ups will do that," Positano writes.

The memoir also dives into DiMaggio's love life and marriages to Dorothy Arnold and Marilyn Monroe. But the main focus of the book centers on the doctor's personal experiences with DiMaggio.

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## 78TH PRECINCT

PARK SLOPE

### Mystery goo!

A woman called the cops on her upstairs neighbor for continuously pumping “unknown liquids” out the window of their Prospect Place apartment.

The Park Slope resident told police that her neighbors vented the mysterious fluids out the window of their home between Caton and Vanderbilt avenues at 8 am on April 17, and claims she’s got two witnesses to back up her claims.

The victim’s own windows weren’t damaged as a result of her neighbor’s actions, but some of the enigmatic goo did trickle onto them, said cops, who have closed the case.

### Hammer time

Cops arrested a 37-year-old man for allegedly banging on the door of a woman’s Wyckoff Street apartment with a hammer on April 24.

The victim told police she was inside her home between Third Avenue and Nevins Street at 9:50 pm, when the suspect started wailing on her front door with the hammer.

The door wasn’t damaged, cops said, but he was arrested on charges of menacing.

### Dirty laundry

A brute beat a man inside a Fifth Avenue laundromat on April 27.

The victim told police he was inside the business at 12:30 pm when the suspect suddenly socked him in the nose.

Cops searched for the bruiser, but came up empty-handed.

### Lap-topped off

A thief stole a man’s laptop he left in the lobby of a First Street apartment building on April 29.

The victim told police that he left his computer in a bag in the building between Sixth and Seventh avenues at midnight, and returned a few minutes later to find it stolen.

— *Colin Mixson*

## 76TH PRECINCT

CARROLL GARDENS-COBBLE HILL-RED HOOK

### Bad passenger

Cops cuffed a guy for hopping out of a cab without paying for his ride and attacking the driver on Van Brunt Street on May 6.

The 31-year-old passenger got out of the taxi near Hamilton Avenue at about 9:45 pm without paying his \$43.30 fare, police said. When the driver confronted him about it, he just started pushing, cursing, and grabbing him, according to authorities. The suspect also resisted arrest, police said.



### Last call

A punk swiped a guy’s wallet he had left on the counter at a Beard Street bar on May 7, police said.

The 26-year-old guy left his wallet atop the bar at the watering hole between Dwight and Otsego streets at 2 am, and when he turned back to get it at 5 am, some baddie had grabbed it sometime, said cops.

The crook ran off with the Burberry wallet containing credit cards, a Florida driver’s license, and \$30, officials said.

### Caught red-handed

Police arrested a guy for swiping a woman’s delivery package off her Tompkins Place stoop on May 5.

The suspect grabbed her delivered SodaStream carbonation product from outside her home between Kane and Degraw streets sometime between 6:30 pm and 7:15 pm, according to authorities.

### It’s a puzzle

A lout stole a guy’s wallet and tried to charge more than \$2,000 to his credit card on May 4, police said.

The guy told police he was on Livingston Street sometime between 1 pm and 3:30 pm with his wallet. He walked towards Court Street before heading home to Douglass Street, at which point he realized his billfold was gone, officials said.

The goon who stole the wallet — which contained a driver’s license, health insurance card, \$550, MetroCard, and credit cards — also tried to charge \$2,163 to one of the cards, according to authorities.

### Not a fan

Cops cuffed a guy for stealing a woman’s desktop fans that had been delivered to her apartment lobby on Baltic Street on May 5.

The suspect had taken her Lasko and Holmes blizzard fans from her apartment between Smith and Court streets sometime between 1:19 pm and 7:13 pm, officials said.

— *Julianne Cuba*

## 84TH PRECINCT

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS-DUMBO-BOERUM HILL-DOWNTOWN

### Hotel heist

A thief stole a woman’s expensive necklace she left in her Schermerhorn Street hotel room while she

went out for the day on April 30.

The lady left her 14-karat gold yellow metal necklace with a Virgin Mary inside her hotel room between Bond and Hoyt streets and returned around 3 pm to find it was missing, according to a report.

### Came up short

Some punk stole \$2,290 worth of athletic wear from a Smith Street store on May 3.

A worker manning the store near Wyckoff Street told police she was helping a customer when the filcher lifted 25 pairs of shorts and 35 pairs of boxers and fled.

### Heights burglary

A burglar broke into a Montague Street home on May 3 and stole \$8,500 worth of goods while the owners were at work.

The residents of the home near Clinton Street left for work at 9:15 am and returned at 6:50 pm to find that someone had taken their MacBook Air, 10 gold gemstone rings, five gold necklaces, a gold watch, and yellow Cannondale road bike, according to authorities.

### Needling

Cops cuffed a woman who they say tried to steal items from a Jay Street store on May 4 and threatened to stab a worker who tried to stop her.

The lady was shopping in the store near York Street at 10:30 am when a worker noticed her putting several items in her coat pocket, according to police. The worker confronted the woman and asked her put back the loot and the suspect grabbed her hair, pulled on it, and hissed, “I will stab you with my needle.” Authorities were contacted and arrested the woman.

### Subway steal

A prowler stole a drunk guy’s wallet by cutting out his pocket while he was asleep on the A train on May 4.

The victim told police he was hanging out drinking with friends in Manhattan and boarded a Brooklyn-bound A train at 4 am. He fell asleep and awoke at High Street station, then transferred to a Manhattan-bound A train. While he was switching locomotives, he noticed his pants pocket was cut and his wallet was missing, cops said.

## 88TH PRECINCT

FORT GREENE-CLINTON HILL

### Cat burglar

A burglar crept into a Lafayette Avenue building and stole a laptop and \$3,000 while the resident was gone on May 6.

The tenant came home to the apartment by Cumberland Street at 2:43 am and discovered her bed was thrown about and her computer and cash were missing, cops said.

### Canned

Cops are hunting for two jerks who hurled a can at a man’s face on Fleet Walk on May 1.

The 63-year-old victim was near Prince Street at 8 pm when the scofflaws threw the projectile at his face and punched him, said cops.

### Park and snatch

A weasel lifted a laptop out of a car parked on Greene Avenue sometime overnight on April 30.

The victim told police he left his MacBook Pro in his vehicle for the night near by Adlephi Street at 9:30 pm and returned in the morning to find trash in his car and his computer vanished, police said.

### Broom bash

Police arrested a woman who they say struck a man with a broom while they were in a fight in a DeKalb Avenue store on May 6.

The suspect was having a verbal argument with the man by St. Felix Street at 5:30 pm when she picked up the broom and hit the guy on the right hand, police said.

— *Lauren Gill*

## 68TH PRECINCT

BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

### Lock pick

A rat broke into two lockers at an 86th Street fitness center on May 7 — and swiped gym-goers’ belongings.

A fitness enthusiast told police he stored his wallet in one of the lockers at the gym between Fourth and Fifth avenues. But when he returned post-workout at noon, his wallet, stuffed with cash and bank cards, was gone, police said. The raider bought Chinese food and cigarettes with the stolen bank cards, according to a police report.

The prowler returned later that day and broke into another locker where a couple had stashed their clothes and wallets at 6:30 pm, officials said.

When they returned to the locked locker at 8 pm, their stuff was gone, authorities said.

— *Caroline Spivack*



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# Beastie fans laud MCA

BY LAUREN GILL

It was a banner MCA-Day.

Beastie Boys fans gathered in Adam Yauch Park in Brooklyn Heights on Saturday to honor the late emcee during the sixth annual get-together in the rapper's home neighborhood. Admirers have been crowding into the park each year to mark the anniversary of the wordsmith and human rights activists' death by listening to his rhymes and enjoying the park of his

namesake, and this year was no different.

"It was just a fun day at the park," said Rob Hearon, who drove up from Philadelphia and sported a "RIP MCA" shirt for the occasion. "It was cool to hang out, listen to some music, play some basketball, and talk to friends."

Hearon was in high school when the Beastie Boys' first album "Licensed to Ill" came out in 1986 and he has been a huge fan ever since, trekking

up from the sixth borough for the past four years to celebrate Yauch.

Fans will get another chance to pay tribute to Yauch at an official MCA Day shindig at Gowanus' Littlefield on Aug. 5, a party its organizer declared will be the "Grand finale event."

*MCA Day at Littlefield (622 DeGraw St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus, [www.littlefield.com](http://www.littlefield.com)), Aug. 5, noon-5 pm. Free.*

**CELEBRATING A LIFE:** (Left) Organizer Mike Kearney led the at MCA Day festivities at Adam Yach Park on Saturday. (Center) Adam Yauch fan Rob Hearon traveled from Philadelphia to pay tribute to the late rapper. (Above) Young fan Madison Cartelli had a great time shooting hoops.

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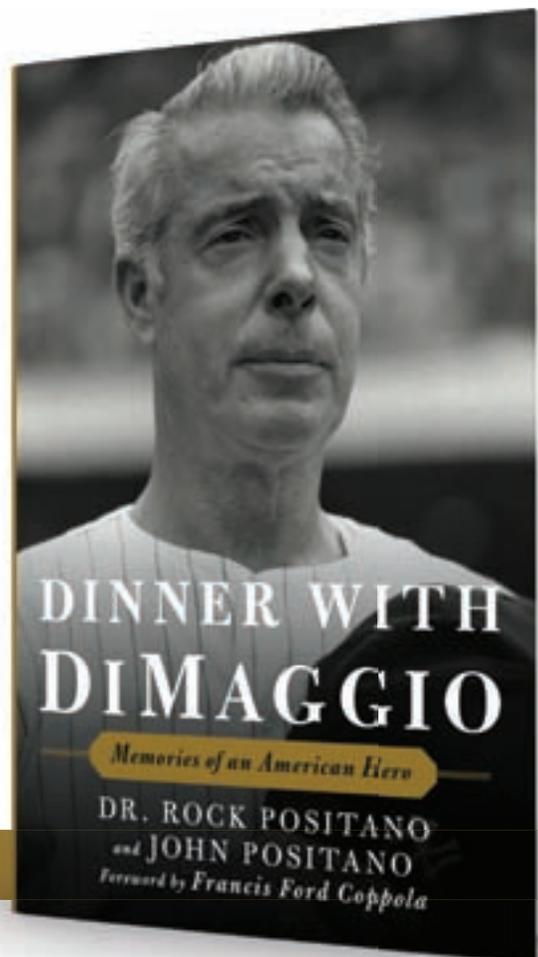
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# BUOY FOR YOU!

## Coney swimmers demand boundaries for jet skis

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK

Talk about troubled waters.

Officials must float buoys off the shores of Coney Island and Brighton Beach to help law enforcement crackdown on scofflaw jet skiers terrorizing swimmers, demand locals who say the wave-ripping thrill seekers endanger bathers by cruising too close to the shore, and the bright-red buoys would give seafaring lawmen more fodder to catch the slippery culprits.

"Some people rent jet skis and they may not know you can't go close to the beach," said Brighton Beacher Capri Djatasmoro, who launched an online petition for the buoys that has garnered more than 260 signatures. "There needs to be a visual aide, because right now it's not a comfortable way to swim in the water — always being fearful of jet skis."

State law prohibits all personal watercraft within-500 feet — or the length of nearly two football fields — off the shore, according to a rep with the New York Police Department's harbor unit, who issues \$50 fines for those who flout the law.

Lawbreakers regularly skirt the shore and some locals blame nearby jet ski rental companies for doing a poor job of communicating sea doos and sea don'ts to their customers, thus making swimmers speed bumps in the water, said another beachgoer.

"I think the rental companies need to have better communication about the law with the people who rent the jet skis," said Hsi-Ling Chang, who frequents Coney Island and Brighton beaches year-round. "I saw a jet ski go over one guy who had his head down when he was swimming, but if he had his head up he would have been decapitated." But management from the two nearby jet ski rental companies, Empire Jet

Ski, Inc. in Gravesend and Rockaway Jet Ski in Queens, point the finger at rogue owners, and say they closely watch their renters to keep funny business to a minimum.

"Our renters don't go anywhere near Coney Island," said Robert Kaskel, the owner of Rockaway Jet Ski. "The shorelines are inherently dangerous, people can get caught in fishing lines, there's shallows, you could hit rocks."

The Queens company does offer tours to Coney where two guides, one at the head of the pack called the "lead" and someone who mans the rear known as the "sweeper," ensure three to six jet skiers stay on course, according to Kaskel. And those who rent from Empire Jet Ski rarely even venture over to Coney Island, according to the company's manager.

But it isn't hard for lone riders to purchase a jet ski and run amuck, said Kaskel.

"It's like there's something magnetic that pulls them to the shore," he said. "And it's unfortunately really easy for people to buy a jet ski, so it's definitely a problem."

A personal watercraft operator must be at least 14-years-old and have proof of completing a New York Safe Boating Course or other approved safety courses, according to the state Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation records. The crafts can cost between \$5,000 and \$15,000.

The lack of training required to man a jet ski troubles locals, who feel plopping buoys off the coast of Brighton Beach, Coney Island, and Seagate could at least alert wave runners to off-limit areas.

But the city's Parks Department won't bite, because buoys actually endanger weak swimmers by enticing them to wade out too far, according to Parks Department officials who could not

provide studies citing the trend. Now, residents and local pols are joining forces to craft legislation that would amend state law to mandate the buoys at the 500-foot mark.

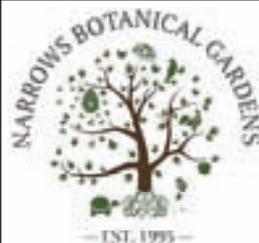
"My office has received dozens of calls from constituents who

are concerned that boats and jet skis are operating within swimming zones," said Assemblywoman Pamela Harris, who plans on introducing legislation that would mark the swim zone with navigational aids such as buoys.



**DANGEROUS WATERS:** Locals demand that the city install buoys 500 feet out from Coney Island and Brighton beaches to curb jet skiers who illegally cruise along the beach.

Capri Djatasmoro



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# Outside the books!

## Park Slope Library opens a reading garden

BY COLIN MIXSON

The Park Slope branch of the Brooklyn Public Library celebrated the long-awaited opening of an outdoor garden on Saturday.

Councilman Brad Lander (D-Park Slope) marked the occasion by cutting a ribbon of flowers with help from a few precocious tots, and the occasion — like the garden itself — was adorable, according to the lawmaker.

“The garden itself is super, super cute, a really very joyful public space, and the kids were running around — it was great,” Lander said.

The roughly basketball-court-sized library garden features a lawn surrounded by trees, benches, and shrubbery, along with stone seating organized amphitheater style to accommodate public readings for lit fans young and old.

Unlike some library projects, the reading garden proceeded at a brisk two-year pace from funding to comple-



**PLAY TIME:** Kids celebrated the opening of the Park Slope Library with a great flurry of non-reading-related activity. Councilman Brad Lander

tion, with construction lasting less than a year from when the first shovel hit dirt in July last year.

The library is also looking to make the new garden home to a statue of Knuffle Bunny, the beloved creation of the formerly Brooklyn-based children’s author Mo Willems, who recounted the tale of the hapless stuffed animal’s adventure at the laundromat in

“Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale.”

But the decision to install the beloved children’s character in a garden largely designed for children falls to the Public Design Commission, the city’s artistic gatekeepers who are yet to sign off on whether or not the bunny’s likeness is appropriate for the library’s green space.



**FLIP YA FOR REAL:** A BMW sedan flipped onto its roof after colliding with another vehicle in the Brooklyn-bound lanes of the Brooklyn Bridge on Monday afternoon. Three people in the car suffered minor injuries, authorities said. Community News Group / Jennifer Goodstein

## Car flips on bridge

BY JAMES HARNEY

A car flipped onto its roof during a freak mid-day collision on Monday in the Brooklyn-bound lanes of the Brooklyn Bridge — and The Park Slope Courier was there.

There were no major injuries to the car’s three occupants, police and fire department officials said, and by the time we drove by and snapped these shots, no one was inside the vehicle.

A police spokesman said the crash occurred about 1:35 pm, when a BMW se-

dan was sideswiped, went out of control and overturned. The spokesman said the driver and passengers of the BMW apparently crawled out through open windows.

A spokeswoman for the Fire Department said the three people who climbed out of the car refused medical attention, and later left the scene.

Neither police nor fire officials had any information about the other vehicle reportedly involved.



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# Lone Republican says no to Prez

## Dan breaks with party on health care

BY JAMES HARNEY

He took the "local."

When push came to shove, Rep. Dan Donovan — Brooklyn's lone Republican Congressman — bucked his party last week and voted against the American Health Care Act, the controversial replacement for the Affordable Care Act that was a signature issue for President Trump. Asked why he took such a political risk, Donovan used the word "local" more than once.

"All policy is local, and my job is to represent the 740,000 people in New York's 11th Congressional District," Donovan said in a brief statement after the May 4 House vote. "Despite amendments and revisions, this bill still does not address the needs of the people of Staten Island and South Brooklyn. As written, the [act] would impose a tax hike on [New York] City residents to fund tax cuts elsewhere in the state. My constituents would also be unable to use the bill's tax credits because of New York's rules on insurance coverage."

Donovan added that "the relief needed for local families is not in this bill. The plan would cost seniors more for health care at a time in their lives when incomes are limited and they need health care the most."

The Ridge-to-Rock representative was a little more specific in a recent interview with Courier Life newspapers.

"My goal in this process was to help the people who were harmed by the Affordable Care Act, without harming the people who were helped by it," Donovan said. "Many of the people who didn't have insurance before the Affordable Care Act now have it, and our President promised we wouldn't pull out the rug from under people. Part of this plan would pull the rug out from under those people."

Donovan turned his focus local yet again, noting that the four biggest employers in his 11th District are hospitals, which he said will receive lower payments under the American Health Care Act.

"They're already struggling," he said. "It was going to affect health care workers. Our seniors, people in nursing homes. So there were so many things that got me to [vote] no, and it would have been too difficult to get me to [vote] yes."

Ridgites who oppose the American Health Care Act said they were satisfied with Donovan's vote.



**NO GO:** Congressman Dan Donovan, Brooklyn's only Republican in Congress, once again voted against the America Health Care Act. Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

"I applaud him for having the courage to break with party lines and put people before politics when it comes to health care," said Malory McMahon of the progressive group Fight Back Bay Ridge. "In addition to being one of the few Republicans to vote against the bill, he actually seemed to be one of the few who bothered to read it."

Another local progressive was slightly more guarded in his praise for the congressman.

"Our representative did the right thing, but the protection of cost-saving and smart preventative health care doesn't end with this one vote," said Costa Kokkinos, an organizer with South Brooklyn Progressive Resistance.

Liam McCabe, a former aide to Donovan now running as a Republican for the Council seat representing Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights, would not criticize his former boss's break with the party.

"I understand why [Donovan] came to that decision," McCabe said. "He makes his decisions based on what he feels is best for his constituency. Sometimes that gets him in trouble with Republicans, sometimes that gets him in trouble with Democrats, but that is how he goes about things and I respect him for that."

Donovan said that despite his nay vote last week, "Obamacare is failing and requires major reform. I remain steadfastly committed to replacing it with a plan that truly works for the people I represent."

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# Folks celebrate folk arts

BY LAUREN GILL

They've got a story to tell you. Artists from across the city gathered in Dumbo to share their talents with fellow storytellers at Brooklyn Arts Council's Folk Arts Day on April 29 — and the annual get-together was a great chance for creatives to learn from one another, said a participant.

"It's very important that we can get all of these different ethnic groups and dif-

ferent artists from different parts of the world together and share their interests," said Bronx resident Salieu Suso, who imparted his expertise on storytelling with the kora, a 21-string harp used in West Africa. Suso — who is from Gambia — has been attending the meet-up for six years, teaching participants about the ancient songs he plays on the 1,000-year old instrument he has been play-

ing for three decades.

The harp is used to teach history and entertain, facts that Suso told other artists when they weren't busy learning how to get their work out to various city advocacy groups.

"I was able to share my thoughts and experiences and that was nice. You also got to collaborate and talk about how we can work with different organizations," he said.

**MASTER OF MUSIC:** (Left) Salieu Suso talks to the room about playing the kora at Brooklyn Folk Arts Day in Dumbo on April 29. (Above) Suso has been playing the kora for 30 years. Photos by Stefano Giovannini

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**Rieko Luo** is a middle-schooler who really knows her investment strategies. The teen used market savvy to write her award-winning essay, placing second in the nation for the **SIFMA Foundation's Fall 2016 InvestWrite** competition. The money maven is in the eighth grade at IS 187, the Christa McAuliffe Intermediate School.

The program challenges thousands of students across the country to consider an investing scenario and make recommendations that incorporate short- and long-term investment goals. "Rieko Luo's innovative investment



analysis of companies utilizing augmented and virtual reality earned her the SIFMA Foundation's 'InvestWrite Genius' title this year," said **Melanie Mortimer**, president of the SIFMA Foundation. "We commend Rieko and her teacher, **Yuliya Mikhels**, for this achievement. Helping students better understand our economy, our markets, the role of investors, and how to make good investments will pay dividends for the students, their education, and the economy."

InvestWrite serves as a culminating activity for 600,000 fourth- through 12th-graders nationwide who compete each year in the Foundation's **Stock Market Game**.

The essay prompt challenged Luo to research augmented and virtual reality and apply concepts learned in the game to make a portfolio recommendation based on what would be a good long-term investment — in reality. Luo focused on **Microsoft**, explaining, "In 2015, Microsoft stock's run-rate was over \$8.2 billion in the cloud business. Microsoft expects to reach a grand \$20 billion in the upcoming years. The company has aligned itself towards the future and strived to appeal and be attentive to their customers' wants."

Her teacher, Yuliya Mikhels, teaches mathematics and has developed a course teaching the foundations of finance. She has served as a dual-language Russian teacher in mathematics, social studies, and science. Mikhels said, "The InvestWrite competition is a perfect platform for my students to integrate their interests, skills, and experience in the



**LET'S HEAR IT FOR BOARD:** Say hello to the newest members of the board — Ayanna Behin and John Kline.

## Welcome aboard to new members

### BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Put your hands together and say, "welcome," to **Ayanna Behin** and **John Kline**, the newest members of the board at the **Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy**.

**Mark Baker**, chairman of the Conservancy, announced the appointments at the April 27 board meeting.

"We're excited to have elected two new members today — both of which bring something unique to the board," Baker said. "Ayanna's legal expertise and passionate activism, and John's commitment to the Brooklyn community will be great assets to the Conservancy."

Ayanna has been an attorney for 15 years, having worked for **Thelen Reid & Priest LLP**, **Schwartz & Thomashower LLP**, and other New York City-based firms. She is a mediator, trained by the **New York Peace Institute**, and actively engaged in conflict resolution between individuals and within organizations, as well as a member of the **District 13 Community Education Council**, and has been a PTA officer and member for the past six years at **Arts & Letters** kindergarten-eight public school.

Stock Market Game." *IS 187 [1171 65th St. at 12th Avenue in Bensonhurst, (718) 236-3394].*

### DYKER HEIGHTS

## He's a survivor!

Sanding Os are sent to **Lance Shulman**. The Dyker Heights resident

"I look forward to working with the Board of Directors to advance the Conservancy's mission, and serve the wider public," she said

John is a veteran of the magazine industry and most recently served as managing editor of **Us Weekly** for the better part of a decade. He previously worked as the managing editor of **MBA Jungle** and **JD Jungle** magazines, and as assistant managing editor at **New York Magazine**, following previous stints at other publications including **The Chicago Reader**.

"I have been following Brooklyn Bridge Park's creation, design, and progress from an idea to a world-class park with tremendous enthusiasm for many years, and it is an honor to join the Conservancy's Board of Directors," he explained. "I'm excited to get to work assisting with the group's commitment to creative and dynamic educational, cultural, and recreational programs and events in the park for all New Yorkers, and I look forward to helping expand its presence in the community at large."

*Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy [334 Furman St. at Joralemon Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 802-0603].*

was honored by the **Joslin Diabetes Clinic** in Boston. Lance has had Type 1 diabetes since 1967.

He explained that Joslin honors individuals who have survival rates or 10, 25, and, of course, 50 years.

Representatives from Joslin will be presenting Lance with his honors on May 17 at his home.



### FORT GREENE

## She's the best

Put your hands together for **Dr. Kim Best**. She was named chairperson of **The Brooklyn Hospital Center's Community Advisory Board**, along with a slate of new officers, during the board's annual meeting on April 18.

Dr. Best, a longtime community advocate, currently works for the city's **Sanitation Department**, and has a PhD in philosophy.

"This is my hospital and they have taken good care of me through the years. I intend to serve as a strong advocate for the community. I am very proud to serve as CAB Chair," she said.

**Gary G. Terrinoni**, president and chief executive officer of the center, announced her appointment.

"I look forward to working with the new CAB members to explore ways on how best we can deliver additional quality health care services to the community," he said.

**Leroy Charles**, vice president for External Affairs, added, "Dr. Best will serve a two-year term and succeeds the immediate past chairman **Reverend Earl Jones, Sr.** I would like to welcome the new board officers and members to the hospital board's family."

In addition to Dr. Best's appointment, other elected officers included: vice chairwoman **Dr. Loretta Patton-Greenridge**; **Deborah Benson**, recording secretary; and **Julian Macrone**, program and development manager for the Fort Greene Park Conservatory.

Standing O wishes all the members good luck.

*The Brooklyn Hospital Center [121 Dekalb Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 250-6797].*

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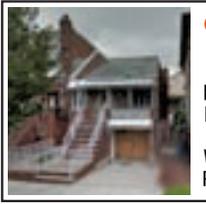
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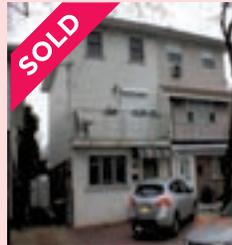
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# PRINCIPAL

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pink-o commie, but proudly admits to a long history of antagonizing school officials over perceived discriminatory policies that give students attending predominately white schools advantages over the overwhelmingly black and Latino students at Park Slope Collegiate.

"We're not denying that we've been outspoken," Bloomberg said. "We're very much in favor of equity."

The school leader became an active critic of the city's education department in 2010, when it announced Millennium High School would join Park Slope Collegiate and other schools at the John Jay Education Campus on Seventh Avenue, which in her mind, was an attempt by the city to reject integrating the children of wealthy Park Slope families with existing schools.

"It felt like here was a fantastic opportunity to create an integrated school and, rather than try to do that, rather than address whatever barriers they think there might be, DOE said we need a separate school for students living in the zip," Bloomberg said.

Since then, Bloomberg has led parents in chants haranguing department officials, protested security cameras and metal detectors at schools, organized anti-segregation panels, and gathered parents and students for demonstrations following police violence against blacks and Latinos, and, while she has been admonished by school officials, she hasn't faced disciplinary action as a result of her activism.

But that changed after Bloomberg discovered that the 1,261 students at Millen-

nium had nearly twice as many sports teams as the 1,859 other students attending schools at the John Jay campus, and the fire-brand principal fired off complaints to officials accusing the city of violating the Civil Rights Act.

Within two weeks, she says, investigators were interrogating Bloomberg's colleagues about her political activities, and, if the timing weren't enough to make her suspicious that the investigation was linked to her accusations of racism, then the absurdity of the city's allegations was.

"It's so vague and ridiculous, what else could it possibly be about?" Bloomberg asked.

A legal memorandum compiled by city lawyers states the Department of Education investigation was launched in response to complaints from an anonymous source, who said Bloomberg's husband filmed a documentary on behalf of the Len Ragozin Foundation — which is affiliated with the Marxist Progressive Labor Party — that was screened at the school for \$20 a seat.

But Bloomberg's advocacy has nothing to do with the city's ongoing investigation into her communist dealings, according to Department of Education spokeswoman Toya Holness.

Bloomberg admitted her husband did help fund a documentary regarding racial profiling through the Ragozin Foundation, and that the film was screened at the school, but said her husband's foundation has no connection to communism and that the film, which was offered for free, was permitted by the Department of Education.

"They're investigating me for things that are demonstrably false," Bloomberg said.



**CLEAN AND GREEN:** These new solar-powered mobile showers could be parked outside of Chips by next spring.

Jeanne Pfordresher

## SHOWERS

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with showers and changing areas that will be parked outside of Chips on Fourth Avenue and Sackett Street during the day. People can wash off with free soap, shampoo, and towels in 15-minute intervals before and after lunch, according to Hinnenkamp.

It will be driven to the nearby St. Patrick Catholic Academy, which will store the showers overnight in its parking lot.

The trailer will contain a storage tank with 250 gallons of clean water and a chamber collecting dirty water that links back to the soup kitchen for disposal. Its lighting, pumps, and water heater are solar powered, and the rest of the power will come from hook-ups to Chips, said Hinnenkamp.

About 150 to 200 people frequent the kitchen for breakfast and lunch each day, but often find themselves with nowhere to bathe.

"We get questions everyday from people asking where they can go take a shower and get some clean clothes — there really aren't that many options in New York for that kind of thing," said the Chips leader.

The closest free showers are at social services organization Turning Point in Sunset Park, but it doesn't have the capacity to take everyone, said Hinnenkamp.

There are currently 270 people living in shelters in Community Board 6 — which includes Park Slope, Gowanus, Carroll Gardens, and Cobble Hill — and 16,974 homeless people across Brooklyn, according to Department of Homeless Services' data.

And one Park Sloper cast her ballot for the showers because she wanted her fellow Kings Countians to have the chance to feel fresh and

sparkling, too, she said.

"One of the reasons I voted for this is it's covering another human need, being able to walk around in dignity, feeling like you've been able to take care of yourself properly. I like the aspect of that," said Joanna Oltman Smith.

Other winners on the participatory budgeting ballot included hooking up water to Thomas Cuite Park, funding for more street trees, and school upgrades, but the showers came handily in first by receiving the most votes ever for a project in the district, according to Lander, who said the victory shows the size of locals' hearts.

"You can think about participatory budgeting, some of the projects are about getting something for your kids' schools or own neighborhood park but there's a self interested element to it," he said. "This shows there's also an element that brings out our most generous, democratic selves and compassion is a value that is at the core of our community."

The mobile showers will be New York City's first, but the idea has already taken off on the west coast where one service has been operating on-the-go stations for more than three years, during which 4,000 homeless people have hopped in. Its head honcho applauded the new Brooklyn showers and reported that there has been a huge demand for them.

"We know the need is just tremendous," said Doniece Sandoval, who is the head of Lava Mae, which provides free showers in old buses outfitted with stalls to homeless Californians. "It's a really critical service — you can imagine life on the street is hard enough. If you can't keep up with your hygiene, you don't feel like yourself ... being able to wash that away is really critical."

If all goes to plan, the showers will be open by next spring, according to Hinnenkamp.

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## Using mobile phones

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

## Daydreaming

Many people will admit to daydreaming behind the wheel or looking at a person or object outside of the car for too long. Per-

haps they're checking out a house in a new neighborhood or thought they saw someone they knew on the street corner. It can be easy to veer into the direction your eyes are focused, causing an accident. In addition to trying to stay focused on the road, some drivers prefer the help of lane departure warning systems.

## Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

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

Try to eat meals before getting in the car. For those who must snack while en route, take a moment to pull over at

a rest area and spend 10 minutes snacking there before resuming the trip.

## Reading

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

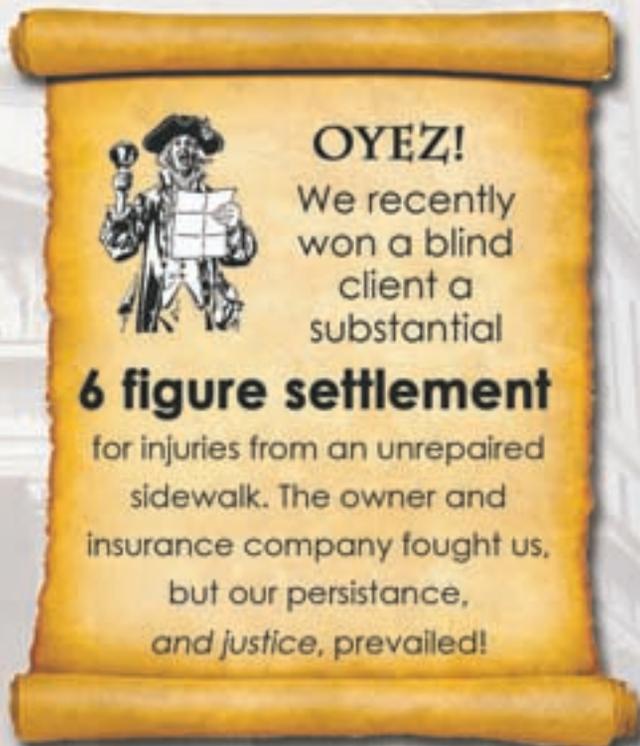
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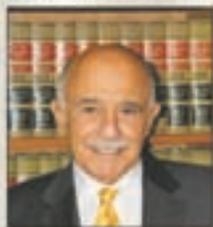
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# Possible Deutsch challenger gets support

Local politico **Kalman Yeger**, who is rumored to be running against freshman Councilman **Chaim Deutsch** (D-Sheepshead Bay), and recently registered as an undeclared candidate with the city's campaign finance board, is already hosting fund-raisers and gaining support from community leaders — including his possible opponent's former boss, ex-Councilman **Michael Nelson**.

About 100 people gathered at Essen kosher deli on Coney Island Avenue on May 3 to show their support for Yeger. Among them were Councilman **David Greenfield** (D-Midwood), Councilman **Alan Maisel** (D-Marine Park), former Councilman **Lew Fidler**, and Nelson. Deutsch had worked for Nelson before taking over his term-limited seat in 2013.

And Nelson had supported Deutsch four years ago, so it doesn't go unnoticed that he's now schmoozing with Yeger at a fund-raiser, according to one Democratic insider. But another Democratic source said Nelson showing his face means nothing, and he still plans to endorse Deutsch for his re-election campaign.



tion campaign.

Sheepshead Bay district leaders **Ari Kagan** — who also ran against Deutsch in 2013 — and **Margarita Kagan**, along with Russian Radio show host **Gregory Davidzon**, endorsed Deutsch for re-election last week.

The two candidates are not, as previously printed, technically cousins, by the way. They are cousin-in-laws — Deutsch's wife is cousins with Yeger.

Deutsch also wanted to clarify how much outside income he rakes in as the president of his Brooklyn-based real estate company, Chasa Management. We previously reported Deutsch makes an additional

\$249K annually, but he said it's closer to \$130,000, though it varies every year.

Yeger — who did not return requests for comment, and has until June 12 to declare which office he is running for — took to the social media platform Twitter to thank the other politicians for their support.

"Incredibly grateful for the outpouring of support and the packed room last night at my first fund-raiser!" he tweeted on May 4.

Nelson could not be reached for comment.

The winner of the September Democratic primary will face Republican **Steve Saperstein** in the November general election.

... Billionaire supermarket mogul **John Catsimatidis** — who ran for mayor in 2013 — bowed out of the race to replace Mayor DeBlasio he was never officially in, and a few days later announced his support for his friend, Assemblywoman **Nicole Malliotakis** (R-Bay Ridge), paving the way for her to go head-to-head with millionaire real estate developer **Paul Massey** for the Grand Old

Party nomination.

"Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis is a talented and strong Republican woman. With her immigrant roots and her Cuban and Greek heritage, she can relate to so many New Yorkers who are reaching for the American Dream," Catsimatidis wrote in a statement on May 5. "Her experience in the state legislature, her energy and her understanding of the issues make her a great candidate for Mayor."

Malliotakis — who is taking heat for her uncertainty on whether her father immigrated to the United States legally after staking out a position as a staunch critic of sanctuary cities and suing the city to stop it from destroying IDNYC records from undocumented immigrants — welcomes her friend's support, she said in a statement.

"I am humbled and grateful to my friend and mentor, John Catsimatidis, for his support of my campaign for Mayor of New York City. John embodies all that is good about New York. He is a brilliant businessman and philanthropist, and he is respected by everyone

for his love of New York City," said Malliotakis. "John Catsimatidis's support and guidance will be invaluable to me, both on the campaign trail and when I reach City Hall."

Malliotakis, who said she plans to join the city's matching funds program, challenges Massey in the GOP primary. Former candidate **Rev. Michel Faulkner** dropped out of the mayoral race to run against Scott Stringer for comptroller, and Fox News pundit **Bo Dietl** did not get Republican party support to run on the party line.

... The next Speaker could be from Brooklyn!

Councilman **Jumaane Williams** (D-Midwood) officially threw his hat in the ring to replace term-limited Council Speaker **Melissa Mark-Viverito** (D-Manhattan) in 2018.

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# Ridge's Third Ave. bike graveyard

*A stretch of Third Avenue in Bay Ridge has become a bicycle graveyard, crammed with bikes chained to lamp posts, trees, and parking meters. ("Haunting! Third Avenue is Bay Ridge's bicycle graveyard," by Caroline Spivack, online May 8). Opportunistic thieves have taken advantage of the situation to strip parts, wheels and accessories from unattended cycles, leaving dozens of them abandoned. In the past five years, a 25-block stretch between Ovington Avenue up to 100th Street has logged more than 120 complaints to 311 about abandoned bikes on or near Third Avenue. The spike in derelict bikes has prompted Community Board 10 officials to urge the city Sanitation Department to direct its workers to clip the chains of stripped-down cycles they spot in the neighborhood. The growing problem has some readers wheel concerned:*

"The spike in bikes has prompted Community Board 10's district manager to nudge the Department of Sanitation to clip chains in the nabe when workers spot stripped-down cycles."

Did CB 10 also try to nudge the police department to reduce the level of bicycle part theft? **Larry Littlefield from Windsor Terrace**

NYC is to blame. They've unleashed all these provisions to expand cycling in NYC without a means for accountability. What were they thinking, that people would be responsible on their own?

All bikes should be registered, have license plates and go through an annual inspection process, same like cars. Then when breaking traffic laws, they get moving violations, and when parking improperly, they get parking tickets.

And a seven-day notice is nonsense. It's like a seven-day permit to break the law. Imagine if cars got seven days to cure a parking problem without a summons.

Bikes are out of control and Uncle Sams to blame. Time to step up their game and eliminate this shame.

**accountability from Brooklyn**

## LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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## SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

### LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

[Mr. accountability] is just misinformed. Many drivers think that a licensing or registration program would help issues, but they just don't stop to think about reality. None of his suggestions would bear even the buds of the fruit he wants.

But you have to take the time to think about the proposal and how it would actually work to see that it wouldn't and couldn't. And as for Sanitation's rules for removing bikes and cars, he again does not know what he is talking about. If Sanitation gets a call about an abandoned car, they follow the same procedure as with bikes. What he doesn't realize is these bikes are technically parked legally.

He just has the impression, apparently, that anything having to do with bikes involves blatant law breaking.

**Josh from Manhattan**

These (abandoned bikes) belong to people who have given up and started driving again.

**Rufus Leaking from BH**

I'd settle for the old days when trash was actually picked up. Including discarded bikes.

**Henry Ford from Bay Ridge**

## Bus a move

To the editor,

Don't usually write in with tips, but since you've been covering the shutdown of subway stations in and near Bay Ridge, and the refusal of the MTA to supply us more buses in the meantime, ("Day one: Bay Ridge Avenue closure causes nightmare commute" by Caroline Spivack, online May 2) I figure I'd write in with this:

This morning, the B37 buses (along with the ones that run along Fourth and Fifth, I suppose) were absolute mutiny. People squeezed ahead of the white line, people screamed at each other, and the bus driver begged for people to stop getting on.

As we have only one subway line in our neighborhood, which was closed in the outages, we rely on these buses to get to work. But the MTA doesn't care enough to provide us increased bus service. And yet, we're still paying the same fare for a monthly as anyone else in the city.

I had to walk 20 blocks to my job in the end, because the buses got so full that it got a little scary. As I walked up Third Avenue, there were huge crowds at each stop waiting to

get on. Buses either passed them, or would only allow two or three people on, because maximum capacity on the bus was already reached. Shuttle buses were running from 36th Street, but no further south than that.

Not sure if you'll be able to use this for research, but I hope it helps shed some light on what people in my neighborhood are going through. It's really unfair.

**Jessica Fregni  
Bay Ridge**

## Driving home a point

To the editor,

I need to correct Brian Howland's misstatements criticizing my support of Sen. Felder's proposal to return Ocean Parkway's speed limit to its former 30 miles per hour. ("Higher Speed?" "Sound off to the Editor" May 5). Mr. Howland accuses me of (1) stating most pedestrian fatalities are caused by pedestrian error, (2) believing the streets belong exclusively to drivers, (3) being against more cautious driving, (4) believing any inconvenience to drivers is too large to justify measures to protect the lives of pedestrians and cyclists, (5) believing measures taken on Queens Boulevard to improve safety are unwarranted, and (6) believing that pedestrians and cyclists are an impediment to driving. All of the above are untrue, except partially for the final point. Pedestrians and cyclists who are not obeying the law, as is frequently the case, are impediments to safe driving. Virtually all pedestrians jaywalk and virtually all cyclists run red signals.

The streets do belong to everyone, but that does not mean we wage war against being able to drive somewhere within a reasonable period of time as Howland and the Department of Transportation believe. As long as mass transit and cycling are not able to conveniently take us where we need to go, cars in this city are a fact of life whether cyclists like Howland want to admit it or not.

Everyone is for increased safety. The debate is how we better achieve it. I am certainly not against measures such as ample walk cycles for pedestrians and better crosswalk markings or the fencing installed on Queens Boulevard. Yet Mr. Howland accuses me of opposing any measures to improve safety and states that many of my claims are unfounded but does not address my specific claims.

The entire argument to lowering speed limits hinges on a single statistic that your chances of killing a pedestrian are lower the slower you travel. That assumes that drivers abide by ridiculously low speed limits. They do not. Unless there is traffic congestion or a policeman posted at every intersection, virtually no one abides by the 25 miles per hour speed limit on streets like Ocean Parkway and Queens Boulevard. So Mr. Howland's statistic that the chance of killing a pedestrian at 20-25 miles per hour being five percent is irrelevant.

Then Howland criticizes the fact that pedestrians and cyclists share a signal with cars making right turns on Ocean Parkway, which is the case on virtually every street. What is his solution? Further cut green time for cars to further increase traffic congestion by giving pedestrians and cyclists each their own traffic cycle? That makes as much sense as DOT installing a jogging path and crosswalks along the medians on Queens Boulevard. We all know how well utilized those spaces are because it is so healthy to jog while breathing in fumes from automobiles.

Mr. Howland inaccurately attributes the fact that there hasn't been a single death on Queens Boulevard in two years to lowering the speed limit from 35 to 25 miles per hour and other measures. Since drivers are still traveling at 35 mph despite the lower speed limit, unless traffic congestion or other conditions prevent them from doing so, proves that lowering the speed limit was not a factor in increasing pedestrian safety. So will Howland and those like him call for a 20 miles per hour speed limit when there is another fatality? You bet they will.

If I am opposed to increasing pedestrian safety, as Howland alleges, I would not have informed the Department of Transportation of a very hazardous situation they created after taking nine years to redesign the intersection of Guider and Coney Island Avenues. They gave pedestrians a walk signal at the same time as giving cars a green left turn arrow causing each to believe they had the right of way. Although DOT claims safety is their number one concern they wait until crosswalks are nearly obliterated before repainting them. However, they do deserve credit for correcting this dangerous situation I brought to their attention.

**Allan Rosen  
Sheepshead Bay**



# Poachers get poached!

## Illegal turtle-nappers nabbed in Prospect Park

BY LAUREN GILL

It's a snapper keeper!

A good Samaritan rescued more than two dozen turtles from poachers who were snatching the reptiles out of a Prospect Park lake on May 3, saving the lives of the animals that had been bagged up and prepared for delivery to who knows what.

The savior spotted a group of five women "luring" the turtles out of the water near Park Circle on the Parkside Avenue side of the lake

and stepped in to stop them, members of the animal advocacy group Wild for Prospect Park's reported on their Facebook page, calling the cops, who slapped one of the women with a \$1,000 fine for her crime against reptiles.

Four other women fled, according to the website Bklyner, which first reported the story.

It is illegal to kill or harm animals in the park, according to parks spokeswoman Maeri Ferguson (well,

illegal unless you are a federal agent called on to slaughter geese).

The women had bagged 27 of the creatures — including red-eared sliders, painted turtles, and box turtles, which officials later released into the lake, where they paddled off to safety, said the green space rep.

Ferguson didn't know what the hunters had planned for the turtles, but all three species are popular as pets and can also be used in a variety of dishes including turtle soup, deep fried turtle nuggets, turtle stew, and turtle etouffe, making chelonian advocates even more thankful for their liberation.

"We are beyond grateful to park staff, [park] officers and NYPD for their quick response in saving these turtles," said Mary Beth Artz, who is a member of Wild for Prospect Park.

But not everyone may have escaped the ladies' clutches — a domestic duck looked after by animal supporters who had been dumped into the lake was missing around the same time as the incident, and Wild for Prospect Park fears that it may have been taken by the turtle thieves.

**UNPOACHED!** A group of women tried to steal these 27 turtles out of a Prospect Park lake last week, but were stopped by park watch-turtles. Wild for Prospect Park

## Dyker Heights teen gets shot in the face

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK

A Dyker Heights teen was shot in the face during a home invasion on Wednesday — but then managed to phone police for help, said officials.

The 19-year-old was shot on the third floor of his Bay Ridge Avenue apartment between 12th and 13th avenues at 2 pm after two men barged in to rob the joint, police said.

But the wounded teen managed to grab a phone and dial 911 — providing a description of his attackers before

loosing consciousness. Emergency responders rushed him to Maimonides Medical Center in critical condition.

Police canvassed the area and spotted two men that matched the victim's description four blocks away in Leif Ericsson Park at Fort Hamilton Parkway and 67th Street, according to police.

The suspects bolted when they saw the cops, but after a brief chase, officers nabbed the alleged burglars in the Fei Long Supermarket on Eight Avenue at

64th Street, where police recovered a firearm in the grocer's toilet bowl, authorities said.

Department of Education officials placed nearby PS 176 on temporary lock down immediately after the shooting.

It is unclear if the victim knew the people who tried to rob him. Police were still questioning the men Wednesday afternoon, who had not been formally charged by press time.

A police investigation is ongoing.



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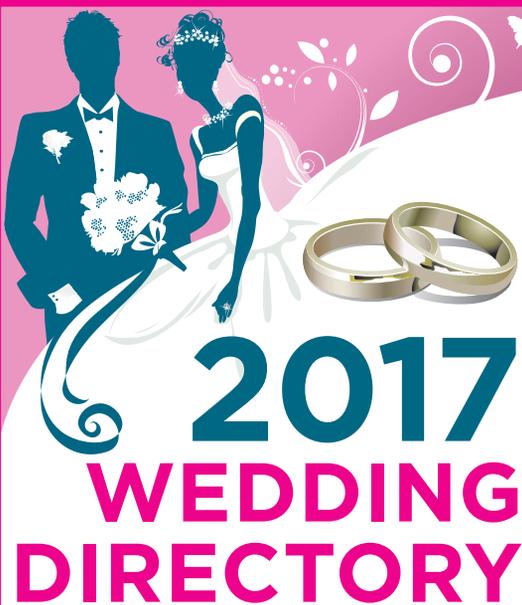
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Owl eyes are watching you: Greenpoint artist Bethany Robertson transformed the Owl's Head storefront in Bay Ridge into a sprawling woodscape for this year's Bay Ridge Storefront Art Walk. Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

# Bird eyes view

## Wine bar features glass half-full of owls

By Caroline Spivack

Explore an artsy, urban jungle! An illustrator has transformed the windows of a Bay Ridge wine bar into a whimsical jungle scene, as the final stop on the nabe's annual Storefront Art Walk on May 13. The artist behind the transparent fresco fronting the Owl's Head *vin*o venue said that she wanted to infuse the Bay Ridge streetscape into her work.

"When you look through the window, the street sort of becomes part of the painting," said Greenpoint artist Bethany Robertson. "That's my way of incorporating the neighborhood — everything around it becomes a part of the art."

The Tennessee native also blended elements of her signature paper-flora sculp-

tures with her cutesy illustration style to create a 10-foot mural filled with the bar's namesake. Owl heads and eyes poke out from behind a fantastical, almost-geometric landscape painted on the window in white chalk. The design is a departure for Robertson, who had to adapt her style to fit the space, which became a makeshift studio for her while she experimented with different approaches, she said.

"I love how the architecture of different spaces changes the same piece," said Robertson. "I reflected on the bar and explored all these jumping-off points with the owner. I really wanted to challenge myself with a different material and way of working."

Robertson originally planned to install

one of her lush paper sculptures, but opted to intersect her style with the neighborhood in the store's window. The result is a testament to the way that art can grow in unexpected places, said Robertson.

"Art can literally happen anywhere," she said. "I think people think of art as concentrated in Manhattan galleries, but the art walk is a great opportunity to show that art can move."

Robertson is one of 15 artists presenting their works in storefronts along Fifth Avenue, in a 14-block stretch between 68th and 83rd streets, with the art on display from May 13 until June 11. The Storefront Art Walk opens with a meet-and-greet stroll on May 13, where local art lovers can check out the wondrous windows and chat

with the creators, who will stay near their artwork during the walk.

The set-up aims to connect art-starved locals with sculptors, painters, and photographers, including comic-art inspired illustrator Erin Doge, displaying her work at Quench Wines & Spirits; razor wire sculptor Eirini Linardaki, at the Bay Ridge Animal Hospital, and feminist beadworker Quimetta Perle at Sinz Wireless.

*Bay Ridge Storefront Art Walk (Fifth Avenue between 68th and 83rd streets in Bay Ridge, [www.bayridgesaw.org](http://www.bayridgesaw.org)). May 13, 11 am–1 pm. Free. After-party at the Owl's Head [479 74th St. between Fifth and Fourth avenues in Bay Ridge, (718) 680-2436, [www.theowlshead.com](http://www.theowlshead.com)]. May 13, 1–4 pm. Free.*

# SOCIAL SINGING

*Youth chorus gets real in new concert*

By Alexandra Simon

**T**hey sing a song of themselves!

Members of the Brooklyn Youth Chorus will address issues close to their own lives in a new concert of original songs. The multimedia performance “Silent Voices,” at BAM on May 12–13, will feature tunes that highlight race, sexuality, and gender equality, created in a collaborative process between the teen singers and several composers and writers. The process gave the choristers a new connection and outlook on their art, said the founder of the Chorus.

“They were highly influential in what was written for them, and it makes them artists on another level — it’s different than having someone choosing the music for you,” said Dianne Burken Menaker.

The young singers, all between the ages of 12 and 18, talked with music makers about the topics most important to them. The resulting 90-minute piece includes 13 songs by eight composers, all concerned with giving voice to those pushed aside by society, and other issues that are keenly felt by the young singers.

“The sub-themes deal largely with race, gender, sex, immigration, and these are issues that feel very relevant to our own population and part of what surrounds their own lives as urban children,” said Burken Menaker.



**The sound of silence:** The Brooklyn Youth Chorus will perform “Silent Voices” at BAM on May 12–13, a piece written in part by its members. *Julieta Cervantes*

The writing process began more than a year ago, and although these topics may seem like a reaction to current political topics, it just shows that certain issues remain prevalent regardless of era, said Burken Menaker, who is also the group’s artistic director.

“It’s been many years in the conception phase, but when we launched and started engaging with artists and composers a year ago, at that point we envisioned a lot of the topics of today,” she said.

The songs not only reflect the issues faced by young people daily,

but which anyone in the borough can relate to, said Burken Menaker.

“It is the founding value of the Chorus to represent our borough and be inclusive of our population and the diversity of our membership,” she said. “We’re very excited to premiere this in Brooklyn — we hope it really resonates with people on multiple levels.”

“*Silent Voices*” at BAM Howard Gilman Opera House [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100 [www.bam.org](http://www.bam.org)]. May 12–13 at 7:30 pm. \$20–\$35.

## Lords of the helm

By Julianne Cuba

**T**hey are Vikings for a day!

Raiders from the 11th century will sail into Owl’s Head Park in Bay Ridge for the 17th Annual Viking Fest on May 20, where three different medieval reenactment groups will swing their swords, bash their shields, and pound some knowledge of Nordic history into the heads of watching youngsters. The festival will welcome horned helmet enthusiasts from the groups Historic Arms, Medieval Scenarios and Recreations, and the Brooklyn chapter of the Society For Creative Anachronism — each wowing the crowd with their medieval and Viking re-enactments. But have no fear — members of the audience are unlikely to get skewered with swords, said the organizer of the festival.

“I hope not, but shish kabobs are a very popular dish in our neigh-

borhood,” said Victoria Hofmo, president of the Scandinavian East Coast Museum.

During the Festival, kids can run around the park searching for medieval treasures during a Viking Treasure Hunt from 10 am until noon, when the traditional musical performances start. On the stage this year will be Ellen Lindstrom of the Swedish Meatballs, the Donny Golden School of Irish Dance, Clann Eireann Pipers, and Young Dancers in Repertory.

The festival will also feature traditional Scandinavian food, and a replica of a Viking ship and its crew, named the “Norseman.”

Participants at the historical festival will teach youngsters about the Viking invaders who plundered medieval villages, and the kids have a blast while learning, said Hofmo.

“I hope people come down and



**En garde!** Armored warriors will duke it out in a demonstration of medieval arms and armor at the Viking Fest on May 20.

*Photo by Georgine Benvenuto*

have a good time,” she said. “I think it’s a fun event because it attracts all different ages and all different backgrounds, and I think it has the right amount of kitsch and education.”

*Viking Fest at Owl’s Head Park (68th Street at Colonial Road in Bay Ridge, [www.facebook.com/Scandinavian-East-Coast-Museum](http://www.facebook.com/Scandinavian-East-Coast-Museum)). May 20, 10 am–5 pm. Free.*



**Hallo spaceboys!** The out-of-this-world banjo band Bela Fleck and the Flecktones is among the 20 free musical acts coming to the Bric Celebrate Brooklyn! festival this summer.

## Free parking

*The best summer shows at Prospect Park festival*

By Colin Mixson

**P**ut away the checkbook and pull out the calendar!

Brooklyn arts purveyor Bric this week revealed the long-awaited lineup of its mostly pro bono summer concert series Celebrate Brooklyn!, which this year includes 25 free music, multi-media, and dance performances at the Prospect Park Bandshell.

The event will feature class acts from the world over, and everybody is invited, according to the man who put it all together.

“Musicians, dancers and poets from all over the globe with different opinions, persuasions, orientations and religions will take the BRIC Celebrate Brooklyn! Festival stage at the Prospect Park Bandshell to compel, intrigue, entertain and uplift us,” said Jack Walsh, the festival’s executive producer. “We invite everyone to join us for ten weeks of beautiful Brooklyn evenings under the stars — listening, watching, and enjoying the potent culture that our world has to offer.”

The fine culture-focused organization invites Kings County music lovers to lay blankets across the sprawling lawn surrounding the bandshell off Prospect Park West, and join its 39th summer concert series with a kick-off performance from the Brooklyn-based pop-jazz quartet Lake Street Dive on June 7.

Another 20 world-class musical acts will follow, including a fusion of brass and hip-hop from the Soul Rebels featuring Brooklyn’s own Talib Kweli on June 24, a Rasta revival cour-

tesy of Kingston’s Chronixx on July 8, and a celebration of all things newgrass from Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, with opener Nellie McKay, on August 3.

Dance lovers should keep an eye out for performances from Jamaican-born boogie man Garth Fagan on June 30, and the whimsical physicality of Pilobolus dance troupe on July 6.

The summer will also feature three multi-media performances combining film and music, including a screening of the 1925 silent film “Maciste All’inferno” accompanied by a live musical performance from Sex Mob — plus an opening set from everyone’s favorite anti-consumerist ensemble Reverend Billy and the Stop Shopping Choir — on July 27; a showing of 2015 boxing flick “Creed” with a live score by Wordless Music Orchestra on Aug. 4; and a screening of the 2014 civil rights history “Selma” with live music courtesy of Jason Moran leading Wordless Music Orchestra and Brooklyn United Marching Band on Aug. 10.

If you’ve got some cash burning a hole in your wallet, indie rocker Sufjan Stevens will tear it up with Nico Muhly, Bryce Dessner and James McAlister on July 18 for \$50, and you can also check out a number of other paid acts including performances from Conor Oberst on July 20, Sylvan Esso on July 26, or Fleet Foxes on Aug. 2.

*Rock out at the Prospect Park Bandshell [141 Prospect Park West between 10th and 11th streets in Prospect Park, [www.bricartsmedia.org](http://www.bricartsmedia.org)].*

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# SMELLY SUBJECT

## *Drawing the Gowanus water colors*

By Lauren Gill

See the gorgeous Gowanus! Amateur artists can learn to capture the fantastical, fetid sight of the Gowanus Canal on paper, at a free workshop on the banks of the noxious waterway on May 20. “Abstracting the Gowanus” will help people to see the heavily polluted stretch in a new light, according to the artist leading the class.

“My hope is that something that people might not have not paid attention to, or discounted as an ugly body of water, will start to see the beauty in it and appreciate what’s really there,” said Rachael Wren, who became intrigued by the federal Superfund site last year during a canoe trip, when the Brooklyn artist discovered that its shifting colors provided the ideal subject for abstract creations.

During her two-hour workshop, Wren will teach creators of all skill levels to envision the canal on paper, using pencil, charcoal, and ink. Participants will start by jotting down a series of small drawings that evoke their impressions of the gonorrhoea-infested waterway, she said.

“The idea is to capture the feeling of what they’re seeing, not necessarily making it look like what they’re seeing,” said Wren. “When you’re working that quickly you bypass thought and judgment — really unexpected and beautiful things can happen.”

The artists will then choose one of their speedy sketches and create a larger version.



Putting it on paper: Artist Rachael Wren holds one of her abstract renderings of the green waters of the Gowanus Canal.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

The Lavender Lake is so nicknamed for its less-than-natural coloring, but participants will create their masterpieces in black and white — a challenge to make them focus on the unusual contours lurking atop Brooklyn’s Nautical Purgatory, according to Wren.

“It forces you to look at the shapes and movements of things — that’s the reason why I’m doing it with black and white,” she said. “I think the black and white just lends itself to this exploratory type of drawing.”

The Gowanus Canal has been the muse for photographers and musi-

cians, but most people just hold their nose and hurry past. Wren says that her class will help participants to truly see the wonder in the water in front of them.

“Any time you spend time thinking, which is rare these days, really focusing on something, I think it makes you imagine and see more,” she said.

*Abstracting the Gowanus at Whole Foods Esplanade (214 Third St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, www.gowanuscanaconservancy.org). May 20 at 2 pm. Free. Art supplies provided.*



Sea food by the seashore: Coney Island Brewery beer chief Eric Hernandez and chef Kate O'Donnell will host a five-course beer pairing at the brewery on May 18.

Photo by Sean Murphy

## Supper & suds

### *Try food and new brews at Coney Island pairing*

By Bill Rounly

They’ve got micro-brews and full-size chews!

Coney Island Brewing will host a five-course meal and beer pairing on May 18, showcasing its experimental brews and classic Coney Island foods. Creating a beer pairing meal had been a long-time dream for the tiny tap room, said its head brewer, but it only became a reality after chef Kate O'Donnell became a regular at the brewery.

“The stars kind of aligned when Katie started coming here — she’s an awesome person, she’s an awesome chef, she’s local — it happened to line up just perfect,” said Eric Hernandez, who lives in Gowanus.

O'Donnell, the former chef at a seafood restaurant in Manhattan, recently moved to Coney Island, and began chatting with the brewers after freezing swims on the beach.

“I just moved in September out to the beach. I joined the polar bear club, and I would go to the brewery afterwards — it just seemed like the right thing to do,” she said.

O'Donnell began experimenting with dishes that could be served in the cramped brewery, which does not have a full kitchen. But using her catering experience, she found some foods that would pair perfectly with the People’s Playground brews.

The \$60 meal will feature many nods to classic Coney Island food, starting with pigs in a blanket, an homage to the iconic Nathan’s hot dog, and a

course of clam chowder and fried clam strips, in honor of the many clam bars lining the Boardwalk. Several of the dishes incorporate Coney Island brews, including a marinated beef jerky and beer-braised pork ribs, and each course will come paired with one or two beers designed to complement — or contrast with — the food.

The clam course, for example, will feature the brewery’s new Clam Stout — a variation on the more common oyster stout, while the dessert dish comes with a Double Oak Bourbon Barrel Aged Apple Wheat. Hernandez will guide diners through each of the eight brews, explaining their origin and how the beer can enhance the dish.

“I’m going to be catering the information through the pairings, so people have an idea how the beer interacts with food, and how the malt and the hops interact with food,” he said.

The inaugural dinner may lead to more, larger meals in the future, said the brewery’s “Freak Chief.”

“This is our proof of concept. We hope we can do a brunch down the road, and we’re exploring what else we can do,” said Devin O'Brien, who will lead tours of the brewery before the meal begins.

*Beer Dinner at Coney Island Brewing [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th Street in Coney Island, (718) 996-0019, www.coneyislandbeer.com/brewery]. May 18 at 5:15 pm and 7:30 pm. \$60.*

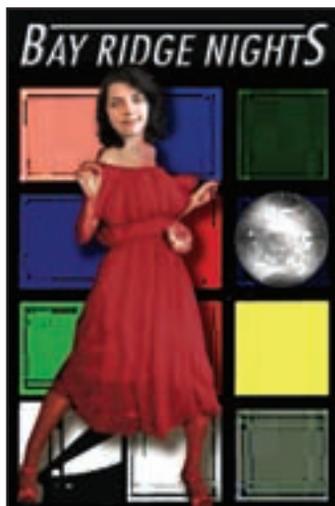
## Sun shines on Bay Ridge Nights

By Caroline Spivack

The Ridge is going green!

The weather is getting gorgeous, so Bay Ridge Nights is taking in some sunshine and swapping the usual boozy intake for some palate-cleansing greenery.

Kick off your green weekend on Saturday with an opening day visit to the **Bay Ridge Green Market** (9408 Third Ave. at 95th Street), located in the parking lot of Walgreen’s. You can pick up an array of farm-to-table products, including fresh fish, raw cow milk, and apples straight from the orchard. Peruse organic nosh from upstate vendors, and step up your cooking game with recipe demos from farmers and chefs. Stands include Williams Fruit Farm, Wager’s Cider Mill, and Goodale Farm, which gets our personal endorsement for its fresh veg. Vendors set up shop today — and every Saturday until Nov. 18 — from



8 am to 3 pm.

Once you’ve gathered your ingredients for dinner, take a stroll to the **Narrows Botanical Garden** (Shore Road at 70th Street) and get some herbs to spice up your meal. At the

horticulturists’ annual spring plant sale, you can pick up some mint for your lamb — or your mojito — along with popular favorites basil and cilantro. The group’s organic tomatoes are always a best seller — be sure to show up early if you want to grab a batch. Conservationists will dole out the greens from 10 am to 3 pm. And if you’ve made good time, you can take the short walk to **Owl’s Head Park** (67th Street at Colonial Road) and help spiffy up the green space with volunteers from the Owl’s Head Horticulture Group. You can bond with your fellow nature-loving Ridgites while picking up litter from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Finally, reward yourself for all this clean living with one more green stop — at the **Greenhouse Cafe** (7717 Third Ave. between 77th and 78th streets), where the band Positive N-ergy will get the crowd dancing, starting at 10 pm.

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He's a little teapot: Rapper The Weeknd is not keeping it on the low-low! He's playing two shows at Barclays Center next month, on June 6 and 7. Associated Press / Amy Harris

## COMING SOON TO BARCLAYS CENTER

### SAT, MAY 12

**MUSIC, MOTHER'S DAY GOOD MUSIC FEST:** With Tyrese, Anthony Hamilton, KEM and Brandy. \$65-\$355. 8 pm.

### SAT, MAY 19

**MUSIC, FUTURE:** With Migos, Tory Lanez, Kodak Black and Zoey Dollaz. \$49-\$625. 7 pm.

### SAT, JUNE 3

**MUSIC, AN EVENING WITH VICTOR DROBYSH AND FRIENDS:** \$55-\$395. 7 pm

### TUE, JUNE 6

**MUSIC, THE WEEKND:** \$59-\$521. 7:30 pm

### WED, JUNE 7

**MUSIC, THE WEEKND:** \$59-\$521. 7:30 pm

### FRI, JUNE 9

**MUSIC, SOULFRITO URBAN LATIN MUSIC FEST:** With Meek Mill, Fetty Wap, Young M.A, Uncle Murda, and more. \$65-\$166. 8 pm

### SAT, JUNE 10

**MUSIC, 33RD NEW YORK SALSA FESTIVAL:** With Willie Colón, Eddie Palmieri, Tito Nieves, Eddie Santiago, and more. \$70-\$230. 8 pm

### SUN, JUNE 25

**SPORTS, BIG 3:** Three-on-three basketball games with professional players. \$27-\$215. 1 pm.

### TUE, JUNE 27

**MUSIC, THE TOTAL PACKAGE TOUR:** With New Kids on the Block, Paula Abdul, and Boyz II Men. \$25-\$995. 7:30 pm.

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

### FRI, MAY 12

**ART, FREE FRIDAY AT THE BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Browse the galleries and enjoy activities throughout the building! Free. 5-9 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierpoint St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklyn-history.org.

**MUSIC, "CHANCE AND CIRCUMSTANCE" FESTIVAL:** Music troupe Ensemble Pamplemousse curates a selection of improvised music, experimental theater, conceptual art practices, installation art, and contemporary music performance. \$15 (\$10 in advance). 7 pm and 9 pm. Jack (505 Waverly Ave. between Fulton Street and Atlantic Avenue in Clinton Hill), www.jackny.org.

**THEATER, "HAPPY DAYS":** Diane Wiest stars in Samuel Beckett's absurdist drama about grace in the face of inevitable oblivion. \$85. 7:30 pm. Polonsky Shakespeare Center [262 Ashland Pl. between Fulton Street and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (212) 229-2819], www.tfana.org.

**COMEDY, POSTMEN:** The comedy brings its frenzied, physical sketch and improv show to Bushwick. \$5. 7:30 pm. Cobra Club (6 Wyckoff Ave. between Jefferson and Troutman streets in Bushwick), www.cobraclubbk.com.

**THEATER, "THEIR EYES WERE WATCHING GOD":** A theatrical reading of the Zora Neale Hurston's classic tale, directed by Tony Award-winner Ruben Santiago-Hudson. \$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.

**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.

**THEATER, "HAIR-ITAGE THE PLAY":** A play about the evolution of the black woman's hair, as six "sistas" share how their hair has defined them. \$25. 8 pm. The Black Lady Theatre [750 Nostrand Ave. between Park and Sterling places in Crown Heights, (718) 771-0900], www.hairitageplay.com.

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

# WHERE TO GO ■ WHAT TO DO SEVEN 24 EVENTS



Go down to get Up: Haunting rock and electronic duo the New Up, at Park Slope's Union Hall on May 18, will be the first band to play the venue since it caught fire last month. The ground floor is still under construction, so go through the garden gate to catch this excellent act in the basement.

### SAT, MAY 13

**TALK, FORAGED FLORAL ARRANGING:** Just in time for Mother's Day, floral designer Todd Carrwalk leads shows participants how to forage flowers and make them into an arrangement. Materials included. \$90. 10 am-1 pm. The Old Stone House [336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768-3195], theoldstonehouse.org.

**MARKET, SPRING ART AND PLANT SALE:** This annual event features the garden's greenhouse specialties and seasonal selections perfect for spring planting. Free. 10 am-3 pm. Narrows Botanical Gardens (Shore Rd. between 69th and 71st streets in Bay Ridge), www.narrowsbg.org.

**TOUR, HAMILTON, THE TROLLEY TOUR:** Visit the gravesites of those important to Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, and learn about his role in the Battle of Brooklyn. \$25. 11 am. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Greenwood Heights, (718) 210-3080], www.green-wood.com.

**MUSIC, SCANDINAVIAN VINYL:** A deejay play Scandinavian tunes from the 1920s to the 1990s, with a sing-along segment. \$10 suggested donation. 2-4 pm. Bethlehem Lutheran Church [Fourth Avenue at Ovington Avenue in Bay Ridge, (718) 748-5950].

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

**MUSIC, SAN FERMIN:** With opening band Low Roar. \$23 (\$22.50 in advance). 8 pm. Brooklyn Steel (319 Frost St. at Debevoise Avenue in Williamsburg),

www.bowerypresents.com/brooklyn-steel.

**THEATER, "RAGTIME":** 8 pm. See Friday, May 12.

**THEATER, "HAPPY DAYS":** 2 pm and 7:30 pm. See Friday, May 12.

**MUSIC, "CHANCE AND CIRCUMSTANCE" FESTIVAL:** 7 pm and 9 pm. See Friday, May 12.

**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.

**ART, "THE RITES OF SPRING" PIER ART SHOW:** The Brooklyn Waterfront Arts Coalition presents its spring show, featuring the work of almost 300 artists. Free. 1-6 pm. Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition [481 Van Brunt St., Door Seven, near Reed Street in Red Hook, (718) 596-2506], www.bwac.org.

**ART, "WIDE OPEN" OPENING RECEPTION:** This national juried art show, which is part of the Brooklyn Waterfront Arts Coalition spring show, gives out its awards at 3 pm today. With a performance from improvisational musicians RB Five. Free. 1-6 pm. Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition [481 Van Brunt St., Door Seven, near Reed Street in Red Hook, (718) 596-2506], www.bwac.org.

**THEATER, THE RIGHTS OF SPRING, THE SWARM OF BEES:** A giant puppet audience participation event, in which a swarm of bees seeks a better life in Brooklyn. With the Gotham Easy Brass Band. Free. 1 pm. The Old Stone House [336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768-3195], theoldstone-

house.org.  
**FAMILY, "MORGAN'S JOURNEY":** Follow Morgan the Clown on a journey of discovery through his childhood. \$12. 2 pm. On Stage at Kingsborough [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5596], www.onstageatkingsborough.org.

**FUND-RAISER, JAMS FOR CLAMS:** A Red Hook warehouse party to benefit Planned Parenthood, with music from the Saylavees and 79.5, drinks, DJ sets, and visual art. \$25-\$100. 5:30-11 pm. Hot Wood Arts (481 Van Brunt St. between Reed Street and the water in Red Hook), www.hotwoodarts.com.

**SPORTS, CHARITY HOCKEY GAME WITH THE NEW YORK RANGERS:** A charity game to support youth hockey. \$20. 7 pm. Abe Stark Arena (1902 Surf Ave. at W. 20th Street in Coney Island), www.gnycihl.com.

**MUSIC, CHAKA KHAN:** The Queen of Funk closes Brooklyn Center's 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.brooklyn-center.org.

**MUSIC, THE OMNI ENSEMBLE:** The classical group conclude its 34th season with a recital. \$15 (\$10 seniors and students). 8 pm. Brooklyn Conservatory of Music [58 Seventh Ave. between Lincoln and Saint Johns plaes in Park Slope, (718) 622-3300], www.bqcm.org.

**COMEDY, TINDER LIVE!:** A comedy show about online dating, with Lane Moore, Hari Kondabolu, and Matt Bellasai. \$15. 8:30 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

### SUN, MAY 14

**MARKET, DOWN TO EARTH FARMER'S MARKET:** The annual farmer's market returns! Browse the wares of local vendors, including seasonal fruits and veggies, speciality foods, prepared foods, beverages, eggs, honey, milk, baked goods, and more. Free. 10 am-4 pm. The Old Stone House [336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768-3195], theoldstonehouse.org.

**MUSIC, RAYSA CREMONA, ZAK MESSICK:** Two solo musicians perform at the "Rite of Spring" art show on display in Red Hook. Free. 2 pm and 4 pm. Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition [481 Van Brunt St., Door Seven, near Reed Street in Red Hook, (718) 596-2506], www.bwac.org.

**THEATER, "RAGTIME":** 3 pm. See Friday, May 12.

**MUSIC, "CHANCE AND CIRCUMSTANCE" FESTIVAL:** 7 pm and 9 pm. See Friday, May 12.

**MUSIC, THE JESUS AND**

**MARY CHAIN:** \$45 (\$40 in advance). 8 pm. Brooklyn Steel (319 Frost St. at Debevoise Avenue in Williamsburg), www.bowerypresents.com/brooklyn-steel.

**MUSIC, JOAN AS POLICE WOMAN:** With Anni Rossi and Ora Cogan. \$16 (\$14 in advance). 8 pm. Union Pool [484 Union Ave. at Meeker Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 609-0484], www.union-pool.com.

**THEATER, "HAPPY DAYS":** 2 pm. See Friday, May 12.

**OUTDOORS, BASIC CANOEING:** Urban park rangers lead participants in a basic canoeing program for all skill level. Free. 11 am. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www.prospect-park.org/audubon.

**ART, "THE RITES OF SPRING" PIER ART SHOW:** 1-6 pm. See Saturday, May 13.

**READING, MOTHER'S DAY POETRY READING:** On Mother's Day, join an afternoon of poetry by Brooklyn-born Aja Monet, whose new collection, "My Mother Is a Freedom Fighter," is an ode to mothers, daughters, and sisters. Suggested donation: \$16 adults, \$10 students & seniors. 3-5 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklynmuseum.org.

**TALK, CHURCH OF THE INFINITE YOU:** A nondenominational and motivational event hosted by Minister Jean Grae. With music, drinks, and self care. \$12 (\$10 in advance). 3 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouseeny.com.

**MON, MAY 15**

**TALK, LYNN NOTTAGE:** Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams celebrates two-time Pulitzer Prize-Winning Brooklyn playwright Lynn Nottage. Free, RSVP required. 6 pm. The Billie Holiday Theatre [1368 Fulton St. between New York and Brooklyn avenues in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (718) 636-6995], www.thebillieholiday.org.

**MUSIC, CLUTCH:** With opening bands Lucero and The Sword. \$40 (\$35 in advance). 8 pm. Brooklyn Steel (319 Frost St. at Debevoise Avenue in Williamsburg), www.bowerypresents.com/brooklyn-steel.

**MUSIC, REVEREND VINCE ANDERSON AND THE LOVE CHOIR:** Free. 10:30 pm. Union Pool [484 Union Ave. at Meeker Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 609-0484], www.union-pool.com.

**TUES, MAY 16**

**TOUR, HISTORIC TOUR OF KINGS THEATRE:** Explore the Kings Theatre on a guided tour, where you'll learn about the history and architecture of the former movie palace and it's new life after a \$95M restoration to a state-of-the-art live performance venue. \$15. 11 am. Kings Theatre (1027 Flatbush Ave. between Beverly Road and Tilden Avenue in Flatbush), www.kingstheatre.com.

**FREE BIKE HELMETS:** A free fitting and giveaway of bike helmets, while supplies last. Free. 3-6:30 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [10 Grand Army Plaza, between Eastern Parkway and Flatbush Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 230-2100], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

**READING, ANDREA PETERSEN:** The author reads from "On Edge: A Journey Through Anxiety," a crash course on the ins and outs of the anxious. Free. 7-9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [28 Adams St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhouse-arena.com.

**MUSIC, "NAUGHTY DAUGHTYR":** Performance artist Bailey Nolan and her raucous team perform a story set hundreds of years in the future and filled with pop remixes and poetic monologues. \$25. 7:30 pm. Jack (505 Waverly Ave. between Fulton Street and Atlantic Avenue in Clinton Hill), www.jackny.org.

**DANCE, FLAMENCO VIVO CARLOTA SANTANA:** The American company specializing in Spanish dance presents the world premieres of three new dance

works. \$25-\$250. 7:30 pm. BAM Fisher (321 Ashland Pl. between Hansen Place and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene), www.bam.org.

**ART, DRINK 'N' DRAW:** Bushwick's Image gallery hosts nude figure drawing for artists. Booze and art supplies provided. \$10. 8 pm. Image Gallery [1501 Broadway between Jefferson Avenue and Cornelia Street in Bushwick, (917) 449-2084], www.imagegallery.nyc.

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**MUSIC, PERFUME GENIUS:** With opening band serpentwithfeet. \$26 (\$23 in advance). 8 pm. Brooklyn Steel (319 Frost St. at Debevoise Avenue in Williamsburg), www.bowerypresents.com/brooklyn-steel.

**MUSIC, LES BONHOMMES:** With Jessica Moss and John Bohannon. \$12 (\$10 in advance). 8 pm. Union Pool [484 Union Ave. at Meeker Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 609-0484], www.union-pool.com.

**MUSIC, DON BRYANT:** The 74-year-old soul singer launches his new album "Don't Give Up On Love." \$20. 8 pm. Baby's All Right [146 Broadway between Bedford and Driggs avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 599-5800], www.babysall-right.com.

**WED, MAY 17**

**FAMILY, "CINDERELLA SAMBA":** A puppet version of "Cinderella" set in Brazil. Free. 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Red Hook Recreation Center (155 Bay St/ and Court St. in Red Hook), www.cityparksfoundation.org/event/cityparks-puppetmobile-presents-cinderella-samba-2.

**TALK, "GOWANUS' TRIPLE BYPASS":** Experts discuss changes in Gowanus in arts, environmental remediation, and real estate speculation. \$5. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at

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**FUND-RAISER, BIKE THE BRANCHES:** Explore Brooklyn Library branches throughout the borough, and check off a passport at each spot. Followed by a party at the Central Branch with live music, a beer garden, activities, and food vendors. \$20 (\$10 kids). Party 3–7 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [10 Grand Army Plaza, between Eastern Parkway and Flatbush Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 230–2100], [www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org](http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org).

**THEATER, "HAPPY DAYS":** 2 pm and 7:30 pm. See Friday, May 12.

**MUSIC, "FAUST":** Roman Borgman Opera Theatre presents highlights from Charles Gounod's classic opera about a deal with the Devil. \$20. 7 pm. Trinity Lutheran Church (9020 Third Ave at 91st Street in Bay Ridge), [www.rbopera.com](http://www.rbopera.com).

**DANCE, FLAMENCO VIVO CARLOTA SANTANA:** 7:30 pm. See Tuesday, May 16.

**MUSIC, LAURA MARLING:** With opener Valley Queen. \$30 (\$25 in advance). 8 pm. Brooklyn Steel (319 Frost St. at Debevoise Avenue in Williamsburg), [www.bowerypresents.com/brooklyn-steel](http://www.bowerypresents.com/brooklyn-steel).

**ART, "SANCTUARY":** Artists Wi-Moto Nyoka, Sadah Espil Proctor, and Paul Leopold present an interactive performance installation and an invitation for a ritual journey, based on the idea of self-preservation as an act of political resistance. \$18, \$15 for students. 8 pm. Jack (505 Waverly Ave. between Fulton Street and Atlantic Avenue in Clinton Hill), [www.jackny.org](http://www.jackny.org).

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**THEATER (1027 Flatbush Ave. between Beverly Road and Tilden Avenue in Flatbush),** [www.kingstheatre.com](http://www.kingstheatre.com).

**MUSIC, MARTIN MCQUADE:** The crooner celebrates "Star Wars" with celestial songs. Free. 7–10 pm. Hunters Steak and Ale House [9404 Fourth Ave. at 94th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 238–8899].

**READING, ROB BELL:** The author tackles a well-known but little-understood book in the world in his new project, "What is the Bible?" \$35 (includes a copy of the book). 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [28 Adams St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666–3049], [www.powerhouse-arena.com](http://www.powerhouse-arena.com).

**COMEDY, "WHAT'S YOUR DAMAGE?":** Comics ruminate on the middle school humiliations, dating embarrassments, and family drama. Hosted by Sachi Ezura and Halle Kiefer. Free. 8 pm. The Grand (647 Grand St. between Leonard Street and Manhattan Avenue in Williamsburg), [www.thegrandbarandgrill.com](http://www.thegrandbarandgrill.com).

**MUSIC, BASH & POP:** With Bird Of Youth. \$19 (\$16 in advance). 8:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643–6510], [www.thebellhouseny.com](http://www.thebellhouseny.com).

**FUND-RAISER, ALIVE WITH ART AFTER-PARTY:** This fund-raiser for the Brooklyn Arts Council will feature live paintings, a performance from gender-fluid artist Sandflower, a silent auction, and more. \$30. 9:30–11:30 pm. The William Vale (111 N. 12th St. at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg), [alivewithart.eventbrite.com](http://alivewithart.eventbrite.com).

**THEATER, "HAPPY DAYS":** 7:30 pm. See Friday, May 12.

**MUSIC, "NAUGHTY DAUGHTYR":** 7:30 pm. See Tuesday, May 16.

**DANCE, FLAMENCO VIVO CARLOTA SANTANA:** 7:30 pm. See Tuesday, May 16.

**THURS, MAY 18**

**MUSIC, THE NEW UP:** The haunting indie-rock duo plays tunes from its new album "Tiny Mirrors." With opening act Romantic Comedy. \$10 (\$8 in advance). 8:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400], [www.union-hallny.com](http://www.union-hallny.com).

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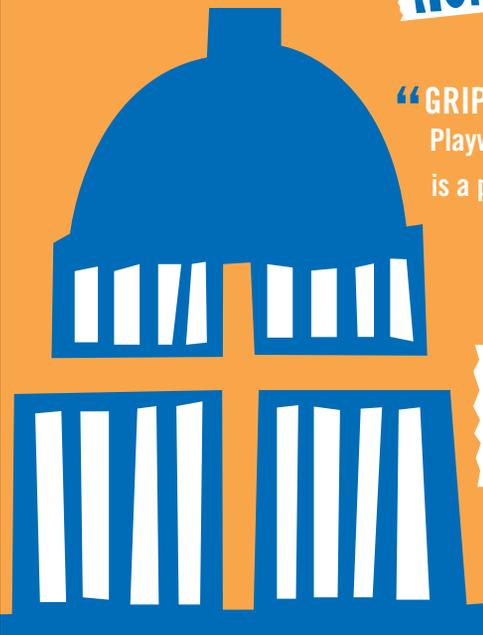
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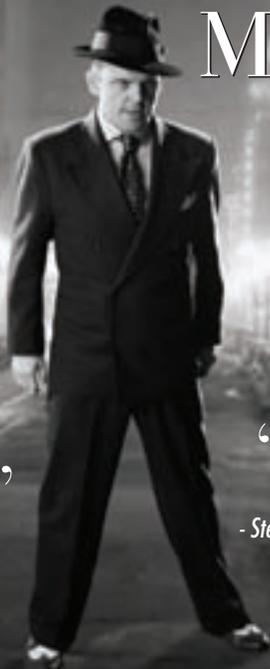


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● 'These guys had our number, and today was just our day.'

— Grand Street's Angel De la Cruz on the Wolves' big win, avenging last year's loss to Tottenville.

● 'Basketball is my guardian angel. It helped me.'

— Nazareth hoops star Alexis Sykes on dedication to the game.

## Kearney grads ready to race at St. John's

BY LAURA AMATO

Technically, they're not a package deal; it just always seems to work out that way.

Bishop Kearney grads, and twin sisters, Therese and Jackie Gallagher, weren't planning on going to college together, but the pair found a home together at St. John's, and now the dynamic duo is hoping to make a name for themselves on the track.

"We ran track at Bishop Kearney together, so we knew that we wanted to run in college," Therese said. "We didn't need to go to the same school, but it just happened that way. St. John's wasn't even on our radar. But later, on a whim, we ended up talking more to coach and we really liked the team and the campus when we came to visit. It was just the place that we wanted."

The Gallaghers come from a long line of running talent — they are two of nine siblings, and their older sister Keri served as their inspiration on and off the track.

"She ended up really liking it and had a lot of success, so by the time we got to eighth grade and deciding where we wanted to go, we already knew that we had to do track and cross country because Keri had set the bar," Therese said. "Everybody behind her, we all did track and cross country."

Therese and Jackie both honed their skills at Kearney, and admit they rely on each other to improve their running approach. Sometimes, during high school, they were each other's most supportive teammates. That hasn't changed at the collegiate level, although now there are a few more athletes on the roster.

"In high school, we had a very small team and at one point it was actually just like me and Therese on the team, so I've never really experienced having a full team,"



**SISTER, SISTER:** Jackie Gallagher, right, was a standout at Bishop Kearney, but the St. John's freshman credits her sister Therese, not pictured, for helping her hit her stride with the Red Storm. St. John's Athletics

said Jackie, who clinched multiple Brooklyn-Queens titles at Kearney. "It's a new experience that I've never had, which I really appreciate."

Jackie and Therese both run distance for St. John's, but they each have their own speciality, and while they're not always competing together, they're almost always pushing each other to improve.

"Honestly, I don't know where I'd be without [Therese]," Jackie said. "She's very important to me, not just running, but all aspects of my life.

She helps me put myself out there and believe in myself and actually push myself."

The sisters are rarely without each other — they also live together on campus — and while their times aren't perfect, they're looking forward to what the future will bring.

"The future is to just, honestly, get better," Therese said. "It's more about personal development than it is just setting ridiculous goals. But in the future, I would like to do well and score well at the Big East championships."



**FINDING A RHYTHM:** Xaverian senior pitcher Nicholas DeSalvo was just one batter short of a complete game, but he still led the way for the Clippers on May 4. Community News Group / Laura Amato

## Xaverian star lifts Clippers to win

BY LAURA AMATO

He found his rhythm, and dismissed the blues.

Xaverian pitcher Nicholas DeSalvo struggled on the mound early on this spring, but the Clippers' senior standout finally hit his stride on May 4, lifting his squad to a 2-1 victory over St. Francis Prep.

"I was really struggling with my fastball at first," said DeSalvo, who recently committed to Long Island University. "So I started working with my breaking stuff, and then later in the game my fastball came back and that was working for me."

DeSalvo pitched six and two-thirds innings, racking up six strikeouts and working out of a handful of on-base jams. His performance wasn't always perfect, but — most importantly for his team — he never lost his confidence.

"He's got that potential; it's just this is the first game this year where he's really stayed in and went the max," said Xaverian coach Frank Del George. "He's usually a three- or four-inning pitcher, but (today) he was pitching really good."

The Clippers needed every pitch DeSalvo could manufacture in the Catholic

League matchup, as the team had difficulty finding consistency at the plate.

St. Francis jumped out to an early lead, scoring its lone run of the day on a Xaverian error in the top of the second inning. The Clippers answered in the bottom of the frame — on a run-scoring double by Pedro Fortoso.

Xaverian left base runners stranded in four innings and hit into a handful of fly-ball outs, unable to connect on a big-time hit that would change the course of the game.

"We can never get it," Del George said. "We get the right guy up in the right situation, but for some reason, we can just never get that big hit. Maybe in the playoffs, this year, it'll happen."

But DeSalvo kept his team in this game, shutting down Prep and giving the Clippers a final chance in the top of the seventh. Finally, they seized the opportunity.

Shane Mugnolo got things started with his second hit of the day, and Thomas Papadopoulos drove him in with a double deep into left field. That offensive burst was all DeSalvo needed to close the deal.

"It gives me a little bit of  
*Continued on page 41*

# Nazareth hoops star commits to Alabama

BY LAURA AMATO

From the very beginning, it just felt right.

Nazareth senior Alexis Sykes stepped onto campus at South Alabama last week and knew she'd found the place for her. The Lady Kingsmen basketball standout made it official May 4, committing to the program and cementing her on-court future for the next four years.

She hasn't stopped smiling since.

"I just feel like this is the best school I could have possibly chosen," Sykes said. "The coaching staff is really great and it's far from New York, which I think I need. It's going to slow me down, make me more humble, and I'm so excited to go."

Sykes said she's proud of her college choice — and proud of herself for getting to this point.

The road hasn't been easy — her father passed away when she was a freshman — but she's found an outlet through basketball and her dedication to the game hasn't faltered.

"Basketball saved me. There's been days I've just stayed in the gym from nine



**BRIGHT FUTURE:** Nazareth senior hoops star Alexis Sykes signed her name on the dotted line on May 4, making her commitment to South Alabama official. Sykes Family

in the morning until 12 at night," Sykes said. "It kept me off the streets, away from things most people would be doing at my age, but for me basketball is my guardian

angel. It really helped me get through a lot. Without basketball, this wouldn't happen."

Sykes credits Nazareth and her coaches there with *Continued on page 41*



**STILL IMPRESSIVE:** Senior ace Oliver McCarthy saw his no-hitter broken up — by the final batter he faced — as he led the Blue Devils to a 6-0 victory over Hackley on May 8. Photo by Steve Schnibbe

## Poly ace dominates, comes up just short

BY LAURA AMATO

No matter what, he still had fun.

Poly Prep pitcher Oliver McCarthy doesn't take things too seriously — even when he's one pitch short of history.

The senior ace saw his no-hitter broken up — by the final batter he faced — as he led his team to a 6-0 victory over Hackley on May 8.

But McCarthy never stopped smiling, and cheered as loudly as ever when his team won. He was proud of his performance, of course, but in the end, winning is what mattered.

"I left a 1-1 pitch over the middle when I knew I should have had that away," said McCarthy, who will head to Duke next year. "But, yeah, my team backed me up with the bats today. I had a really good time. It's always fun."

McCarthy didn't know he'd be getting the start until a few hours before he threw his very first pitch, but the southpaw didn't miss a beat. He simply focused on throwing strikes, getting ahead in the count, and settling into a rhythm.

"He wasn't trying to bring it, we talked about just locating and he did it," said Poly Prep coach Matt Roventini. "He understood what his job was. Baseball with wood bats and New York City in the wind, if you locate, you're hard to hit."

McCarthy did his job from the get-go, regularly tossing first-pitch strikes and keeping the Hackley hitters from finding any momentum in the batter's box. It also helped that his de-

fense had his back throughout the game, making some big-time plays in the field.

"I located my fastball really well, I threw a lot of strikes," said McCarthy, who finished with 10 strikeouts. "I threw curveballs and change-ups when I needed to. I didn't try to overthrow."

Poly gave McCarthy a bit of offensive assurance in the fourth inning on Nick Storz's two-run homer over the left-field fence. The Blue Devils added four more runs in the fifth, finally hitting its stride after some early-game miscues on the base paths.

"We were kind of sleepwalking through the first three innings, we were getting caught on the bases a little bit," said Storz, who also chipped in with a two-run single in the fifth-inning outburst. "Then the next inning after we got four on the board and that's all we needed."

McCarthy continued to pitch well down the stretch, determined not to listen to the "no hitter" muttering in the dugout. He struck out the first two Hackley batters in the top of the seventh, but then gave up the game-changing single to Danny Hernandez.

It was disappointing — McCarthy would have loved to have tossed a no-hitter in a season that's been chock-full of accomplishments — but he didn't dwell on what might-have-been. He pitched well, and had fun. That's all he's ever trying to do, he said.

"I was trying to get away from the [no-hitter] jinx," McCarthy said. "But it's inevitable."

## Cosmos midfielder relishing opportunity

BY LAURA AMATO

There's no place like home — even for a soccer star.

New York Cosmos midfielder Salvatore Barone was a collegiate standout at St. Francis, and is now looking to make an impact for his hometown professional squad.

Barone — Brooklyn born and bred — simply wants to do right by his borough.

"This is a chance to be able to stay close to home and that's really amazing for me because that's something I really wanted," said Barone, who played high-school soccer at Xaverian. "I wanted to play here, so that opportunity is awesome."

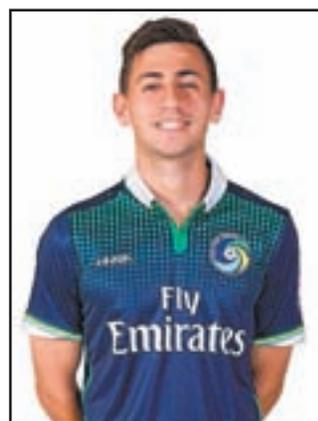
Barone signed with the Cosmos just a few days before

the start of the season and he admits that it hasn't really sunk in that his dream is now his job.

"It's really exciting," he said. "This was always the dream when I was a kid. Soccer is your job now. You wake up and you've got to go to the soccer field every day. I'm just so grateful for all of this."

Barone is in the midst of his first season with the Cosmos, but this isn't his first interaction with the team. He played at the Cosmos Academy when he was growing up and his father, Joe, serves as the team's affiliate club manager.

The team was part of the family even before Barone got the phone call to suit up, and that relationship has made



**HOMETOWN PRIDE:** Former Xaverian and St. Francis standout Sal Barone is ready to take the next step in his career, suiting up with the Cosmos for his first pro season. New York Cosmos

Barone's transition from amateur to pro even easier.

"I'm close with [Cosmos coach Giovanni Savarese]," Barone said. "He's an amazing person and he helped coach *Continued on page 41*

# Grand Street takes down Tottenville

BY MATTHEW JOHN

When the final out was recorded, the Grand Street Campus baseball team screamed euphorically, knowing just how big this victory was.

The Wolves avenged last season's crushing playoff loss to Tottenville, grabbing a big-time 3-2 victory at home over the Pirates on May 10.

Grand Street jumped out to a lead early, scoring two runs in the bottom of the first inning, but the Pirates evened the score the following inning. The game stayed deadlocked until the bottom of the sixth, when the Wolves scored the go-ahead run on Angel De la Cruz's bases-loaded single.

"I thought about this like it was a championship game," the junior catcher said. "Ever since my freshman year, these guys had our number, and today it was just our day."

De la Cruz stood out for the Wolves both as a hitter and as a fielder. He went three-for-three in the batter's box and drove in all three runs for the team. He was just as impressive behind the plate,

holding his ground and making two amazing fielding plays. He sealed off the plate in the top of the second, keeping a Tottenville runner who was trying to break the tie from scoring, and in another, he picked off a Tottenville runner at first.

De la Cruz was thrilled his contributions propelled his team to victory, especially since it was against a team that had beaten Grand Street Campus time and time again.

He wasn't the only player who stepped up, however; his battery-mate, junior pitcher Alexander Reyes, also settled into a rhythm down the stretch. He pitched five innings, gave up only two runs on five hits — most of which were allowed in the second inning — and notched one strikeout.

Even if he wasn't happy with how he started, Reyes was pleased with his performance and the team's run support.

"My stuff wasn't going the first two innings, but I fought it out, made some tough pitches, came in clutch, and the team really helped out," he said.



**ANGEL AT THE BAT:** Junior catcher Angel De la Cruz pushed the Wolves ahead of Tottenville with a bases-loaded single in the bottom of the sixth during the 3-2 victory on May 10.

Photo by Caleb Caldwell

The Wolves were thrilled with the victory, but, of course, there were still a handful of miscues and Grand Street coach Melvin Martinez knows there's plenty for his squad to work on.

"I didn't like our offensive production today," Martinez said. "I just felt that we had so many chances. Bases were loaded twice, one time with one out and another time with nobody out. We have to make solid contact."

Martinez would still like to see more production from his offense, certain

that if the Wolves can pad their leads just a bit more, they can grab a bit of much-needed momentum heading into the playoffs.

"I need them to really focus a little bit more at the on-deck circle, so they go in there knowing that the pitcher is throwing a slider or a curveball and how it's breaking, if it's landing for a strike," he said. "I really need them to really break down and make good contact and get the ball in the infield so that we score an insurance run."

## XAVERIAN

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relief knowing that my team has my back too," he said. "I just wanted to go in there and do my best job. Give it 100 percent and then we'll see where it goes from there."

DeSalvo got the first two outs of the inning, but reached his pitch count before he could face St. Francis' final hitter. Mugnolo took the mound and got the final out, as DeSalvo breathed a sigh of relief in the dugout.

Xaverian was inconsistent early this season, but a recent string of solid performances have the Clippers thinking playoffs. The coach believes his team can get there — if the players can add more hitting to go with their pitching.



**SETTLING IN:** Xaverian's Luke McDonald scored the Clippers' first run of the game as the squad grabbed a 2-1 victory over St. Francis Prep. Community News Group / Laura Amato

"They know exactly what's going on and who's doing what and what we have to do," Del George said. "The key

is what we have to do. If we get help, that's great, but we've got to concentrate on what we're doing."

## SYKES

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keeping her on the right path, and she's confident she'll have a similar support system at South Alabama next season.

She met the entire team during her official visit and, as the only player from New York, said she is more than willing to show them her hometown.

"I'm the only one from New York, the only one from up North really, so it'll be a big adjustment," she said.

"I told everybody else on my team, they can come to New York. Any time they want to come to New York, they're more than welcome to stay at my house."

The key for Sykes was finding a program where she knew she could make an impact, and she already knows exactly what her role at South Alabama will be: scoring.

The squad lacked a big-time offensive weapon last season and Sykes is anxious to fill that role. It also helps that Jaguars coach Terry Fowler has already expressed confidence in Sykes and her jump shot.

"When a coach has confidence in me as a freshman, that means a lot to me," Sykes said. "It says that I can be great at this game, but it's up to me if I want to be great. So as long as he gives me the blueprint to be successful, I'm going to follow that."

As far as Sykes is concerned, the sky is the limit. She knows how hard she worked to get here and she's ready to spend the next four years proving it was all worth it.

"It's the best feeling in the world right now," she said. "I'm going to college for free. That's a dream come true."

## BARONE

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me when I was at the Cosmos Academy when I was, like, 15 years old. That really helped me then and that was an amazing experience."

Barone also played with the Brooklyn Italians in the National Premier Soccer League in 2016, competing against the Cosmos "B" team, and his familiarity with the roster has helped him find a place on the team this spring.

"I've known this team for awhile," he said. "All the guys are great. They really take you in like one of their own. They're all great guys on the field and off the field. I'm ready to learn a lot from them in the game and away from it."

Barone hasn't seen any field time with the Cosmos yet, but he's taking every opportunity in stride. He's enjoying the practices and workouts, and fresh off a league championship with St. Francis last fall, Barone is determined to do whatever he can to help his new squad clinch another championship.

Most of all, however, Barone is just happy to be doing it at home. There's no other place he'd rather play.

"The whole thing has just been amazing," he said. "It's just about the chance to practice with big-time professionals and learning from them and being able to be coached by some of the great guys on the staff. That's my main goal."

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**148 Henry Street Apartments, LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/2/17. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 224 Pacific St., Brooklyn, NY 11201. General Purpose.

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**172 Grand Street, LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/2/17. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 224 Pacific St., Brooklyn, NY 11201. General Purpose.

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**261 4th Avenue LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/3/15. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Hugo G. Salazar, 261 4th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11215. General Purpose.

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**Brookland Development LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/27/13. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to P.O. Box 380651, Brooklyn, NY 11238. General Purpose.

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**Cleopatra Realty LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/29/17. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Arti Chandok, 234 Skillman Ave., #4B, Brooklyn, NY 11211. General Purpose.

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

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**ALIGN ACUPUNCTURE PLLC,** a Prof. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/17/2017. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: C/O the PLLC, 290 Saint James Place Apt. 3R, Brooklyn, NY 11238. Purpose: To Practice The Profession Of Acupuncture.

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