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Slope speed racer

Morten Fischer steers his homemade race car down a hill on 17th Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues during the 10th-annual South Slope Derby on Aug. 26, where more than 50 mini-motorists hit the pavement in vehicles they created from found junk. For more from the event, [see page 7](#).

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

J'Ouvert security beefed up

Checkpoints, bag bans added

BY ALEXANDRA SIMON

Locals should not fear another violent J'Ouvert following the city's announcement of new security measures — including specific entry points to the early-morning Labor Day parade, weapon searches, and the banning of large bags — in the wake of the festival being pushed to daylight hours, according to organizers.

"We did everything including research and looking to other avenues for prevention and this is best we came up with, and I'm very confident in it," said J'Ouvert City International head Yvette Rennie. "We put everything in place for this."

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SUING MOM AND POP

Lawyers serially file suits against local stores, citing handicap regulations

BY COLIN MIXSON

Call it a legal assault on the little guy.

Disabled residents protected under a federal law are serially suing mom-and-pop shops in Park Slope and Prospect Heights, forcing the small businesses' owners to pay thousands of dollars in settlements or risk potentially ruinous legal battles, according to a local business leader.

"They're going to go for a business that's small, that's not going to be able to fight back, that's going to want to settle," said Mark Caserta, head of the Fifth Avenue Business Improvement District.

Litigants have brought suit against at least 14 Fifth Avenue businesses, including the recently shuttered Dizzy's diner, Skylce, Cultured Yogurt, Lotus Vietnamese Sandwiches, Burger Bistro, Calexico, Luke's Lobster, Hiroto Japanese Restaurant, Nahm Thai Kitchen,

Russo's Mozzarella and Pasta, Pick Quick Foods, Le Pain Quotidien, Pizza Town, and Uncle Barry's. The lawsuits are being filed under the Americans with Disabilities Act, a 1990 law that grants federal protection to physically and mentally disabled people and requires companies to comply with specific accessibility standards.

Any business without some form of wheelchair access is liable under the legislation, but various infractions concerning signage, door width, sink height, and other less-obvious violations also can result in prosecution.

Disabled plaintiffs are required to attempt accessing a business before filing suit. But they do not have to inform its owner or any employees of their complaints before heading to court and, for many embattled proprietors, first news of their grievances appears in

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PREY: Hiroto Japanese Restaurant is one of numerous Fifth Avenue businesses to be sued, and owner Bryan Zheng is unsure whether to settle or to battle it out in court. Community News Group / Colin Mixson

Where fashion 'sits'

Dressed-up canines compete in library's costume contest

BY COLIN MIXSON

Haute dog!

Pooch-lovers swarmed Brooklyn Public Library's central branch for the book lender's first-ever dog fashion show on Aug. 26, proving yet again that nothing brings the borough together like canines in costume, according to a library employee.

"It was so busy, we couldn't even get close to see the dogs," said Lauren Rochford, who showed up to work on her day off to attend the event with her furry friend Pedro, a corgi-papillon mix.

Twenty-one four-legged models strutted across a green "red carpet" in costumes put together by their masters. Dressing in a literary-themed getup earned extra points in the competition for most stylish mutt, but Where's Waldo and Clifford the Big Red Dog outfits were in short supply.

Models included Rhodesian ridgeback Penny, in a lion costume, golden retriever Stanley, decked out in star-shaped sunglasses, and Shaggy, a skateboard-riding Maltipoo — and competitor in July's dog fashion show at Freddy's Bar in Park Slope — that rolled into first place with his New York Yankees duds.

The event, which commemorated National Dog Day, also celebrated the installation of two air-conditioned doghouses outside the library branch on Grand Army Plaza, which some pup-owners had mixed feelings about.

"I don't know if that would be appropriate for my dog, because she has a little separation anxiety," said Ilene Zeins, who traveled from the distant isle of Manhattan to the fashion show, where her canine companion ZZ won third place.

But not all pooches are spooked by the accommodations that keep them cool and



MODEL MUTTS: (Clockwise from top left) Golden retriever Stanley wore some sweet shades to the Brooklyn Public Library's dog fashion show on Aug. 26. Maltipoo Shaggy skated into first place at the competition. ZZ put on her finest jewels for the occasion. Rhodesian ridgeback Penny sported a dashing lion's mane. Finn took inspiration from south of the border, donning a colorful sombrero.

Photos by Erin Lefevre

sheltered for a fee, according to the master of a Yorkshire terrier that tried one out at the event.

"Neyo went in there, and he was happy," said Ditmas Park resident Mireille Mooror. "He's always happy."



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NIGHT MOVES: City Council voted on Aug. 24 to approve a bill proposing the creation of an Office of Nightlife governed by a "Night Mayor," who will be in charge of mediating between the \$10-billion industry and City Hall.

File photo by Stefano Giovannini

IT'S PARTY TIME

Council OKs pol's bill for nightlife mayor, agency

BY LAUREN GILL

Talk about busting a move!

The city will get a new agency that governs nocturnal activity following the Council's Aug. 24 vote to approve a bill to create an Office of Nightlife, a move that will bolster small businesses struggling to operate after dark, according to the Bushwick pol who spearheaded the legislation.

"I truly believe this bill will breathe life back into our city and foster spaces for culture to flourish in the after hours, while also protecting a vital piece of this economy," said Councilman Rafael Espinal (D-Bushwick). "We're known to be the city that never sleeps and we must do what we can to support it."

The bill creates a position for the United States' first Director of Nightlife, or "Night Mayor," who will mediate between City Hall, the after-hours businesses that comprise the \$10-billion industry, and the communities in which it thrives.

In addition, the moonlight czar will be charged with forming strategies to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods where venues operate, advocating for industry workers, and helping do-it-yourself performance spaces navigate the city's complex codes.

The night mayor will oversee a 12-person advisory board including industry veterans, land use experts, and service workers.

Each board member will serve a two-year term, and eight will be appointed by the Council speaker while the mayor will appoint four.

Espinal introduced the Office of Nightlife legislation in June, arguing the city needs to do more to protect small businesses that operate after hours from being suffocated by regulations that cater to big clubs with little diversity.

"Recently, [nightlife] has been seeing a trend of being too corporate, sparse, and inaccessible to everyday New Yorkers," he said. "The diverse businesses that allow people of all colors to take part in New York City's culture are at risk of becoming homogenous."

He modeled the night mayor role after Amsterdam's *nachtburgemeester*, a seat the Dutch capital created in 2012 to promote its nightlife industry that led to the introduction of 24-hour permits.

Since then, other cities such as Berlin, Paris, and London have followed with similar incarnations of the office.

The councilman introduced a separate, related measure in June that calls for repealing the city's Cabaret Law — a Prohibition-era statute with discriminatory roots that forbids dancing in venues unless they have a difficult-to-obtain license.

He'll hold a hearing on that bill in September, but said he wants to see the Office of Nightlife established before

moving on further legislation.

Filling the coveted gig of night mayor is up to the all-day mayor, who has two months to appoint the city's promoter-in-chief once he signs the bill into law.

Hizzoner—who announced the creation of a "nightlife ambassador" in June — has shown some support for the legislation, but a rep said he is still reviewing the latest version.

Espinal said those interested in the job should be well-versed in all sorts of after-dark entertainment, and directed applicants to send resumes to City Hall or his office.

"I encourage people who want to apply to send their resume in to the mayor's office or my office," he said. "It's important we have someone who understands all different types of nightlife, and figures out a way to make it easier for those involved."

Activists cheered the bill's passage, saying an agency that oversees after-hours activities will further legitimize one of the city's oldest and most important industries.

"There are many misperceptions about nightlife. An office solely dedicated to being transparent and helpful could show that it isn't a scourge on society, but an integral piece of NYC that has always existed and should continue to thrive," said Adam Snead of Dance Liberation Network, a group advocating to repeal the Cabaret Law.

Petition: Towers are wrong fit for B'Hill

BY LAUREN GILL

The buildings are too damn high!

The developer planning to build two huge towers in Boerum Hill must downsize the high-rises to get city approval, a new petition that will be presented to officials in charge of greenlighting the project demands.

"It's one tool in terms of communicating to our elected officials how people feel about this," said Howard Kolins, president of civic group the Boerum Hill Association, which created the petition. "The consensus from most people is the project is just too big."

The association plans to deliver the request, which had amassed 713 signatures by press time, to Councilman Steve Levin (D-Boerum Hill), Borough President Adams, and Community Board 2's Land Use Committee — all of whom have a say in the development's lengthy approval process — before each decides whether to allow builder Alloy Development to construct 74- and 38-story high-rises on a lot bounded by Flatbush Avenue, Third Avenue, and State Street, which is on the outskirts of the brownstone-lined nabe.

The super-tall towers are not in keeping with the low-rise enclave's aesthetic, according to the petition.

The 80 Flatbush project also includes a new 350-seat elementary school and a new building for the Khalil Gibran International School, which already sits on the lot inside a crumbling structure that will be refashioned into a cultural center as part of the scheme.

But neighbors contend that they shouldn't have to welcome skyscrapers to get new schools, arguing the extra seats won't even put a dent in the area's school-capacity crisis because the towers will just bring more families to the neighborhood.

The petition demands the Education Department identify more locations for classrooms that can accommodate the growing swathe of Brooklyn's school-age population before the development moves forward. And Kolins said people are disappointed that it seems like the city can no longer fund schools with-



Alloy Development

NOT RIGHT: A petition against the 80 Flatbush towers demands they be downsized before the project proceeds.

out enlisting private help.

"The community feedback was a deep sense of regret that the city seems incapable of building schools without private support," he said.

Residents are also calling for Alloy to remove loading docks on State Street from the plan, so locals don't have to deal with truck congestion and trash. But a rep for the developer said they need to be installed to meet city zoning rules, and that Alloy is hoping it can convince officials to reduce the project's loading requirements.

Locals also say the skyscrapers will block their sight of the nearby Williamsburgh Savings Bank building, forcing people who for decades have enjoyed picturesque views of the historic tower to hit the street just to catch a glimpse of it.

"That building is an icon and it now becomes more and more walled-off and invisible for our neighbors looking that way," Kolins said.

The civic group's leader met with Alloy's head honcho last month, and the developer has hosted several meetings with community members since announcing the towers, input from which will be used to shape the project, according to Alloy's chief.

"We take the public input seriously and feel it will make for a better project," said Jared Della Valle.

The city held a meeting in June to get locals' feedback on the project's environmental impact study, which examines how it will affect the community, and should be releasing the results of that assessment soon, Kolins said.

The public will then have time to respond before Alloy presents its plans to Community Board 2, which it intends to do in December, he said.



BUILDING WALLS: The city has finished installing this four-foot barrier along Beard Street, which is designed to protect Red Hook from minor flooding. Photo by Caleb Caldwell

Surge protector

City builds flood wall near Red Hook coastline

BY LAUREN GILL

It's a big, beautiful barrier!

The city finished installing a four-foot wall near the Red Hook shoreline that will safeguard the nabe from mild flooding — a temporary safety measure as a permanent solution is developed, according to the head of the agency overseeing the project.

"We wanted to be responsive to the community's concerns and make sure we're doing everything we can to make sure Red Hook is safe," said Jaaney Bavishi, director of the mayor's Office of Recovery and Resiliency.

The wall runs along Beard Street from Van Brunt to Richards streets near Ikea and is comprised of fabric boxes filled with dirt and plants that are surrounded by chain-link fencing.

It is manufactured by Hesco, which provided similar barriers to New Orleans

after Hurricane Katrina, and will keep out water from a 10-year flood, meaning a deluge that has a 10-percent chance of happening in any given year.

The bastion won't defend Red Hook from a superstorm Sandy-level surge, which would bring about 10 feet of water into the neighborhood. But a barrier that shelters the area from such a storm would need to be up to 15 feet high in some places, which Bavishi said is too tall for the bustling low-lying community.

"Not everything should be — or can be — built to protect against Sandy level storms," she said.

The stretch of Beard Street the barrier sits on is susceptible to frequent low-level flooding, according to a city study analyzing shorelines around the five boroughs. Putting the wall there also made sense because there are two high points along the thoroughfare,

which are necessary to ensure the bastion's effectiveness and make sure invading water doesn't just flow around it.

The structure will stay up for five years as the city forms a lasting flood-prevention plan. It is preparing to invest \$100 million in a permanent fix, half of which will come from the federal government upon its approval of an application for emergency management funding.

If approved, that money will go towards raising Beard Street and putting in new bulkheads at the coastal Atlantic Basin, Bavishi said.

Other steps are being taken to safeguard Red Hook from flooding, too.

The New York City Housing Authority invested \$440 million to protect the nabe's Red Hook Houses from rising waters, including elevating the public housing complex's electrical equipment.

Oooh, Domino!

Tower at sugar factory site opens doors

BY LAUREN GILL

They're living the sweet life!

Residents are moving in to the mega-development on the site of Williamsburg's old Domino Sugar factory after the first of its several apartment complexes opened its doors in July.

Tenants are settling in to 87 of the 522 units inside the doughnut-shaped structure at 325 Kent Ave. It is still under construction, but the Department of Buildings has permitted initial occupants while work proceeds.

The 16-story building at the foot of S. Fourth Street houses apartments that include a \$2,452 per month studio, a \$3,387 per month one-bedroom, and a \$5,496 per month two-bedroom.

It also holds 104 below-market-rate units — including a \$569 per month studio and a \$979 per month two-bedroom — that were distributed through the city's housing lottery, which received 87,000 applications.

Amenities on the premises include an elevated courtyard, a roof deck, a health club, a lounge, and a chef's kitchen for catering. And an outpost of Clinton Hill bar-store-restaurant Melkburg's, which is known for its craft beers and artisanal sandwiches, will set up shop on the ground floor.

Construction on the rest



MOVING IN: The donut-shaped building at 325 Kent Ave. is now welcoming residents. Two Trees

of the building is expected to finish within the year — and it can't be completed soon enough, according to a spokeswoman who said people are itching to check out the digs.

"They've started to have open houses on Saturdays and Sundays because so many people want to come by and see the units," said Nicole Kolinsky.

Three more residential buildings are slated to open across the waterfront development, with a total of 2,800 rental apartments. The sprawling lot will also include retail and office space, and a park.

Crews are also working to rehabilitate the iconic Domino Sugar sign, which was removed from the site in 2014 ahead of construction but will eventually be placed atop the landmarked refinery building, Kolinsky said.



LUXURY LIVING: A peek inside one of the building's 522 apartments. Two Trees

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PAN IT: Steel pan musicians from Pan Liberty play for the crowd at the inaugural "Love Yourself" Brooklyn peace concert in Crown Heights on Aug. 28. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

The sounds of serenity

Music fans attend J'Ouvert unity concert

BY ALEXANDRA SIMON

They gave peace a chance!

Hundreds of music-lovers flocked to Medgar Evers college in Crown Heights on Aug. 28 for a concert to promote unity ahead of J'Ouvert — the early-morning Labor Day parade that has been plagued with deadly violence in recent years — and the performances were a hit among the crowd of hippies and hip hop lovers, according to the manager of one of the acts.

"It was all about promoting peace, and it was very touching for the kids," said Alton Aimable of Tropicalfete, a Caribbean cultural group.

Youngsters from his organization danced on stilts in colorful, carnival-like gear as steel drum bands and other acts took the stage at the "Love Yourself" concert. It was organized by local pols, including Assemblyman Walter Mosley (D-Fort Greene), as part of the increased safety measures being implemented ahead of the Sept. 4 festival that precedes the annual West Indian American Day Parade.

And everyone cheered headliner and Brooklyn native, rapper Joey Bada\$\$, who performed despite recently cancelling a string of shows af-



HIGH UP: Stilt-walkers from Tropicalfete performed at the event. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

ter admitting he stared at last week's eclipse without protective eyewear.

Aimable praised the event for bringing the community together and giving locals a chance to showcase their talents, and said he hopes it will return in years to come.

"I think they should continue it because a cultural event like this gives an outlet for people to express themselves," he said. "Having a concert or festival gives a space for them to perform, and that's always good."



Kid drivers cruise in derby

BY COLIN MIXSON

They hit the Slope!

Kings County kids plummeted down 17th Street during the 10th-annual South Slope Derby on Aug. 26, where pint-sized racers in cobbled-together cars traversed the gnarliest hill in the nabe, according to spectators.

"It's a good hill," said Alison Kwait, whose 12-year-old, Benhamin Kwait-Gonchar, competed. "A little crazy, but a good hill."

The big race occurred at break-neck speeds between

Fifth and Sixth avenues. It was the conclusion of a local art association's week-long derby camp, where kids between the ages of seven and 14 learned how to safely wield power tools and make vaguely vehicle-shaped contraptions from found junk.

But the class' most important lesson was self-sufficiency, according to its organizer, who said instructors left the mini-motorists on their own to design and manufacture their speed machines.

"They come out with so

much self-esteem, because they made something so beautiful, and they made it themselves," said Monika Wuhler, owner of Open Space Gallery.

The 45 cars that competed this year were judged in four categories — speed, design, engineering, and creativity — by a panel that included city Councilman Carlos Menchaca (D-Windsor Terrace).

And winning drivers received kid-made trophies that, like the cars, were basically just a lot of stuff glued together, Wuhler said.

NEED FOR SPEED: (From left) More than 50 pint-sized racers plummeted down 17th Street in the 10th-annual South Slope Derby on Aug. 26. This driver's plant-adorned vehicle made an environmentally friendly statement. Benjamin Kwait-Gonchar, 12, pilots his soapbox car downhill during the derby.

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The goose is loose

A thief rode off with a 17-year-old girl's Mongoose bicycle she locked up on President Street on Aug. 17.

The victim told cops she chained her bike to a pole between Sixth and Seventh avenues at 9 pm, and returned the following morning to find some reprobate had cut through the lock and stolen her bike.

Cable's out

Some kook berated, threatened, and shoved a cable guy outside his Carroll Street office on Aug. 11.

The victim told investigators he was outside the cable company's offices between Third and Fourth avenues at 5:25 pm, when the wacko suddenly shoved him and shouted threats.

Stogie steal

A filcher looted a man's car he parked on 14th Street on Aug. 14, taking a box of cigars.

The victim said he left his ride between Fifth and Sixth avenues at 12:50 pm, and returned after lunch to find the box of pricey stogies had been stolen, according to a police report.

A bad look

A 45-year-old woman was arrested for allegedly stealing hundreds of dollars worth of cosmetics and jewelry from a Flatbush Avenue department store on Aug. 11.

An employee told police the suspected waltzed into the retail juggernaut near Atlantic Avenue at 11:40 pm, and collected a treasure trove of trinkets and makeup.

The suspect breezed past the register on her way out of the store, but was busted that night on petty larceny charges, cops said.

Jacked overnight

A nogoodnik drove off with a woman's sport utility vehicle she had parked on Berkeley Place on Aug. 14.

The victim told police that she parked her Toyota RAV4 between Seventh and Eighth avenues at 11 pm, but returned the following day to find an empty spot where her car had been.

Didn't fare well

Three men were arrested for allegedly stealing a taxi driver's cellphone from his cab on Atlantic Avenue on Aug. 15.

The victim told police that he was inside his taxi near Flatbush Avenue at 12:10 am, when the suspects approached his cab as if



looking for a ride.

After opening the front passenger-side door, however, one of the men grabbed the victim's cellphone from the center console and raced off with his friends, cops said.

"Don't go after us," one of the suspects allegedly snarled. "You better stay in the car."

Police rounded up the suspects later that night, and the cabbie showed up to identify them as the thieves, according to cops. Following a search, authorities also found the suspects in possession of weed and a solitary crack rock, police said.

— Colin Mixson

84TH PRECINCT

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS-DUMBO-BOERUM HILL-DOWNTOWN

Pill pilferer

A filcher stole thousands of dollars worth of over-the-counter meds from a Flatbush Avenue store on Aug. 22, investigators said.

The sneak lifted six packs of the probiotic Align, two Metamucil packs, four of the probiotic Flora, two Zantecs, 20 packs of Allegra allergy medication, 13 Claritins, 24 Flonases, and 20 Zyrtec from the pharmacy near Nevins Street at 9 am, according to a police report.

Hit while sitting

Police arrested a guy who allegedly punched a man on the train while it was at DeKalb Avenue station on Aug. 21.

The victim told police he was sitting on the subway at 11:59 pm when the suspect struck him in the face without any warning.

Stranger danger

A thief stole a guy's pricey bicycle after he let him ride it on Gold Street on Aug. 24.

The owner let the stranger take the Sunday Soundwave BMX bike for a spin near Nassau Street at 10:30 pm, but he ended up riding off with it, according to a police report.

Knocked out

Cops are hunting for the bruisers who knocked a woman out and stole several thousand dollars worth of her belongings while she was walking on Red Hook Lane on Aug. 26.

The 29-year-old woman was strolling near Fulton Street at 9 pm

when the louts came up from behind and struck her with an unknown object, causing her to fall, police said.

She lost consciousness for an unknown period of time and awoke to find that the thieves had slashed her pockets and taken her wallet, a bag containing clothing, a pricey watch, and an expensive coat, authorities said.

88TH PRECINCT

FORT GREENE-CLINTON HILL

Nasty scratch

Some brute stole two phones from a guy who scratched his car while cycling on Willoughby Street on Aug. 26, investigators said.

The victim told police he was riding on Ashland Place at 2:20 pm when he scuffed the weasel's vehicle.

The angered motorist then grabbed him by the shirt, shook him, and pulled him towards him, snarling, "What do you have on you? What's in your pockets?" The thief went into his left pocket, took two phones, and fled, police said.

Toilet trauma

Cops are searching for three baddies who robbed a 63-year-old man at knifepoint at the Crispus Attucks Park bathroom on Fulton Street on Aug. 26.

The man was in the bathroom near Classon Avenue at 6:30 pm when the jerks hissed, "Shut the f--- up and take off your chains," he told authorities.

He then handed over his pricey gold necklace and bracelet, cops said.

Knife mystery

A man was stabbed on Monument Walk on Aug. 27, but he had no idea he was injured or who hurt him, police reported.

The victim said he was walking by Park Avenue at 2:16 am when someone alerted him there was blood on his shirt.

He realized his stomach had been stabbed, but didn't know when the injury had occurred, he told cops.

Shot in the dark

Some sneak shot a guy on Clermont Avenue on

Aug. 27, cops said.

The victim was walking down Myrtle Avenue at 2:10 am when he heard a loud bang and felt a sharp pain in his rear end, he told police.

He realized he had been shot but didn't see who did it, but thought the bruiser might have driven away in a sport utility vehicle, authorities said. He was taken to Methodist Hospital for treatment of a wound that was not life-threatening.

Heavy metal

Cops cuffed a guy who threw a metal trash can at a woman on Myrtle Avenue on Aug. 27.

The suspect picked up the garbage bin, held it over his head, and threw it at the woman near Carlton Avenue at 2:35 am, according to a police report.

The bin struck the victim in her left shin and caused her to fall, authorities said.

— Lauren Gill

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Food poisoning

A marauder assaulted and threatened an employee at a restaurant on Third Avenue on Aug. 21, police said.

The perp entered the restaurant at 89th Street through the sidewalk cellar door just after 4:30 am and pointed a black gun at the face of an employee, according to investigators.

He then ordered the worker to lead him to the kitchen, keeping the gun lodged against his back all the while.

Once they reached the kitchen, the crook zip-tied the hands and feet of the employee and left him on the kitchen floor while he disappeared, according to cops. When he returned, he removed the zip-ties from the worker's feet and brought him to the building's basement, where he then removed the ties from the victim's hands and ordered him to stay put.

The victim quickly went upstairs and called police, who found damage to the cash register, but no missing cash, according to police, who said they plan to review security cameras in the area.

Caught red-handed

Police arrested a man after he stole a debit card from a woman's handbag at a dentist's office on Fourth Avenue on Aug. 23, cops said.

The theft occurred near 100th Street just before 9 am, when the woman saw the man rummaging through her handbag. Police recovered the debit card following the arrest. — Julianne McShane

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NO ROOM: Kids outside PS 8, where the city will not add a sixth kindergarten class despite a 24-person wait list just one school-year after a rezoning of the school's district.

JAM PACKED

No room for wait-listed at Heights school

BY LAUREN GILL

It's a kindergarten cap!

The city will not add an extra class for kindergarteners at Brooklyn Heights' PS 8 this year, despite a wait list of 24 students just one school-year after a controversial rezoning designed to reduce overcrowding in its classrooms. And the decision is frustrating parents who hoped to get their youngsters enrolled there before the first bell on Sept. 7.

"We really wanted our daughter to be in her local public school with her friends. We're pretty upset about it," said one dad, who asked not to be named for fear of retribution.

There will be five kindergarten classes this year, but parents crossed their fingers the city would add a sixth to accommodate youngsters hoping to matriculate at the Hicks Street school.

But it will not, according to an education department spokesperson, who said wait-listed kids either have to enroll elsewhere or be lucky enough to snag a spot with less than two weeks until the first day.

The agency hoped to avoid this problem when it redrew zoning lines to cut the area PS 8 serves by about 50 percent in 2016, adding the other half of its former district, which includes Dumbo and Vinegar Hill, to the zone served by nearby PS 307. The move angered parents who hoped to send their tykes to PS 8 as well as those of kids at PS 307, who worried an influx of rich families would alter the fabric of the largely minority facility.

The rezoning seemed to work at first — there was no kindergarten wait list in 2016 after 50 tots could not get in the year before.

Its return has little to do with the glut of residents moving to the booming naves served by the school, according to the education department rep, who blamed it on incoming siblings of already-enrolled students that receive priority admission even though they now live outside the district.

Eighteen of those pint-sized pupils will be attending PS 8 this year, according to spokesman Will Mantell, who said the overcrowding is expected to subside as squirts

with siblings get older.

He did not say, however, how that theory applied to the lack of a wait list last year — when already-enrolled students also had incoming siblings — or how it explains this year's six wait-listed kids who don't have kin at PS 8.

The city is refusing to add another kindergarten class because the school is already overcapacity for the 2017-18 school year, Mantell claimed, although he refused to give enrollment figures, saying he doesn't have final numbers.

He did say that 165 kindergarten students received offers, up from 148 last year. One hundred forty were enrolled in 2014-15, 120 in 2015-16, and 116 in 2016-17. There were five classes the past two years, and six in 2014-15.

Meanwhile, the number of students applying for kindergarten at PS 307 this year increased after PS 8 families learned they were wait listed in March, according to Mantell. The city sent out 88 offers for the Vinegar Hill school, up from 66 last year, a boost it credits to the wait list at the Brooklyn Heights facility.

The PS 8 dad said several parents have told him there are only four second-grade classes at the school this year, leaving space open for more kindergartners, but the education department refused to verify this, ignoring repeated questions on the number of second-grade classrooms.

The frustrated father attributed the agency's silence to his theory that the city wants to push more kids into PS 307, which will again operate under capacity this year.

"My understanding is they actually have space for another class and it was a decision by enrollment somehow not to do it because there was space at 307," he said. "They're basically denying people the right to go to their own school because they happen to have capacity open a mile away."

The education department rep refused to say whether it was attempting this tactic, offering only a few words of encouragement for those still stuck on the wait list.

"We'll continue to work with families to ensure they find kindergarten seats that meet their needs," he said.

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LAWSUITS

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the form of a lawsuit.

"If it was me, and I generally wanted to patronize the business ... I would bring it to the owner's attention," said SkyIce owner Jonathan Bayer, whose ice cream parlor was among the first Fifth Avenue shops to be sued. "That never happened."

Among the litigants is wheelchair-bound Queens resident Pedro Fontanes, who has sued 55 businesses throughout the city since filing his first complaint last August, court records show. His lawsuits target at least 11 businesses on Fifth Avenue.

Individuals are not entitled to money under the legislation, but the same can't be said for their lawyers, who can reap handsome fees through settlement deals.

In Park Slope, business owners who agree to settle can fork over between \$5,000 and \$6,500 in legal and other fees Caserta said.

"That's a lot of money for a small business," he said. "It's crippling."

But some advocacy groups, such as Brooklyn Center for Independence of the Disabled,

offer a less aggressive approach by sending experts to check shops for compliance issues, according to a volunteer.

"This program is very positive, because we reach out to the site and tell them things they should make better," said Yesenia Torres, who has been wheelchair-bound for 23-years because of a car accident.

She has never filed suit under the law, and said she would always attempt to work with a business owner before taking him or her to court.

"I would speak to the person," she said.

But Torres understands how the frustrations of living with a disability would lead a fellow differently abled person like Fontanes to seek legal recourse, she said.

The wheelchair-user is currently suing Fifth Avenue eatery Hiroto Japanese Restaurant, claiming he tried and failed to access it due to lack of handicapped facilities, according to court documents.

The restaurant's owner is not sure whether he'll fight it out in court or settle to the tune of \$6,000 — an amount that would devastate his business, he said.

"That's a lot of trouble for us," said Bryan Kheng. "We have a lot to worry about."

J'OUVERT

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The mayor's office announced stricter safety regulations for the Sept. 4 festival that precedes the West Indian Day parade in an Aug. 21 press release. They also include adding at least 10 percent more police officers than last year's 3,400, erecting about 30 percent more floodlights than the 250 in 2016, and closing off the procession's formation area, at Grand Army Plaza, and route — which runs along Flatbush Avenue and onto Empire Boulevard before curving onto Nostrand Avenue where it ends at Midwood Street — the night before the event.

The announcement came just weeks after news that the historically pre-dawn J'Ouvert, which means "day-break," would begin at 6 am instead of 4 am, in the hope that more sunlight would deter deadly violence that has plagued the parade in the past. Two people were fatally shot last year, and an aide to Gov. Cuomo was killed at the 2015 procession.

The new start time is even more fitting for the event, which always began later

than scheduled, according to Rennie, who said costumed participants are thrilled that the sun's rays will allow more spectators to see their looks.

"In reality we never kicked-off until 5:30 am, so our board and all of our affiliated mas and steel bands felt it was important that we move the time to 6 am and we all agreed," she said. "They all love it, because now they can showcase their costumes in the daylight."

And the sun will not be too high in the sky by the time the parade commences, so its characteristic darkness will not be lost entirely, Rennie said.

"It will still be in the pre-dawn hours because it's still a little dark around that time," she said. "When the bands are coming into the formation area, they will have time to enjoy the darkness."

J'Ouvert City International has been working with cops and clergy in addition to local pols on security strategies for the festival, which also include educational events at the Brooklyn Public Library and Medgar Evers College, where Assemblyman Walter Mosley (D—Fort Greene) hosted a concert to promote peace

and safety on Aug. 28.

And as the 34th-annual parade — which will boast five new mas and steel bands — approaches, Rennie said she is thrilled organizers and the city found solutions to keep the tradition alive after past violence led opponents to demand it be cancelled entirely.

"We are always looking for ways to correct, but we're not going to give up on J'Ouvert. We are not going to remove it," she said. "Just as the city cleans other parades, they will help us keep it safe."

But some long-time participants said the increased safety precautions threaten to dilute the cultural resistance the parade is rooted in, and that a greater police presence could create unease among attendees.

"Moving the time to start in the day takes away from the symbolic nature of the entire celebration — it takes away from the rebirth that is supposed to happen at night," said Philip J. Bell, who directed a documentary about J'Ouvert. "It's kind of insensitive to the history of how African traditions were stifled, and this particular approach could potentially backfire and create more tension between the community."

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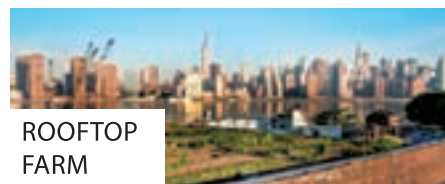
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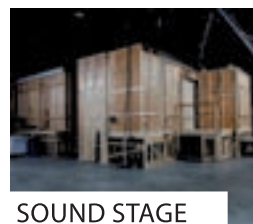
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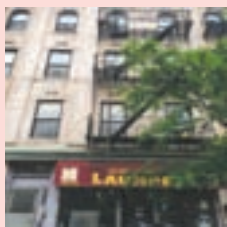
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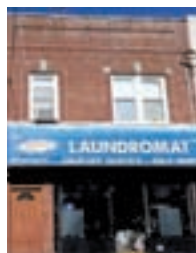
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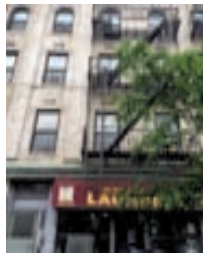
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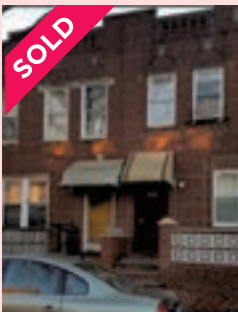
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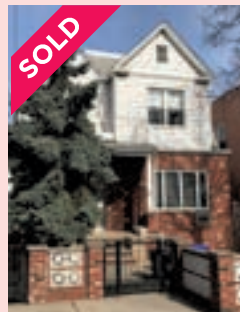
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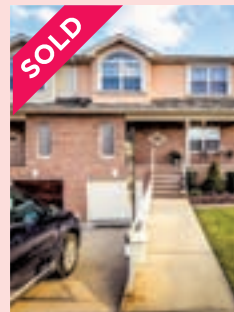
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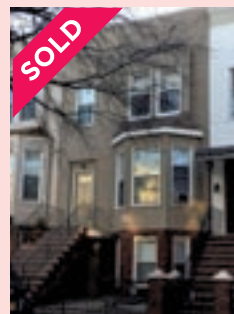
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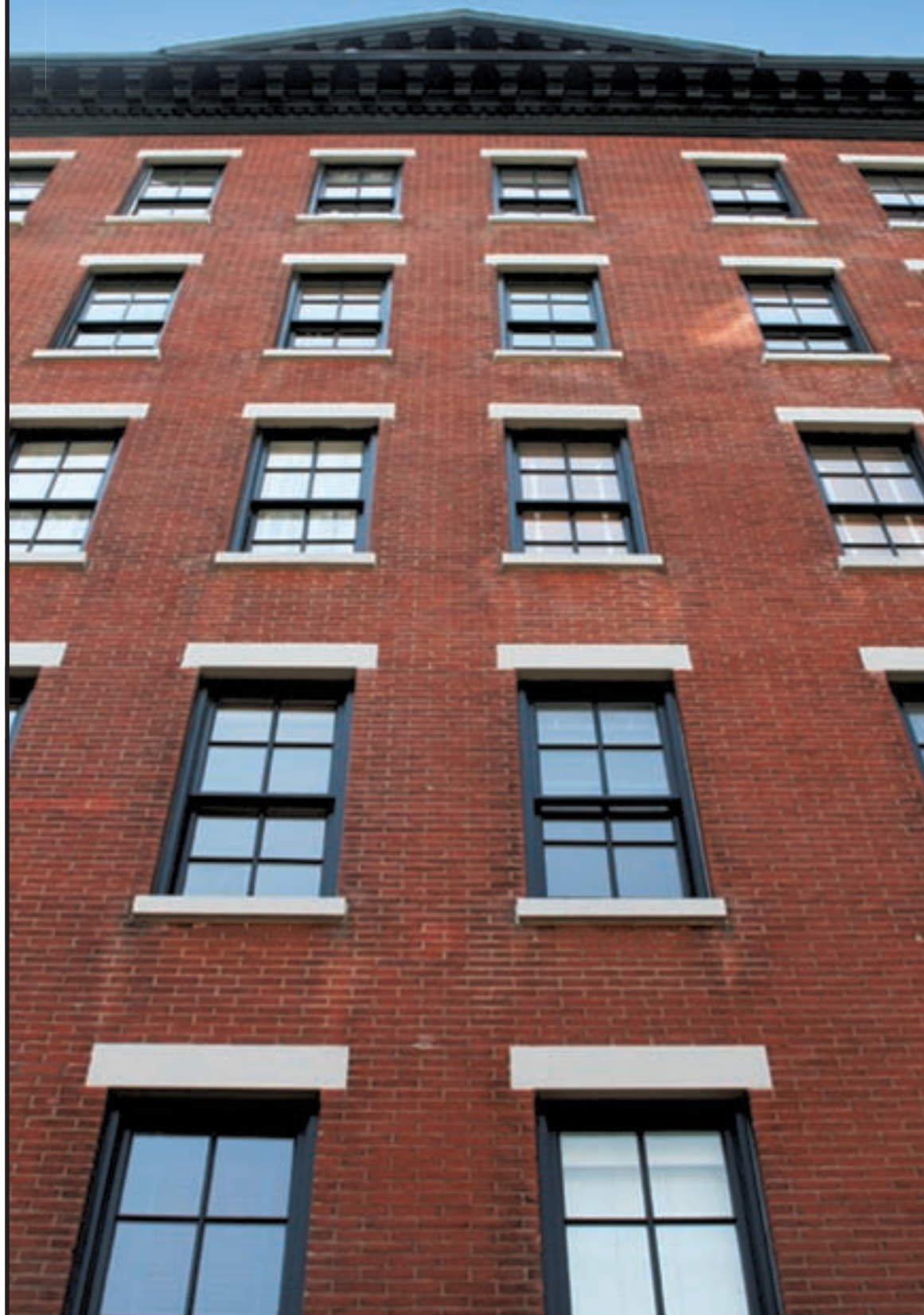


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Tough school daze in Bklyn Heights

The city will not add an extra class for kindergarteners at PS 8 in Brooklyn Heights this year, despite a wait list of 24 students just one school year after a controversial rezoning designed to reduce overcrowding in its classrooms ("Bklyn Heights' PS 8 will not add class for 24 wait-listed tykes," by Lauren Gill, online Aug. 28).

The decision is frustrating parents who hoped to get their youngsters enrolled there before school opens on Sept. 7.

There will be five kindergarten classes this year, but parents held their breath for a sixth to accommodate youngsters hoping to matriculate at the Hicks Street school.

But it will not, and wait-listed kids now either have to enroll elsewhere or be lucky enough to snag a spot with less than two weeks left until the first day. Some readers gave the agency a failing grade:

But sons and daughters of the rich families usually have parents who demand, and also get, higher academic standards at such public-schools.

What the heck is wrong with that?

SCR from Realityville

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

These parents want to self-segregate. Very sad. This school is 85 percent white.

Progressive from Bushwick

I think we need to do a lot more as a city to address segregation — including at PS/MS 8. The current Department of Education plans do way too little.

But where do you get your info that the school is 85-percent white? The publicly available data on the NYC DOE schools page shows it hovering around 60-percent white.

Still, much whiter than the public school system as a whole in NYC, and whiter than District 13 (though less white than the PS 8 zone, from the data I've seen).

I'm not saying it's not a problem, but your numbers aren't right.

Older from Brooklyn

Residents are moving in to the mega-development on the site of Williamsburg's old Domino Sugar factory after the first of its several apartment complexes opened its doors in July ("Oooh, Domino! Development at former sugar factory site welcomes first residents," by Lauren Gill, online Aug. 25).

Tenants are settling in to 87 of the 522 units inside 325 Kent Ave. It is still under construction, but the Department of Buildings has permitted initial occupants while work is underway.

Three more residential buildings are slated to open across the waterfront development, with a total of 2,800 rental units.

And a couple of our readers were concerned about the number of newcomers the swanky buildings will bring to the nabe:

Not enough schools and parks for all these people.

Not Good from Williamsburg

Development without infrastructure demonstrates how our system of government is flawed. Maximize the tax base with the minimal infrastructure to support it — that's how Uncle Sam rolls!

And they give us bike paths, big whoop. Your vote is a surrendering of your control to politicians that pretend to care about you, while using your vote to care for themselves.

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Not enough roads from Town

The city finished installing a four-foot wall near the Red Hook shoreline that will safeguard the nabe from mild flooding — a temporary safety measure as a permanent solution is developed, according to the Mayor's Office of Recovery and Resiliency ("Surge protector: City builds wall near Red Hook coastline to combat mild flooding," by Lauren Gill, online Aug. 29).

The wall runs along Beard Street from Van Brunt to Richards streets near Ikea and is made of fabric boxes filled with dirt and plants that are surrounded by chain-link fencing.

It is manufactured by Hesco, which provided similar barriers to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, and will keep out water from a 10-year flood, meaning a deluge that has a 10-percent chance of happening in any given year.

But it won't defend against a superstorm Sandy-level surge, which would bring about 10 feet of water into the neighborhood. A barrier that shelters the area from such a storm would need to be up to 15 feet high — too tall for the low-lying community, according to city officials.

The structure will stay up for five years as the city forms a lasting flood-prevention plan, but a reader said more needs to be done to protect the vulnerable coastal enclave:

These hard barriers are fine. Probably a good idea.

However, the bigger picture (and the harder work — though not necessarily more expensive) is actually rebuilding the coastal ecosystem to reintroduce the things that absorb the energy of the storm surges.

They've done a small amount of this on the southern coastline of Brooklyn, by restoring marshlands, sea grasses, etc.

There are amazing designs for oyster farms and aquatic parks that wrap around lower Manhattan for exactly this energy absorbing purpose (and other big benefits).

Tyler from pps

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She's overcome tragedy – and written some great books

I've always admired people who can take the pain and suffering from their lives and turn it into a compelling memoir or novel. The most famous of these was the best-seller by Frank McCourt, "Angela's Ashes," which told the harrowing tale of growing up dirt poor in Ireland and being raised by a beleaguered mother of four and an alcoholic father who would drink most of his paycheck each week.

McCourt's tale of surviving a painful childhood is one genre of memoir that never seems to go out of style. Another memoir that moved me was "To Begin Again," the harrowing tale of a female rabbi from New York who lost her father as a teenager in a horrible tragedy but manages to move to California and start a new life, family and spiritual center.

That memoir was written by a former college classmate, Naomi Levy, an inspiring woman who has overcome a number of tragedies in her life.

She grew up in Brooklyn in the 1960s and 1970s and led a normal life there, attending the local high school and go-



POLITICAL SPIN CYCLE

Tom Allon

ing to synagogue on the Sabbath with her beloved father. As a child, she so enjoyed singing the Friday night prayers with her dad that one day she enthusiastically told him that she'd like to become a rabbi. In that era, the Conservative and Orthodox branches of Judaism did not allow women to become rabbis, so her career fantasy seemed far-fetched, but her father wouldn't let that get in the way.

"If you put your mind to it,

I'm sure one day you can become a rabbi," he encouraged her.

But when she was 15, tragedy struck: her father was gunned down in their neighborhood in a robbery and all of a sudden Naomi's world came crashing down. As she describes it, it was not just her father who perished that day. The strong and enthusiastic mother who raised her also was a victim that night, and she was no longer the same care-free teenager. Naomi had lost her father and all the dreams she had for sharing her adult life with him died that night, too.

For the next few years, Naomi describes being in a daze as she tried to sort out her life. I met her a few years after that tragedy, when we were sophomores in college and attended the same Friday night prayer services and lived in the same co-op off campus. We were not very close, but I do recall being enchanted by her beautiful singing voice when she led Friday night prayers at Cornell's Hillel. She seemed happiest when she stood at the lectern and led services and was able to sing all those

songs that bound her together to her father.

Naomi had pursued her dream of becoming a rabbi and, miraculously, she was in the first class of women accepted to the conservative Seminary on W. 122nd Street in Manhattan. How her father would have rejoiced as his daughter broke the glass ceiling and had followed his words of encouragement to her dream. I recall in the mid-1990s reading her memoir, a hopeful tale of resiliency and faith and happiness, and thinking that she is now finally on a happy path.

And now, two decades later, it seems like Naomi has turned the lemons of life into a savory lemonade. She is the leader of a spiritual center in Santa Monica, Calif., with a large following. She is married to a handsome, kind man who edits the local Jewish newspaper, and they have raised two smart, healthy children who are now in college.

Rather than being content that her life has turned around and that all's well that ends well, Naomi has spent the last five years in search of something even more elusive

than happiness: She is looking for the human soul. In her latest book, "Einstein and the Rabbi," Naomi uses a recently discovered exchange of letters between the great Jewish physicist and a grieving Rabbi as the jumping off point for a meditation on how every human being can search for their own soul. I won't ruin this wonderful book for anyone who wants to read it, but suffice to say that you will be moved by Naomi's ability to weave personal memoir and philosophical discourse so accessibly and emotionally.

On Sept. 7, Rabbi Naomi Levy will be at the 92nd Street YMHA in Manhattan for a conversation with actress Julianna Margulies ("The Good Wife") about her book and her valiant search for the human soul. If you can't attend that talk, then just go online and buy her book from Amazon. It's a special story from a very special thinker.

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Many seniors are moving in with their adult children to help care for grandkids and provide some relief from a sagging economy.

Things to consider when building an in-law suite

Perhaps thanks to a struggling economy and an unpredictable stock market that has resulted in many retirement nest eggs being decimated, more and more adult children are welcoming their aging parents into their homes. Such living situations have led to a growth in in-law suites.

In-law suites are often created by converting a room in the house, such as the basement or even a garage, into a livable suite. Such suites can benefit elderly relatives who might have been dealt an unforeseen financial blow. But in-law suites can also benefit younger homeowners who want to see their parents more. In addition, when older men and women move in with their adult children, they can provide some necessary relief from the escalating cost of daycare.

But before building an in-law suite in their home, homeowners might

want to heed the following tips:

Be certain it is legal. Making changes to your home may require a permit, particularly if your in-law suite will be an entirely new addition to your property and not just a strict room remodel. Contact your local zoning board to ensure the project is within your rights as a homeowner.

Consider the health of your in-laws when making plans. Many in-law suites are occupied by aging relatives who might not be able to get up and down stairs as easily as they used to. That makes accessibility of the suite a top priority. Typically, it's best to locate in-law suites on the first floor, so relatives won't find it difficult to get in and out of the suite.

Don't overlook privacy. Just because your parents or in-laws will be moving in doesn't mean they don't still value their privacy. Chances are your relatives will initially feel as

though they are invading your space and your privacy, so be sure the suite affords adequate privacy to all members of the household. It might be best to build the suite so it has its own separate entrance from the rest of the home. The suite should also have its own full bathroom and, if possible, its own kitchen area so your in-laws can cook for themselves and entertain their own guests without feeling like a burden. A second kitchen is also something to discuss with a zoning board, as some locales prohibit having two complete kitchens in a single residence.

Tailor certain amenities to the elderly. If your in-laws are older, install certain amenities, such as grab bars in the shower and bathroom, during the initial construction so you won't have to make changes down the road. Install easy-open drawers and make sure the suite has ample lighting.

Remember to install safety features. Safety features like fire, smoke, and carbon monoxide detectors are a necessity. Make sure the alarms on each of these detectors are loud enough so elderly men and women who have hearing loss can hear them without issue. Make sure all walkways leading to the in-law suite have motion-detecting lamps at night to reduce risk of falling. Also, if the suite will be a separate building from your house, such as a converted pool house or detached garage, install an intercom system that connects with the main house so your relatives can easily reach you in case of emergency.

In-law suites are becoming more popular as a greater number of older adults are moving in with their adult children. Such suites can bring families closer together and prove beneficial for all parties involved.

Managing money after age 50

Investors know that money management can be difficult. The ebb and flow of the economy can be similar to a roller coaster, with soaring highs followed by steep drops, and those changes all affect investors' bottom lines. It's no wonder then that many investors over 50 envision the day when they can get off that roller coaster and simply enjoy their money without having to worry about the everyday ups and downs of the market. But managing money after 50 is about more than just reducing risk.

Reducing risk as retirement draws near is a sound financial strategy that can safeguard men and women over 50 from the fluctuations of the market. That's true whether investors put their money in stocks, real estate or other areas that were not immune to the ups and downs of the economy. But there are additional steps men and women can take after they turn 50 to ensure their golden years are as enjoyable and financially

sound as possible:

Prioritize saving for retirement. Many people over 50 still have not prioritized saving for retirement. It's understandable that other obligations, be it paying kids' college tuition or offering financial assistance to aging parents, may seem more immediate, but men and women over 50 should recognize that their time to save for retirement is rapidly dwindling. It might be nice to finance a child's college education, but that should not be done at the expense of your retirement nest egg.

Start making decisions. Some people want to keep working as long as they are physically and mentally capable of doing so, while others want to reap what their lifetime of hard work has sewn and retire early. Finances will likely play a strong role in when you can comfortably retire, so start making decisions about your long-term future. Do you intend to stay in your current home or downsize to

a smaller home? Will you stay in your current area or move elsewhere? These decisions require a careful examination of your finances, and many will hinge on how well you have managed your money in the past and how well you manage it in the years ahead.

Pay down debt. Thanks in part to the recession that began in 2008 and led to high unemployment, many people in the baby boomer generation, which includes people born between the years 1946 and 1964, went back to school to make themselves more attractive to prospective employers. While that might have been a sound decision, it left many deeply in debt. According to a 2013 report from the Chronicle of Higher Education, student loan debt is growing fastest among people over 60, and that debt is not inconsequential. In fact, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reported in 2013 that the average student loan debt of those over the age of 60 who still owe money is more



Managing money after age 50 is about more than just reducing risk. iStock

than \$19,000, a considerable increase from 2005, when the average debt was \$11,000. Paying down debt can help reduce stress, improve your quality of life and free up money for living and recreational expenses once you retire.

Examine your insurance policies. Your approach to insurance should change as you get closer to retirement. For

example, you want to maximize your liability insurance on homeowners and auto insurance policies. This ensures the money you have set aside for retirement won't be going to a third party should you be at-fault in an auto accident or if someone suffers an injury at your home. Experts recommend liability insurance be substantial for men and women over 50.

If it wasn't already, securing long-term disability insurance should be a priority once you have turned 50. A sudden accident or illness at 55 that prevents you from working could prove devastating to your financial future if you do not have disability insurance. Some employers offer long-term disability, though many people are left to secure policies on their own. Regardless of how you get your disability insurance, make sure you have it and that it provides adequate coverage should you succumb to an illness or injury and be unable to work.



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The differences between Alzheimer's and dementia

Wherever I go, people ask, "What's the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia?" But unless you've had personal experience with this category of disease or you are a medical professional, you are unlikely to know the difference, or the implications for diagnosis, treatment and care.

What is dementia?

Dementia is a syndrome, not a disease. Symptoms of dementia generally include the loss of memory, the ability to communicate and the loss of an ability to effectively perform the activities of daily living; dressing, bathing, eating and more.

While, Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause, or "type," of dementia, there are other diseases in this category, including Lewy body dementia, frontotemporal disorders, and vascular dementia, which is caused by a stroke. It's also not uncommon for people to have "mixed dementia"—a combination of two or more disorders. For example, some people have both Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia.

There are other conditions that may cause the symptoms of dementia, including medication side effects, chronic alcoholism or drug use, tumors, blood clots, infections in the brain and Parkinson's disease. Some causes of dementia are treatable and others, like Alzheimer's, are not.

In some cases, dealing with major life changes and emotional problems, such as stress, anxiety, or depression, can also make a person more forgetful and be mistaken for a medical problem. While these symptoms are generally not as profound as the symptoms of a dementing disease, all memory problems should be taken seriously and checked out.

What is Alzheimer's disease?

Alzheimer's disease is an irreversible, progressive brain disorder that slowly destroys memory and thinking skills, eventually requiring full-time care. Some people develop the first symptoms in their mid-60s, but more than half of those over 85 will develop Alzheimer's or some form of dementia.



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The length of the disease varies dramatically from person to person. The average length is 8–12 years. When someone has been diagnosed with the disease before the age of 65, that is considered "early" or "younger-onset."

Alzheimer's is named after Dr. Alois Alzheimer. In 1906, Dr. Alzheimer noticed changes in the brain tissue of a woman who had died of an unusual mental illness. Her symptoms included memory loss, language problems, and unpredictable behavior. After she died, he examined her brain and found many abnormal clumps and tangled bundles of fibers.

While we have not confirmed the cause of Alzheimer's, these clumps and tangles in the brain are still considered some of the main features of the disease. Another feature is the loss of connections between nerve cells (neurons) that are responsible for transmitting messages between different parts of the brain and from the brain to parts of the body.

Although the features of Alzheimer's are known, the exact cause is still unknown and despite the best efforts of brilliant research and medical professionals, there is still no cure. As Alzheimer's disease progresses, people experience ongoing loss of memory, the ability to communicate and to control bodily functions.

In the absence of an effective therapy to stop or slow the disease, the best therapy is good care. So, if you, or someone you know is exhibiting symptoms, it is important to find the resources for diagnosis and care. The dedicated professionals at CaringKind are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide that direction.

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Getting Medicaid home care

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

The frail elderly are the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population. According to one census report, the over-80 segment is growing at almost four times that of the total population. New York City's elderly population is increasing at this same intense pace. This tremendous growth is resulting in a greater need for long-term care services, particularly for Medicaid home care.

Unfortunately, this increased demand is being countered by today's political climate, which is attempting to limit Medicaid services. State, city, and federal governments are pressuring certified Medicaid agencies to reduce spending by reducing service. New York State is no exception. Agencies are encouraged to limit hours and deny requests for increased care.

This hostile environment is making it difficult for the frail elderly to get around-the-clock home care. Fortunately, getting this amount of care is not impossible. The key is to understand what factors must

be considered. Here are four key factors:

1. 'No' does not always mean no!

When a home care agency assesses a client for care it must provide you with its decision in writing. Each report must indicate reasons for the denial and include a statement on the two ways you can appeal the decision.

The first choice is to request an internal appeal. You can take your case to the agency's management and state why you disagree with its reasoning. At this time you can offer evidence on why more care is needed.

The second choice is to request a fair hearing. This is a chance to bring your case before a judge at the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Office of Administrative Hearings.

2. Know the requirements

The number of hours of home care a client receives is determined by three factors: the number of activities of daily

living a patient requires, the frequency of that care, and if the care needs are predictable and can be scheduled.

The six activities that are evaluated are eating, bathing, dressing, toileting, transferring (walking), and continence. Once the agency determines the needs, it determines how often the needs must be addressed. Finally, it determines if these needs can be scheduled at regular intervals during the day with only occasional disruptions at night. If your mother needs to be toileted during the day, but rarely needs assistance at night, the agency can deny your mom around-the-clock care. However, if your mom requires so much assistance at night that her attendant cannot sleep, she is eligible to get split shifts, an aide who will watch her during the day and one to watch her at night.

3. Review the assessment report

As noted above, a client must receive a copy of the nurse's assessment that indicates the amount of care required. Look



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through the report, noting any inaccuracies. If the assessment states that Mom can walk 50 feet unassisted and you know she can barely stand by herself, the assessment is questionable.

4. Offer concrete evidence of need

Nothing is more important than actual facts. Medicaid is not interested in your concerns for your mother's safety; it wants concrete evidence that she is unsafe without that care.

The best way to substantiate information is to document how often and when your mother

needs nightly assistance. You might have to spend a couple of nights with her to get concrete evidence. You should record how often your mom gets out of bed at night, how unsteady she is, and the number of times she almost falls. Record each incident, including dates and times. You should also approach your mother's doctor to get records of previous visits and get a recommendation from him.

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Treating Erectile Dysfunction in Senior Citizens

Erectile dysfunction (ED) can turn something natural into a distressing distraction, especially for men over the age of 50. More than 30 million men in the United States have ED, or an inability to sustain the erection. "If you have ED, there's no need to suffer in silence or be embarrassed," said Ivan Grunberger, M.D., chief of urology at NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. "ED is common and highly treatable, and the solutions are effective and often noninvasive."

"For some men, simple lifestyle changes like drinking less alcohol or losing weight to improve blood flow can improve their ability to achieve an erection. Cigarette smoking is a significant factor in ED, which is another reason for patients to quit," Dr. Grunberger said. "Other men may require a more in-depth approach, including medication, therapy or implants. There are many effective options for correcting ED. It's



Ivan Grunberger, M.D., chief of urology at NYP Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, examines a patient.

our job to lead patients to the right one."

In older men, the vascular supply to the penis may be compromised. ED is also

linked to many age-related conditions including hypertension, atherosclerosis, heart disease and Parkinson's disease.

To diagnose the causes of ED, Dr. Grunberger and his colleagues collect information about patients' performance issues and conduct medical examinations. A diagnostic test called a penile Doppler ultrasound examination may be used to help determine whether or not inadequate vascular function is contributing to ED.

"We look for any issues that could cause erectile dysfunction, including stress, psychological issues, and undiagnosed or unmanaged chronic health conditions like diabetes and hypertension," said Brent Yanke, M.D., director of minimally invasive urologic surgery at NYP Brooklyn Methodist. "If we uncover one of these issues, we work closely with other doctors at the Hospital to address these issues, and then we move forward with urologic treatment options if they are needed."

Treatments for ED are effective for men of all ages and range from medications

that men take only when they want to have sexual intercourse to surgical intervention. The most effective treatment depends on a man's lifestyle and expectations. Medication in pill form helps improve blood flow to the penis. Other options for this include injectable medications, mechanical devices and hormone therapy.

"For men who don't respond to medication, cannot take it because of interference with other drugs—such as nitroglycerin—or who can't tolerate it due to side effects, a penile implant may be a good choice," said Dr. Grunberger. "These prostheses can be bendable or inflatable, and both types provide a long-term solution with very good results."

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Meadow maven: Bay Ridge historian Henry Stewart will lead a tour of Owl's Head Park on Sept. 9.
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Into your Head

Take a tour of Bay Ridge's best park

By Lauren Gill

It will be a hoot!
 A Bay Ridge history buff will lead an educational expedition through Owl's Head Park on Sept. 9, showing off one of the borough's most gorgeous green spaces.

"I think it's one of the most beautiful pieces of land in Brooklyn," said Henry Stewart, who writes about Kings County history.

During the tour, Stewart will uncover the history of the diamond-shaped piece of land, bought up during the 1850s by Henry Murphy, one of Brooklyn's founding fathers. Murphy sold the parcel to manufacturer Eliphalet W. Bliss, who

died in 1903. In his will, Bliss offered to sell the land to the city for a reduced price on the condition it be turned into a public park. The city eventually agreed, but had no money left over to maintain the green space, according to Stewart, and the land fell into disrepair until 1940, when parks commissioner Robert Moses invested the cash to create the park that exists today.

Stewart said there is plenty to learn about the meadow — including the mysterious, nonsensical origin of its name. A different piece of land, shaped like an owl's head with wings, once jutted into the water at Shore Road and 81st Street, but nobody knows why Murphy gave his plot of land the same name. Stewart

thinks he was just misinformed, and then tried to cover up his mistake with nonsense stories.

"They stole the name," he said. "After that Murphy kind of bent over backwards to create myths as to why it's called Owl's Head. All of that is b-----."

Stewart will also delve into the grisly past of the park, which was the site of a murder in 1974, and may have been a dumping spot for a mob murder in the 1960s.

Those who take the tour will also learn to better appreciate the hard work that goes into creating a spot for people to relax, said Stewart.

"I think it's important to understand our history, especially with parks —

because they didn't just happen," he said. "No benevolent overseer decided 'This is your open space.' People fought over long periods of time to make sure these things happen."

He also offers a tip for locals hoping to catch a stellar view.

"I really like sitting on the back of the hill that faces the 69th Street Pier. It's one of the most beautiful spots in all of Brooklyn to watch the sunset," he said.

Historical Tour at Owl's Head Park (67th Street at Colonial Road in Bay Ridge, meet at Horticulture Group's table in front of sprinkler plaza, www.facebook.com/owlshtheadvolunteers). Sept. 9 at noon. \$5 suggested donation.

OLD DOG, NEW TRICK

Short film brings canine sleuth to Coney

By Julianne McShane

Scooby Dooby Doo, where are you? Coney Island!

A short live action film based on the adventures of Scooby and the gang will bring the mystery-solving teens and their canine companion to the People's Playground next weekend. The 10-minute movie "Mystery Gang" will screen at the Coney Island Film Festival on Sept. 9, as part of a program of shorts shot in the neighborhood. The film is a showcase for one of the rescue dogs belonging to director Eric Carlson and producer Bonnie Harper, a pooch who felt left out of the family business of filmmaking, said Harper.

"The film was conceived for our dog," said the film's producer. "We have three dogs, and two of them are routinely on television sets and movie sets, and this other dog is too crazy, he's too loud."

But usually outcast dog Krypto — an American Foxhound named after Superman's best friend — was ready and was willing to take on the lead role in "Mystery Gang." And his rambunctious nature was a good match for Scooby Doo's character, she said.

"He loved it, and it worked well with all of us," said Harper. "When it was his scenes, what you saw was how he was."

Krypto is no Great Dane, unlike the cartoon version, but the four lead human actors resemble their cartoon characters — both in real life and in the film — enough to evoke a pang of nostalgia for teen and young adult



Scooby Dooby Doo, I see you: The cast of "The Mystery Gang," a short film featuring mystery-solving teens and their dogs investigating a villain in Luna Park, wander along the Boardwalk.

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viewers, said Harper.

"It's essentially a parody, a send-up [of the original cartoon]," she said. "But to some extent, probably anybody over the age of 20 would know who the characters are — and maybe even over the age of 12, for that matter, just because it's been such a long-running comedy."

But the human characters are a bit more three-dimensional than their cartoon counterparts.

"The film kind of shows different sides of each character," she said.

The scrappy film team made the movie over three days, shooting early-morning scenes in an empty Luna

Park, where the characters investigate a g-g-g-g-ghost haunting the amusement district.

Other films in the Coney Island-centric shorts program include the documentary "The Blazes and The Brooklyn Yeti," which follows the titular local performers on New Year's Eve, the music video "Coney Island" from singer Adrianna Mateo, and the Shakespearean con man story "Shell Game," among others.

"The Mystery Gang" at the Coney Island Film Festival (1208 Surf Ave. at W. 12th Street in Coney Island, www.coneyislandfilmfestival.com). Sept. 9 at 6 pm. \$8.



Brews brothers: Five Boroughs Brewing co-founders Kevin O'Donnell and Blake Tomnitz will serve up four of their beers at OctFest on Sept. 9.

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

Beer the music

Brews and bands collide at Sunset Park's OctFest

By Julianne McShane

Call it rhythm and brews!

A gigantic music and beer festival will soon splash down in Sunset Park, bringing six bands and more than 40 breweries to the Brooklyn Hanger on Sept. 9. One of those breweries will have very short trip — Five Boroughs Brewing Company will schlep its barrels just six blocks to join the Octfest celebration. The brewery's co-founder said he and his colleagues are thrilled to have a nearby event that combines two of their favorite things.

"We were very excited to hear that a craft beer and music fest was being held right in our backyard," said Blake Tomnitz. "Live music and fresh craft beer are about as good a pairing as we can think of — as natural as peanut butter and jelly!"

Octfest, sponsored by music site Pitchfork and its beer culture spin-off October, will take up two floors of the 13,000-square foot space, with suds on the ground floor and bands above. Pitchfork planners drew inspiration from their summer music festival in Chicago, selecting a diverse array of bands and brewers, said one organizer.

"We kind of wanted to blend different genres and different brewers, kind of as we do at Pitchfork Festival as well," said Pitchfork's Seth Dodson.

The musical lineup will include Brooklyn soul singer Charles Bradley and His Extraordinaires, indie-rock outfit Guided by Voices, and

country band the Sadies, along with Okkervil River, Kilo Kish, and the Pains of Being Pure at Heart.

In addition to Five Boroughs Brewing, which will serve tastes of its Pilsner, India Pale Ale, Gose, and Hoppy Lager, other Brooklyn breweries at the fest include Braven, Sixpoint, and Threes Brewing.

Brooklyn, with its emerging craft brewing scene, is a natural fit for the first OctFest, said one organizer.

"Brooklyn was kind of late to the craft beer scene in terms of actual breweries, but in the last few years they've just been sprouting up everywhere," said Adam Krefman. "At OctFest, I'd say it's a mix of very approachable, straight-down-the-middle beers and a lot of other breweries that are going to be a lot more experimental."

Some of the those approachable beers include Budweiser and Narragansett, which will be pouring alongside British brewer Cloudwater, Germany's Radeberger, and American indie brands including Lord Hobo Brewing Company and Oskar Blues.

Visitors to the eight-hour festival will be able to soak up the unlimited samples of beer with hearty food from Bulldog Burgery and mozzarella sticks from Brooklyn's Big Mozz.

OctFest at the Brooklyn Hanger (2 52nd St. at First Avenue in Sunset Park, www.octfest.co). Sept. 9, 1–9 pm. \$60 (\$100 for two).

Building 'block

By Alexandra Simon

The new kid on the block is back!

A comedy festival dedicated to promoting minority voices will return bigger and better than ever next week. The second Cinderblock Comedy Festival, happening Sept. 7–10, has added more comics, more venues, and a whole new neighborhood to its lineup, said its founder.

"We are so much bigger than last year and not only are we doing it in Williamsburg again, we also have Bushwick in our path," said Coree Spencer.

About 80 comedians will join the three-day affair, up from 60 last year, with performances at 19 different venues. Actress and comedian Janeane Garofalo will headline the festival, and will also join a showcase of older women in comedy, which Spencer said is one of the fest's most anticipated shows.

"We have a lot of big headliners and a great lineup," she said. "We also have a show called 'Women of a Certain Age,' and it's about women over 40 and their under-representation in comedy — and that's going to be an insane show."

The festival, which famously charges straight white men more to apply than it does women or minority comics, got a lot of opposition when it debuted the policy last year. But many naysayers changed their minds when Cinder Block announced its diverse lineup up comedians, said Spencer.

"It's so much more quieter this year. We hit a nerve and I feel like people were still in denial that this was something that we needed, and a lot of people who weren't on our side started coming around to it," she said. "This festival is for everybody, and once people see my lineup there's no debating that."

Providing a space for under-rep-



Janeane from the 'block: Actress and comedian Janeane Garofalo will headline the Cinderblock Comedy Festival. Steven DeWall

resented comedians is important, but for the audience, the festival is mostly just a chance to kick back and relax from a stressful world, said Spencer.

"I just want to give people a mini-vacation so they can come and hang with friends and watch good comedy," said Spencer.

Cinder Block Comedy Festival at various locations in Williamsburg and Bushwick, www.cinderblockcomedy-festival.com. Sept. 7–10. Tickets prices vary from free to \$15.

FRI, SEPT. 1

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES V. LOWELL SPINNERS: Join the Cyclones for Country Music Night at MCU Park! Starting at \$12. 6:40 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St. in Coney Island, (718) 449-8497], www.brooklyn-cyclones.com.

MUSIC, JAZZY JAZZ FESTIVAL 2017: A weekly jazz tribute to the music of Lena Horne. Free. 7pm-10pm. Medgar Evers College [1638 Bedford Ave. at Crown Street in Crown Heights, (718) 270-5140].

MUSIC, DEAD STARS RECORD RELEASE SHOW: The band plays with Grim Streaker, Big Bliss, and Fraidycat. \$10. 8 pm. Sunnyside [1031 Grand St. between Morgan and Vandervoort avenues in Bushwick], sunnysidelebk.com.

CONEY ISLAND FIREWORKS: Watch the fireworks illuminate the sky at Coney Island Beach and Boardwalk. Free. 9:30 pm. Coney Island Boardwalk (between W. 10th and W. 15th streets in Coney Island), nycgovparks.org.

SAT, SEPT. 2

OUTDOORS, WILD HAWTHORNE BERRIES: Join the hunt with Wildman Steve Brill to find these delicious treats along with wild mushrooms, Burdock, common spicebush and many more. The hunt is approximately four hours, so wear appropriate clothing. \$20 (\$10 for children under 12). 11:30 am. Grand Army Plaza (stone benches) [Eastern Parkway and Flatbush Avenue in Prospect Park Heights, (914) 835-2153].

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES V. LOWELL SPINNERS: Starting at \$12. 6 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St. in Coney Island, (718) 449-8497], www.brooklyn-cyclones.com.

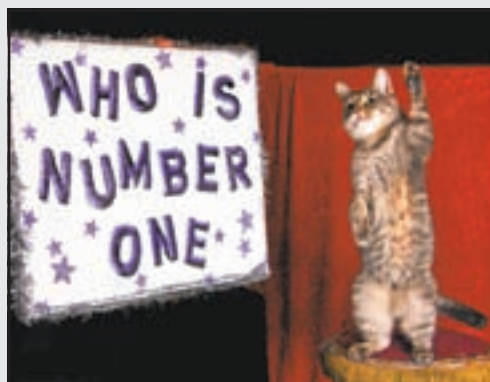
BEARD AND MUSTACHE COMPETITION: The strangest and most extravagant beards and mustaches descend upon Coney Island to see whose facial hair reigns supreme! Free. 8 pm. Coney Island USA [1208 Surf Ave. at W. 12th Street in Coney Island], coneyisland.com.

SUN, SEPT. 3

MUSIC, THE HEARTLAND PASSAGE TOUR: A unique performance event bringing troubadours, performers and storytellers to celebrate the Erie Canal bicentennial -- remember, Red Hook was the Canal's southern terminus. \$15. 8-11 pm. Waterfront Museum Barge [290 Conover St. near Reed Street in Red Hook, (718) 624-4719], waterfrontmuseum.org.

FAMILY, SHOFAR FACTORY: Get ready for Rosh Hashanah and have a blast! Participate in a hands-on, step-by-step process of crafting a shofar. Free with museum admission. 1-3 pm. Jewish Children's Mu-

WHAT TO DO 24 SEVEN EVENTS



Dramatic paws: The fantastic felines of the Acro-Cats traveling cat circus will jump through hoops — literally — to demonstrate their adorability during four nights of performances, starting on Sept. 7 in Fort Greene. *Morgan Schaffner*

seum [792 Eastern Pkwy. at Kingston Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 907-8833], www.jcm.museum.

MON, SEPT. 4

COMEDY, NIGHT TRAIN WITH WYATT CENAC: Hosted by Brooklyn-based comedy favorite Wyatt Cenac, this weekly show features comedy from the best local and international stand up comedians, and the occasional special guest appearances by musicians and local celebrities. \$8 (\$5 in advance). 8 pm. Littlefield [635 Sackett St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

MUSIC, TAKING MEDS: With Original Sharks, California Cousins, and Good Looking Friends. \$10. 8 pm. Sunnyside [1031 Grand St. between Morgan and Vandervoort avenues in Williamsburg, (347) 987-3971], www.sunnysidelebk.com.

TUES, SEPT. 5

TALK, COMPUTER LITERACY AND JOB READINESS: Instruction in basic technology and workplace skills such as word processing, Excel, e-mail, internet search techniques, and resume-building. Free. 6-9 pm. Prospect Park YMCA [357 Ninth St. between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768-7100], www.ymcanyc.org/prospectpark.

MUSIC, ROKY ERICKSON: With Death Valley Girls. \$30. 9 pm. Rough Trade NYC [64 N. Ninth St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 388-4111], www.roughtradenyc.com.

WED, SEPT. 6

TALK, THE AWESOME OYSTER: Join Brooklyn Bridge Park's director of education to discover the history of the Eastern Oyster. \$5.

6:30 pm. Brooklyn Bridge Park Pier 5 Promenade [Joralemon St. and Brooklyn Bridge Drive in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-9939], www.brooklynbridgepark.org.

ART, THE FIRE THEORY OPENING RECEPTION: An exhibition, residency, and collaborative project about immigration, by artists from El Salvador whose travel visas to the United States were denied. Free. 7-9 pm. Open Source Gallery [306 17th St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (646) 279-3969], www.open-source-gallery.org.

MUSIC, RESONANT BODIES 2017: A festival of contemporary music vocalists. \$15-\$25. 7:30 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (917) 267-0363], www.roulette.org.

COMEDY, COMEDIANS YOU SHOULD KNOW: David Drake hosts the Chicago-style stand up showcase, with guests Anthony Devito, Yamanika Saunders, Saurin Choksi, and more. \$5. 8:30 pm. The Gutter Bar [200 N. 14th St. between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg], cysknyc.eventbrite.com.

MUSIC, ROKY ERICKSON: With Death Valley Girls. \$30. 9 pm. Rough Trade NYC [64 N. Ninth St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 388-4111], www.roughtradenyc.com.

THURS, SEPT. 7

TALK, THE SOCIAL HISTORY OF FLATBUSH: Brooklyn Borough Historian Ron Schweiger presents a mini-class about the social history of Flatbush, from the 1600s to the 1800s. Offered through Brooklyn Lifelong Learning. Free. 12:30 pm. Brooklyn College [2900 Bedford Ave. at Campus Road, Boylan Hall Room 3129 in Midwood, (718) 951-5647], bll.brooklyn.cuny.edu.

FILM, "NYSFERATU": A silent, animated version of the vampire film "Nosferatu," transplanted to New York City. Free. 7:30 pm. Brooklyn Bridge Park, Pier One [Old Fulton Street at Furman Street in Dumbo, (718) 222-9939], www.brooklynbridgepark.org.

READING, SALMAN RUSHDIE: The prolific writer discusses his new novel, "The Golden House," a modern American epic of love and terrorism, loss, and reinvention. \$34. 8 pm. Congregation Beth Elohim Early Childhood Center [Eighth Ave. and Garfield Place in Park Slope, (718) 768-3814 X210], www.congregationbethelohim.org.

THEATER, THE AMAZING ACRO-CATS IN BROOKLYN! The Amazing Acro-cats — featuring Tuna and the Rock Cats — are a troupe of performing house cats. The adorable acrobats will ride skateboards, hit the drums, and leap through hoops and into your heart! \$25-\$40. 8 pm. Brooklyn Music School Theater [126 St. Felix St. between Lafayette Avenue and Hanson Place in Fort Greene, (718) 638-5660], www.circuscats.com/acro-cats.

FRI, SEPT. 8

ART, QUEER AS A CLOCKWORK PEACHFISH, ARTIST'S RECEPTION: Martha Burgess exhibits photos of notable queer New Yorkers, posing in sets fashioned after drawings in the film "A Clockwork Orange." Free. 7-9 pm. Trestle Gallery [850 Third Ave., Suite 411, at 30th Street in Sunset Park], trestlegallery.org.

TALK, STEAMPUNK AND SPACESUITS: The Empiricist League hosts a night of speakers discussing the science of steampunk, historical visions of the urban future, and how to design the gloves of spacesuits. \$12 (\$10 in advance). 7:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallnyc.com.

THEATER, THE AMAZING ACRO-CATS IN BROOKLYN! 8 pm. See Thursday, Sept. 7.

SAT, SEPT. 9

MUSIC, FALL FEST AND OPEN HOUSE: The Brooklyn Conservatory of Music offers a day of demo classes, sing-alongs, student and faculty performances, face-painting, and more. Free. 3-6 pm. Brooklyn Conservatory of Music [58 Seventh Ave. between Lincoln and Saint Johns plaes in Park Slope, (718) 622-3300], www.bqcm.org.

ART, DRAWINGS AND PAINTINGS BY DAN DROSSMAN: The Brooklyn artist exhibits his combination of graffiti, cartooning and abstract art. Free. 6-8 pm. Prospect Range Performance Hall [1226 Prospect Ave. between Vanderbilt Street and Reeve Place in Windsor Terrace, (917) 776-6834], www.prospectrange.com.



The beat'll go on: Rock 'n' roll veteran Paul McCartney will wing his way to Barclays Center for shows on Sept. 19 and 21.

Associated Press / Rob Grabowsky

COMING SOON TO BARCLAYS CENTER

MON, SEPT 11

MUSIC, ROGER WATERS: \$55-\$605. 8 pm.

TUE, SEPT 12

MUSIC, ROGER WATERS: \$55-\$605. 8 pm.

SAT, SEPT 16

SPORTS, ELECTRONIC SPORTS LEAGUE ONE NEW YORK: \$45. 10 am.

SUN, SEPT 17

SPORTS, ELECTRONIC SPORTS LEAGUE ONE NEW YORK: \$45. 10 am.

TUE, SEPT 19

MUSIC, PAUL MCCARTNEY: \$175-\$350. 8 pm.

WED, SEPT 20

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS V PHILADELPHIA FLYERS PRE-SEASON: \$22-\$105. 7 pm.

THU, SEPT 21

MUSIC, PAUL MCCARTNEY: \$42-\$350. 8 pm.

MON, SEPT 25

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS V NEW JERSEY DEVILS PRE-SEASON: \$22-\$105. 7 pm.

FRI, SEPT 29

MUSIC, ED SHEERAN: Sold out. 7:30 pm.

SAT, SEPT 30

MUSIC, ED SHEERAN: Sold out. 7:30 pm.

SUN, OCT 1

MUSIC, ED SHEERAN: Sold out. 7:30 pm.

WED, OCT 4

MUSIC, BRUNO MARS: \$160-\$1,200. 8 pm.

THU, OCT 5

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS V MIAMI HEAT PRE-SEASON: \$tba. 7:30 pm.

SAT, OCT 7

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS V BUFFALO SABRES: \$tba. 7 pm.

SUN, OCT 8

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS V NEW YORK KNICKS PRE-SEASON: \$tba. 7:30 pm.

MON, OCT 9

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS V ST LOUIS BLUES: \$tba. 1 pm.

WED, OCT 11

MUSIC, KATY PERRY: \$30-\$420. 7 pm.

FRI, OCT 13

MUSIC, HALSEY: \$39-\$300. 7 pm.

FRI, OCT 20

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS V ORLANDO MAGIC: \$60-\$400. 7:30 pm.

SAT, OCT 21

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS V SAN JOSE SHARKS: \$tba. 7 pm.

SUN, OCT 22

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS V ATLANTA HAWKS: \$27-\$315. 3:30 pm.

MON, OCT 23

MUSIC, IMAGINE DRAGONS: \$39-\$300. 7 pm.

SAT, OCT 21

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS V ARIZONA COYOTES: \$tba. 7 pm.

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

TRICKY SHOTS

Photos capture Halloween of the 1970s

By Danielle Kogan

It's a look back in black (and white).

A new photo exhibit opening next week captures a lost world — the Brooklyn of the pre-gentrified past. The show “Brooklyn Photographs,” which opens on Sept. 6 at Bric House in Fort Greene, features 11 photographers who have put their focus on the county of Kings, capturing the many ways that life in the borough has changed over the last 50 years, said its curator.

“The exhibition unfolds like a series of chapters, revealing aspects of life in Brooklyn through the work of 11 photographers active from the late 1960s to the present,” said Elizabeth Ferrer. “The show exists as a way for our audience to look at a Brooklyn that once was and a Brooklyn that is in the throes of becoming — the change is relentless.”

Each artist in the show focused on a different subject and neighborhood, including images of roller disco in Crown Heights during the 1980s, the West Indian Day Parade over the course of 20 years, and the construction of Barclays Center.

Photographer Larry Racioppo, a Brooklyn native, will display his pictures of Halloween trick-or-treaters, taken in Park Slope during the early 1970s. The images of unaccompanied kids in improvised costumes, spraying each other with shaving cream, are a stark contrast to the



The gang's all here: Larry Racioppo will display his photo of costumed kids after a Halloween shaving cream fight in the show “Brooklyn Photographs,” opening on Sept. 6. Larry Racioppo

family-friendly daytime activities of today's Halloween, he said.

“People don't go out by themselves as much — it's more of a parental scene with organized parades,” said Racioppo. “The kids playing with shaving cream and eggs remind me of myself.”

The images come from the days before Park Slope was a tony neighborhood, when few people cared about it, said Racioppo, who is happy to have his work featured in

the exhibition.

“Working people don't get enough attention, and you don't see many stories about blue collar people anymore,” he said.

“Brooklyn Photographs” at Bric House [647 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 683-5600, www.bricartsmedia.org]. Opening reception on Sept. 6 at 7 pm. On display through Oct. 29; Tue-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun, noon-6 pm; Mon, closed. Free.



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

Word's pick: “Large Animals: Stories” by Jess Arndt

“Large Animals” is a vital, visceral collection of beautifully told, provocative stories, each exploring the complexities of the human body and individual identity. Jess Arndt effortlessly strings together words and ideas to form striking, absolutely lovely sentences. As you read, you will find yourself shocked, delighted, and haunted by the lives, loves, and struggles of individuals who do not exist, but whose lives seem just as relevant as your own. This collection is decidedly for mature audiences, but it will appeal to anyone who marvels at human existence and is intrigued by the various forms of the human body.

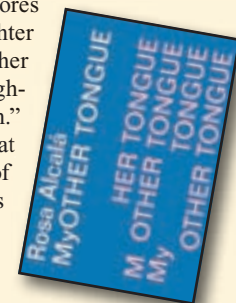
— Micaela Mead, Word [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096, www.wordbookstores.com].



Greenlight Bookstore's pick: “MyOther Tongue” by Rosa Alcalá

This collection of poems explores both language and mother-daughter relationships, revealing the mother as the other in the poet. The daughter is as “jagged / as this poem.” The daughter is “the revision that rhymes,” one that “makes sense of time.” Rosa Alcalá bears witness to the transformations of home, language, land, trauma, and the archive, the structure of which is “spectral.” To compose poems in the voice of ghosts, “MyOther Tongue” must be more than one thing. It is, and it does.

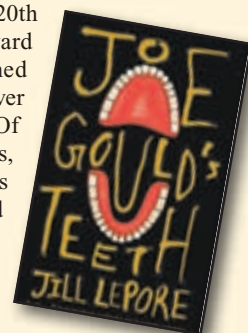
— Melissa Hohl, Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200, www.greenlightbookstore.com].



Community Bookstore's pick: “Joe Gould's Teeth” by Jill Lepore

In the first decades of the 20th century, Joe Gould, a Harvard dropout and self-proclaimed author of the longest book ever written “The Oral History of Our Time,” roamed the streets, bars, flophouses, and asylums of New York City. He moved among the artists of the Harlem Renaissance and the bohemians of the downtown literary scene. Alice Neel painted him, Ezra Pound wrote him letters of recommendation, and a quack doctor in an upstate sanitarium pulled out all his teeth to treat his “mania.” In this strange, exhilarating story, Jill Lepore explores the many secrets swirling around this compelling figure and comes away with a moving meditation on humanity and a life devoted to one's art, whatever that may be.

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



Bay Ridge is ready to chill out!

By Julianne McShane

It's a long weekend for music and meditation in Bay Ridge!

On Friday night, head over to the **Greenhouse Café** (7717 Third Ave. between 77th and 78th Streets) to get your rock 'n' roll fix with the Dead Ridge Boys, a Bay Ridge Grateful Dead cover band that will perform some of the group's best hits starting at 10 pm.

On Saturday, recover from Grateful's greatest hits by making your way over to **Owl's Head Park** (67th Street and Colonial Road) for some fresh air and gardening. Ridgetes and any other willing volunteers can join the Owl's Head Horticulture Group plant flowers and clean the park, as part of the NYC Park's “It's My Park” program. Contribute to the cause from 10 am to noon, man.

And if you're feeling flexible afterwards, take a brisk walk across the park to the lawn near the basketball courts for an outdoor yoga class start-



ing at noon, led by local instructor and studio owner Erica Ginger, of Yoga Ginger. Aspiring yogis should bring their own mat or towel, along with \$5 for the suggested donation.

Once you've found your center (and taken a shower), visit **Hunter's Steak**

and Ale House (9404 Fourth Ave. at 94th Street) for a hearty slab of meat and a musical performance by the trio Max's Wheelhouse, kicking off at 8:30 pm. The musicians pride themselves on playing music from throughout the decades, but they particularly favor light rock from the Age of Aquarius, which will pair perfectly with your day of yoga and fresh air.

And on Sunday, you can chill out by creating some calming art with the Bright Spot program at **Print Space Art Studio** (509 Senator St. at Fifth Avenue), where instructors will help you make monotypes in a stress-free environment. From 11 am-3 pm, you can use stencils and textures to create art prints. You can take home your work, but leave one copy for the residents at nearby Lutheran Augustana Center for Extended Care and Rehabilitation — it may go on their walls. For \$30, you will get some instruction, five papers, and all the supplies you need.



Hail to the new chief of rehab

SUNSET PARK

Put your hands together for **Dr. Jeffrey Fine**. He has been named the new chief of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at **NYU Langone Hospital** and vice chairman for network development for **Rusk Rehabilitation** at NYU Langone Health



throughout the borough.

"Dr. Fine is an extremely accomplished clinician and administrator to lead our exemplary rehabilitation team in Brooklyn," said **Dr. Steven R. Flanagan**, the Howard A. Rusk Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine at NYU School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine for NYU Langone Health.

Dr. Fine previously served as regional director for rehabilitation services at Elmhurst and Queens Hospital Centers, and coordinated the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation residency program as associate program director at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Earlier, he was assistant professor in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and clinically served as a staff physiatrist in the Denver Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center; the University of Colorado Health Science Center; and Denver Health Medical Center, where he was director of Rehabilitation Medicine. He is a graduate of New York Medical College and is board certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation and in three subspecialties — pain medicine, spinal cord injury medicine and brain injury medicine.

"As rehabilitation specialists, physicians at Rusk assist patients and their families in setting realistic, individualized goals to help them achieve optimal physical capabilities," Fine said. "Designing a concrete plan with daily goals can go a long way in improving a patient's quality of life," he said. "I am actively involved in developing tools and smart phone applications that can help patients function more independently and adhere to recommended rehabilitation activity regimens at home."

Dr. Bret Rudo, executive hospital director and senior vice president at NYU Langone, said, "We are delighted to welcome Dr. Fine to lead our critically important rehabilitation medicine department."

Standing O is delighted too.

NYU Langone-Brooklyn [150 55th St. at First Avenue in Sunset Park, (718) 630-7425].



TALENTED TRIO: Brooklyn teens traveled to China as part of the 2017 dance initiative hosted by the Police Athletic League.

They went, they saw, they danced

BOROUGH WIDE

Welcome home to **Keymer, Jeremiah**, and **Jewel**.

The twinkle-toed teens, students at **Brooklyn High School of the Arts**, and **Police Athletic League** members, traveled to China to perform at "Joy Dancing Beijing." The initiative is the 2017 Cultural and Art Exchange Week of International Youth, an annual festival that brings together youth art troupes from more than 14 countries worldwide.

The three represented the United States and shared their talents through song at the opening ceremony of "Joy Dancing Beijing" by performing "Heal the World" and "The Impossible Dream" at the Beijing TV Theatre. In addition, the teens participated in a tour of

Beijing, a cultural and artistic exchange at a local Chinese school, visited the Great Wall, performed at the Nature Museum, and traveled to Dalian City in northeast China.

"I visited many historic places and ate so many traditional foods, which were amazing!" said 17-year-old **Jewel**.

"In our performance, we sang 'The Impossible Dream,' I learned that no dream is impossible," added **Jeremiah**, 17.

"My greatest experience was climbing and reaching the top of the Great Wall," said **Keymer**, also 17.

"We are thrilled that teens from PAL's Acting Program were chosen to represent America at China's annual arts festival in Beijing," said **Frederick Watts**, executive director of the Police Athletic League.

BOROUGH PARK

Can you hear me now?

Congratulations to **Maimonides Medical Center**. The hospital leads in Healthcare Information Technology as "Most Wired" Hospital, for the 17th time. Maimonides has been commended for using advanced technologies to enhance care delivery and has been placed on the 2017 "Most Wired" list by **Hospitals & Health Networks**, a journal of the **American Hospital Association**.

"Investment in information technology has benefitted our patients and physicians in so many ways," said **Kenneth D. Gibbs**, president and chief executive officer. "Our commitment to utilizing the most advanced

technologies has strengthened communication, improved patient safety and enhanced the quality of care we provide at Maimonides."

The "Most Wired" designation is given to hospitals and health systems across the country for effectively using innovative information technologies in critical areas of care, and recognizes the hospital's commitment to use emerging technologies as a tool for accessing health services.

Maimonides Medical Center [4802 10th Ave. at 48th Street in Borough Park, (718) 283-6000].

GRAVESEND

Good hands

It's cheers and applause for **All-**



DOWNTOWN

Grand slam

It was out of the park for **HeartShare** at a **Brooklyn Cyclones** game on Aug. 17.

President and chief executive officer **Bill Guarinello**, with granddaughter **Gianna**, and Congressman **Peter King** threw out the first pitch.

Members of HeartShare along with members of the **Boys and Girls Club** participated in this fundraising event aiming to raise awareness of the company's services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

"Families caring for children and adults with special needs rely on our services, but respite funding from the city and state continues to be cut more and more each year," said Bill Guarinello.

Another crucial HeartShare Family Support Service is the Options Program, which offers financial support improving quality of life for children and adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. "Options offers a modest grant not only to parents, but siblings, who have become guardians," said **Linda Rasport**, senior coordinator of the Options Program.

Proceeds from the ticket go directly to HeartShare programs.

HeartShare Human Services of New York [12 MetroTech Center in Downtown; www.heartshare.org].

state Agency owner **David Cohen**. His company, **D.H. Cohen Agency**, has been designated an Allstate Premier Agency for 2017.

The recognition is bestowed upon 26 percent of Allstate's nearly 10,000 agency owners across the country and is awarded to Allstate agency owners who have demonstrated excellence in delivering an accessible, knowledgeable and personal customer experience while achieving outstanding business results.

"David is the consummate trusted advisor and this distinguished achievement demonstrates his commitment to helping customers better understand the risks they may face and protect what matters most in their lives," said **Don Rubbo**, New York Regional sales leader.

D.H. Cohen Agency [464 Kings Highway at Lake Street in Gravesend, (718) 859-7900].

TOP DRIVER DISTRACTIONS

Using mobile phones

Leading the list of the top distractions behind the wheel are mobile phones. Phones now do more than just place calls, and drivers often cannot pull away from their phones, even when driving. According to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, studies have shown that driving performance is lowered and the level of distraction is higher for drivers who are heavily engaged in cell

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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It couldn't get any worse, so it got better!

Hudson Valley 8 Cyclones 0

Aug. 23 at MCU Park

New York Mets reliever Jeurys Familia did fine in his second rehab game for the Cyclones, allowing one hit in one inning pitched, but Cyclones reliever Trent Johnson got rocked on the mound, surrendering eight hits and seven runs in two-and-one-third innings pitched, and the Cyclones bats' didn't do the team any favors, getting just four hits on the night, as the Renegades handed our boys their 12th — yes, 12th — straight loss.

The Renegades got on the board early. Rafaelin Lorenzo reached first on a fielding error made by shortstop Dylan Snypes and Isaac Benard singled before Deion Tansel singled to score Lorenzo to make it 1-0. But Hudson Valley did most of the damage in the seventh inning, scoring six more runs on a series of timely hits and Cyclones miscues, to finish the frame leading 7-0. They plated another run in the eighth, to make the final score 8-0.

The loss puts the Clones at 15-45 — and a whopping 2-18 in the month of August.

Hudson Valley 5 Cyclones 2

Aug. 24 at MCU Park

Make it four sweeps in a row...

The Cyclones managed to put just two runs on the board as the team lost to the Renegades in a record-setting thirteenth straight loss.

Things looked encouraging for the Cyclones at first. Quinn "Chief" Brodey led off the fourth with a double before Carl Stajduhar singled him home to make it 1-0.

But it didn't take long for the Renegades to catch up. With the bases loaded and one out in the sixth, Trey Cobb uncorked a wild pitch to score Angel Perez. After Jean Ramirez was hit by a pitch to load the bases again, Bill Pujols singled to score both Rafaelin Lorenzo and Isaac Benard, giving the Renegades take a 3-1 lead.

The Cyclones and Renegades exchanged runs in the



DEFEATING THE EVIL EMPIRE: Walter Rasquin had three hits, scored twice, and drove in one as the team won 6-0 against the hated Staten Island Yankees on Aug. 27.

File photo by Jon Farina

eighth, but by the end of the eighth the visitors were ahead 4-2, then added another run in the ninth to make the final score 5-2.

The loss is the 13th-straight defeat for the Cyclones, which sets a New York-Penn League record for most consecutive losses in the league's more than 75-year history, and puts the team at 15-46 on the season.

Staten Island 3 Cyclones 2

Aug. 25 on Staten Island

We need a rainout!

Cyclones starter Jose Gerardo allowed just four hits and three runs in five innings pitched, but the Cyclones couldn't give him enough run support as our boys lost to the Yankees for their 14th-straight loss. The Evil Empire was quick to get on the board. After Wilkerman Garcia reached first while striking out on a passed ball, Kendall Coleman doubled to score Garcia to make it 1-0.

It wasn't long before the Clones caught up. With runners on the corners, Walter "Rabbi" Rasquin scored on an error by Yankees catcher by Manny Arganomez in the third to tie up at 1. The Yankees distanced themselves from the Cyclones in the next two innings. In the bottom of the fourth, Keith Skinner hit a lead-off single then advanced

to second on a throwing error by center fielder Guillermo Granadillo. Ryan Krill then singled to score Skinner. In the bottom of the fifth, Andy Diaz hit a lead-off home run to make it 3-1.

The Cyclones made one last-ditch effort to come back late in the game. Jeremy Vazquez led off the ninth with a solo home run to make it 3-2, but the Cyclones couldn't get anything more after that. The loss extends the Cyclones record losing streak to 14 games while putting them at 15-47.

Cyclones 3 Staten Island 2

Aug. 26 at MCU Park

Great Scott! The Cyclones won a game!

Scott Manea hit a sacrifice fly with a runner on third in the bottom of the ninth to score the game-winning run and stop the Clones losing streak at a record 14 games.

The Cyclones got on the board early. With runners on the corners in the first, Yankees starter Daniel Alvarez threw a wild pitch to score Walter "Rabbi" Rasquin and advance Jose Miguel "Funky Cold" Medina to second. Jose Maria then singled to score Medina from second to make it 2-0.

In the top of the third, the Yankees' Jose Polonia singled then Kendall Coleman reached on a fielding error

made by Rasquin. Keith Skinner then doubled to score both Polonia and Coleman to knot the score at 2.

The Cyclones put both the game and the streak away in bottom of the ninth. Jeremy Vazquez was walked before Medina singled, advancing Vazquez to third. Manea's fly to right was deep enough to score Vazquez from third and win the game.

The win ends the losing streak and thankfully ruined the possibility of the Cyclones tying the Newark Co-Pilots for lowest total of wins in a season when they won 15 back in 1973.

Cyclones 6 Staten Island 0

Aug. 27 at MCU Park

Walter Rasquin had three hits, scored twice, and drove in one and three Cyclones hurlers didn't allow a run as the team won a series for the first time in more than a month.

Our boys did all their damage in the first four innings. The Rabbi got the Clones on the board early by working a walk, stealing second, and advancing to third on a throwing error, then scored on a passed ball to make it 1-0 in the first.

The Clones added to the lead in the next inning. Walter Lagrange hit a lead-off single before Jose Maria doubled to advance Lagrange to third.

Scott Manea then singled to score both Lagrange and Maria to make it 3-0. The runs kept coming for the Clones in the next inning. Rasquin led off with a double before Jose "Funky Cold" Medina followed with another double, scoring Rasquin. Medina then advanced on a balk before Lagrange singled to score him to make it 5-0. Rasquin sealed the victory in the fourth. After Guillermo Granadillo reached on a fielding error made by shortstop Wilkerman Garcia and stole second, Rasquin singled to score Granadillo to make it 6-0.

Cyclones 2 Vermont 1

Aug. 28 at MCU Park

The "Drive for 20" is in full effect!

Cyclones starter Trent Johnson pitched spectacularly on the mound, allowing just five hits and no runs while striking out two, as the Clones sunk the Lake Monsters.

The Cyclones were first on the board. Guillermo Granadillo walked then stole second before Walter "Rabbi" Rasquin singled to score Granadillo to make it 1-0.

The Lake Monsters had nothing going until they tied it in the eighth. Will Toffey was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning. He then advanced to second on a passed ball before Logan Farrar doubled to score Toffey, knotting the game. Rasquin broke the tie in bottom of the same inning. He led it off by reaching first on a passed ball strike-out. Rasquin then stole second base, got to third on a wild pitch, then scored on a second wild pitch to make it 2-1.

The Monsters made things interesting in the ninth when Ryan Gridley and Payton Squier both singled to put runners on first and second, but that was as far as they got.

The victory extends the Cyclones winning streak to three games, which is the longest one the team has had since a four-game winning streak from July 18 to July 21. The team now has a record of 18-47, and hopes to make 20 wins before the season ends on Sept. 7.

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SKOPIN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/12/16. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Rimma Shpak, Esq., 1517 Voorhies Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11235. General Purposes.

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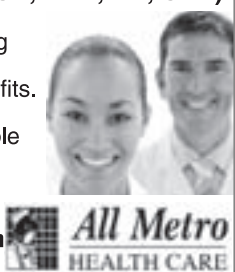
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