

HEAD TO HEAD

Voters pick Quaglione and Brannan to face off in 43rd-District Council race



THE CONTENDERS: Primary voters tapped John Quaglione, left, to be the Republican standard-bearer in the Nov. 7 general election, and Justin Brannan to represent the Democrats. Photos by Stefano Giovannini

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

Primary voters in the 43rd Council District picked Democrat Justin Brannan and Republican John Quaglione to face off in the Nov. 7 general election for the open Council seat.

The district hosted a crowded primary race this election cycle, with 10 candidates in total — including the controversial John J. Bruno — gunning for the nominations for the open seat currently occupied by term-limited Councilman Vincent Gentile.

Both Brannan and Quaglione were tipped as favorites, since both were longtime staffers to elected officials in the district — Brannan worked for the incumbent, Gentile, and Quaglione for state Sen. Marty Golden, who formerly held that Council seat.

To earn the right to represent Bay Ridge, Bensonhurst, Dyker Heights,

and Bath Beach on the Council, the eventual winner will have to prove to potential constituents that he will be most effective in addressing the biggest problems plaguing the district: illegal conversions, lack of affordable housing, and school overcrowding, according to voters who turned out on Tuesday. One resident said he thinks the illegal conversions plaguing the district are tied to unaffordable housing, and he hopes the next Councilman tackles both issues.

“Most of the candidates concentrated on illegal conversions, and it is a big issue,” said Fahmi Assabhi. “Real estate is going up, up, up. It has to be stopped because people cannot pay rent anymore, so hopefully they’ll do something about this.”

Another voter said that as a mother, she was concerned about how

the Council candidates would tackle school overcrowding in the district.

“A lot of the schools are so overcrowded, so that’s a big one,” said Fahmida Rashid.

Another voter agreed, and said that he would also like to see the next Councilman expand after-school programs in the district’s schools.

“After-school programs are important,” Eric Powell said. “I don’t think there’s enough of that besides what’s offered at our library. My daughter’s school is huge, shuts down in the afternoon, and there’s a lot of empty space and parents who can’t afford childcare.”

Brannan, a Bay Ridge resident and former DeBlasio and Gentile staffer, faced four other candidates seeking the Democratic nomination, including runner-up Rev. Khader El-Yateem,

whom Brannan edged out by less than nine percentage points. Nancy Tong, district leader of the 47th Assembly District, lawyer Vince Chirico, and Kevin Peter Carroll, district leader of the 64th Assembly District, all trailed well behind the two frontrunners.

In the Republican race, Bay Ridge resident Quaglione beat out second-place candidate Liam McCabe by 18 percentage points. Bob Capano trailed in third place, but is guaranteed a spot on the November ballot as the Reform party candidate. And Lucretia Regina-Potter, Republican district leader of the 46th district, came in last, with 4.5 percent of the vote.

The Democratic nominee previously worked as Councilman Gentile’s director of communications and legislative affairs and then his chief of staff,

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He's a keeper!

Gonzalez wins DA Democratic primary, vows to stay progressive path

BY JULIANNE CUBA

He can finally drop the Acting!

Acting District Attorney Eric Gonzalez is now Kings County's District Attorney, after blowing his rival Democratic crime fighters out of the water in Tuesday's primary election that saw no Republicans compete for the position in the deep-blue county.

Gonzalez was predicted to retain the seat as chief legal eagle — he received the most prominent endorsements, amassed the biggest war chest, and enjoyed the comfort of incumbency going into the election. But many still questioned whether he is a true reformer who would follow in the footsteps of his late-predecessor, Ken Thompson, a staunch advocate of overturning wrongful convictions.

But Gonzalez pledged to do just that in order to keep Brooklynites safe, and thanked voters for believing that he could carry on Thompson's legacy.

"It's my promise to each and every one of you, and to the people of Brooklyn, that I will never forget the principles that served to guide me for 23 years in the DA's office ... and served to guide how we are going to keep the people of Brooklyn safe and have true fairness in our criminal justice system," Gonzalez said to loud applause at his Williamsburg victory party as his wife and three sons looked on. "This is an incredible moment for Brooklyn, for my family, and for all of us because we did this together, because each and every person in this room was instrumental in getting this job done. I'm honored by the trust that each and every one of you have put into my candidacy and into the belief that I could



WINNER: (Clockwise from top) District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, at microphone, celebrates with his wife and three sons at his Williamsburg victory party on Tuesday night. Gonzalez's mother looks on as he celebrates his primary win. Former District Attorney Ken Thompson, far left, appointed Gonzalez, far right, to succeed him as Brooklyn's top prosecutor before dying of cancer in 2016.

follow in the footsteps of our late, beloved Ken Thompson."

The Brooklyn native — King's County's first Latino top prosecutor — bested fellow attorneys Anne Swern, Marc Flidner, term-limited Councilman Vincent Gentile (D-Bay Ridge), Pat Galling, and Ama Dwimoh in the race, securing 53 percent of the vote according to data from the city's Board of Elections. He received 76,947 votes after about 98 percent of ballots were counted,

as of 3 pm on Sept. 13.

Swern followed with more than 16,000 votes, while the four other competitors trailed behind her. Dwimoh got the fewest votes with a little more than 10,000.

Gonzalez, who grew up in East New York and Williamsburg, became acting district attorney in October 2016 after Thompson tapped him to assume the position before he died from cancer.

The district attorney hopefuls held several heated de-

bates leading up to election night, at which each vied to position him or herself as the most progressive prosecutor, promising criminal justice reform by eliminating cash bail, closing Rikers Island, and not prosecuting marijuana or turnstile-jumping cases.

But adopting positions similar to Gonzalez's left little room for any of the acting district attorney's rivals to win enough votes to oust him on election night.



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GATHER TOGETHER: Local residents, politicians, and service members gathered at the 9-11 memorial event at the 69th Street Pier in Bay Ridge.

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BROOKLYN REMEMBERS 9-11 ATTACKS

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They will never forget.

Brooklynites gathered across the borough on Sunday and Monday nights to remember those we lost during the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

Marine Park

Families gathered at Marine Park on Sept. 11 for state Sen. Marty Golden's candlelight Memorial Ceremony, which included members of the U.S. Marine Corps, and the city's police department and fire department. It featured the Pledge of Allegiance recited by neighborhood Girl Scouts, and a local singer's rendition of the national anthem.

69th Street Pier

Bay Ridgites headed to the

69th Street Pier on the night of Sept. 11, where first responders joined various religious representatives to lead prayers and share stories of the victim's lives. Attendees sang "God Bless America," "Let There be Peace on Earth" and the anthem before watching a 21-gun salute.

Coney Island

Coney Islanders and other locals commemorated the Sept. 11 terror attacks at the annual "Night Before" ceremony at MCU Park on Sunday night. The event offers a way for them to come together and console each other before a difficult day, one longtime attendee said.

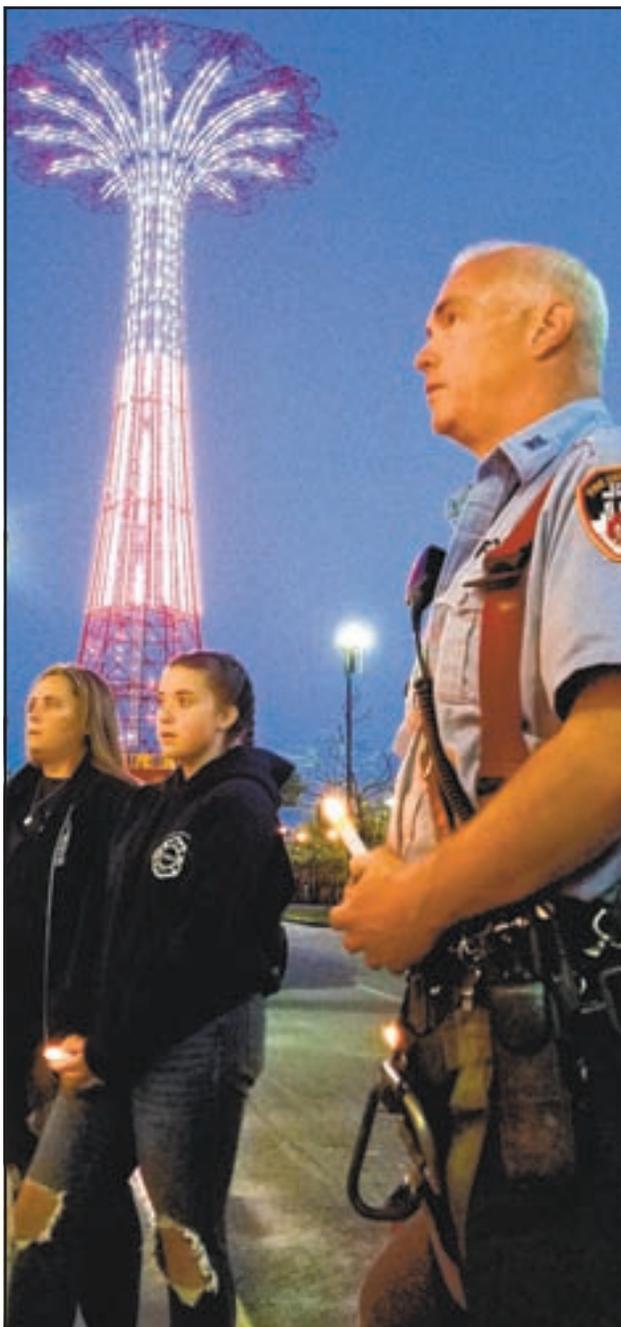
"It's comforting and it's an intimate setting," said Freyda Markow, who has attended the event every year it has been held since the attacks.



Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

REMEMBER AND REFLECT:

Veteran Fred Trabulsi has a quiet moment during the memorial event at the 69th Street Pier.



A HANDS OVER THEIR HEARTS: (Left) Lieutenant Bill Murphy attended the at the "Night Before" memorial event on Coney Island on Sept. 10 in uniform. (Right) Local Girl Scouts lead the pledge of allegiance during the annual Memorial Ceremony at Marine Park.

Photos by Jon Farina

Winning by a whisker

Groomed gents compete in Coney's annual 'stache contest

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

Talk about hair-raising!

It was bushy business at the 10th-annual Coney Island Beard and Mustache Competition on Sept. 2, where participants and spectators shelled out \$20 to show off and take in bristly beards and meticulous mustaches at the Coney Island Sideshow. The annual event is an enjoyable one for competitive and casual hair-growers alike, said one successful participant.

"It's just a fun, awesome event," said Christian Fattorusso, a three-time competitor who won this year's "best styled mustache" award with his 1900s-inspired handlebar 'stache — meant to evoke the ones worn by that era's professional baseball players — which he topped off with a vintage baseball uniform that he bought specifically for the contest. "Some people are very competitive about it, and I definitely knew this year that I wanted to step up my presentation, so I got the baseball outfit — I went the extra mile."



HOME RUN: Christian Fattorusso won the "best styled mustache" category at the Sept. 2 competition. Photo by Erica Price

Fattorusso said he started growing out his beard for this year's competition last November, and then chopped off the sides and middle part of the hair within the past few weeks in preparation.

He maintained his facial fur with shampoo and conditioner, and set it with Elmer's glue the day of the event, because he needed a strong product to hold it up.

"It's too heavy to hold beeswax!" he said.

In the beard category, one competitor fashioned his Santa-esque white beard with hair spray and cream to make loopholes on both sides of his face and a heart shape under his chin, which won him the prize for "best styled beard."

"I just wanted to have a heart," said Jim Daly. "I've done a heart before and I just wanted to have a heart in there. My mirror is a blank canvas. Every time I do a different beard, it's a different style."

Daly said the beard took him an hour and 20 minutes to style, and that he employed a curling iron and hair straightener in order to get the design just right.

The six-time competitor, who traveled from Philadelphia for the competition, has racked up four previous wins — including the prestigious "best in show" prize in 2011.

The top prize went to a Coney Island character with a long beard, who said he entered the contest for the first time this year for



HAIRY BUSINESS: Contestants at the 10th-annual Coney Island Beard and Mustache Competition display their entries. Photo by Erica Price

fairly obvious reasons.

"I have a great beard, and we love Coney Island," said Anthony Natale.

Natale beat out around 30 other entrants to claim his victory, which came with a trophy and swagger bag. Although he said he usually ties his beard up in daily life, he let it all hang out — down to below his waist — on the day of the competition, securing it with a "good luck mermaid" hair tie at the bottom to pay hom-

age to his three turns as King Neptune in the annual Coney Island Mermaid Parade. But the hair tie also had a practical purpose, he said.

"It kept the ends a little gathered so it didn't fly all over the place, and a little bit of weight there accentuates the weight and gives it a little positioning," he said. "And it's an homage to the Mermaid Parade and a thanks to Coney Island, USA, for all the fun my wife and I have at the parade."

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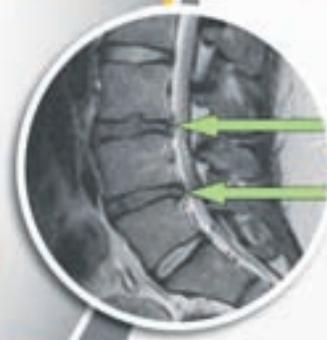
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KENSINGTON CATNAPPER: Surveillance footage at Moon Mini Mart shows this woman making off with the bodega's beloved kitten, Takela, on Sept. 3.

Actual cat burglar strikes Kensington!

Kitten swiped from local convenience store

BY COLIN MIXSON

A cat-napper is on the prowl!

The 2-month-old kitten employed as a mouser at Kensington's Moon Mini Mart was catnapped on Sept. 3, leaving customers dumbfounded in the wake of the senseless crime, the shopkeeper said.

"A lot of people miss the cat," said mini-mart owner Mir Kasham. "They can't believe it."

Kasham purchased Takela — pronounced Tequila — as a kitten in the wake of a mouse infestation rooted in the basement of his deli at 701 Church Ave. between E. Seventh and E. Eighth streets, and the precocious, cuddly cat quickly won over patrons with her friendly demeanor, he said.

"The cat is very friendly," said Kasham. "People are very upset."

But poor little Takela was perhaps too friendly for her own good, and a man claiming to reside in Queens came into the store at 9 pm on Sept. 3 offering \$50 to purchase the affable feline, but Kasham quickly turned him down.

"He said, 'I love the cat,'" Kasham recounted. "He said, 'I'll be back.'"

It was about an hour later when a bespectacled woman waltzed into the store and, beyond the sight of workers, scooped Takela into her arms and covered her with a jacket she was carrying.

"She held it, covered it, and took it," said Kasham. "She was ready. She



MISSING: Moon Mini Mart's adorable 2-month-old kitten Takela was stolen from the shop by a bespectacled cat-napper on Sept. 3.

brought some extra clothes."

Kasham said he plans to report the theft to police, but that he has more faith in locals to help him track down the thief. He put up signs and is sharing surveillance footage of the crime with anyone willing to watch, hoping someone will recognize the perp and provide some information that will lead to Takela's recovery.

But neither Kasham or his workers recognize the woman as a regular customer, and he suspects the Kensington cat-napper might be an out-of-towner who stopped by specifically to steal his cat, he said.

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Sat. 7th	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	McClancy
Wed. 11th	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Bishop Loughlin
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63RD PRECINCT

MARINE PARK-MILL BASIN-FLATLANDS-
BERGEN BEACH

Caught, briefly

A crook was caught robbing a car that was parked on Avenue U on Sept. 3.

The vehicle's driver told police that she left the the vehicle unlocked near E. 56th Street around 3:40 pm and returned three minutes later finding a sneak exiting it. Cops say she confronted the culprit about being in the car and lawbreaker told her "I didn't take anything," before fleeing. She told authorities that her smartphone and debit card were missing from the vehicle.

Unattended

A sticky-fingered thief lifted a woman's wallet in a Flatbush Avenue department store on Sept. 1.

The money pocket's owner told cops that she entered the store near Avenue U around 12:30 pm and placed the wallet on the counter, briefly leaving it unattended. Police say minutes later she noticed it missing.

Locked, or unlocked?

A sneak thief raided a car parked on Marine Parkway sometime overnight on Sept. 1.

Police said the vehicle's owner left it in a spot near Quentin Road around 10 pm and the next morning found items missing from his backseat. No visible damage was found on the car, and the victim admitted to investigators that he was not sure if he had locked it or not.

— *Alexandra Simon*

68TH PRECINCT

BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

Malodorous heist

A criminal stole 10 bottles of Chanel perfume from an 86th Street department store on Sept. 7, police said.

The perp stole the pricey merchandise from the store, located between Fourth and Fifth avenues, sometime before noon, and an employee called police soon afterward. Investigators are reviewing cameras in the area, according to the police report.

Bag, borrow or steal

An opportunistic thief stole hundreds of dollars worth of items — including a debit card and a pricey designer watch — from a woman's unlocked 2017 Jeep Grand Cherokee on 10th Avenue on Sept. 2.

After the victim parked her car at 84th Street just after 11:15 am, she left the doors unlocked while she brought her daughter inside their home. When she returned, she re-



alized the crook had snatched her debit card, checkbook, wallet, and Michael Kors watch.

Unholier than thou

A good-for-nothing smashed the window of a woman's 2007 Honda CR-V on 82nd Street and then made off with a number of items that had been inside the vehicle on Sept. 7.

The woman parked her car between 13th and 14th avenues around noon and returned just after 4 pm, when she had picked her kids up from school, police said. She told cops the goniff smashed her window and took her handbag, wallet, driver's license, checkbook, credit and debit cards, and rosary beads.

62ND PRECINCT

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

Not crystal clear

A thug stole expensive, vintage chandelier crystals from a lighting shop on 65th Street on Sept. 4, police said.

The crook completed the theft at McDonald Avenue just after 9 am, according to the report. He entered through an unlocked basement door and then fled on foot.

Funds not safe

A criminal stole \$600 from a safe inside a 62nd Street school on Sept. 9.

The miscreant entered the building via a side door on 15th Avenue just after 4:30 am, according to the report, broke into the office, and then cracked open the safe and made off with the cash. Police are reviewing surveillance cameras in the area.

Sinister swinger

A degenerate assaulted another man with a baseball bat on Bay Parkway on Sept. 6.

The fight occurred at Shore Parkway at 9:45 pm, when the more aggressive of the pair — who were already engaged in a dispute — broke the victim's car window with a metal baseball bat.

When the victim tried to snap a photo of the crook, he struck the victim with the bat on his forehead and left arm, causing pain, swelling, and a forehead laceration, according to the report. The victim was transported to Lutheran Hospital and the perp fled towards Bay 38th

Street on the Belt Parkway.

Dropped call

Police arrested a man who they say stole his cab driver's phone on 86th Street on Sept. 6.

The man boarded the cab on Benson Avenue and Bay 28th Street at 9:50 pm and then asked the driver to stop on 86th Street at 21st Avenue, where he then grabbed the driver's phone and fled on foot.

Police caught the man trying to climb a fence back where he had originally caught the cab and arrested him after a short chase.

60TH PRECINCT

CONEY ISLAND-BRIGHTON BEACH-
SEAGATE

Unwelcome visitors

Two crooks ransacked a man's home on Avenue W on Sept. 9 and fled with \$1,800.

The perps knocked on the door of the home near W. 11th Street around 12:30 pm. The victim opened the door and the men entered, quickly covering the victim's mouth while demanding money. The victim pointed to a duffle bag on his living room table where the criminals found and took \$1,800.

The degenerates then took the victim to his bedroom, where he stayed for an hour while they ransacked the rest of the house before fleeing on foot. The victim suffered bruises on his arm, according to cops, who were reviewing surveillance cameras in the area.

Backseat driver

Police arrested a man who they say stole \$70 from a taxi driver before assaulting him on Avenue W on Sept. 9.

The assault occurred around 2:20 pm near Stilwell Avenue, where the man arrived home after the driver initially picked him up on Shore Parkway at Bay 37th Street. The man tried to pay his fare with a \$100 bill, and when the driver did not accept it, he stole \$70 from the driver's center console and punched him in the right side of the face.

Police tracked down the man at his home via the phone number he had used to reserve the cab, but they did not find the cash the driver said he stole.

Rude awakening

A punk broke the front window of a car parked on Brighton Sixth Street on Sept. 4 and then drove it down the street before realizing he had a sleeping passenger in the backseat and fleeing on foot.

The thug got in the car parked between Brighton Beach Avenue and Bridgewater Circle around 6 am and started it by pushing the ignition button.

He drove it about five car lengths before he realized that the owner, sleeping in the back seat, had awakened. Police said they were reviewing footage from surveillance cameras in the area.

— *Julianne McShane*

61ST PRECINCT

SHEEPSHEAD BAY-HOMECREST-
MANHATTAN BEACH-GRAVESEND

Fake out

Three villains faked being cops and threatened a guy with a knife to steal his phone in Mellett Playground on E. 13th Street on Sept. 3, officials said.

The 36-year-old victim told police he was sitting on a bench in the park near Avenue V a little before midnight when the trio of villains came to him, shined a flashlight in his face, and said, "We are the police."

The guy started walking away but the curs again said, "We are the police, we need to see ID," according to authorities. A second malefactor then grabbed the victim from behind and held a knife to his left side and said, "Give me everything you have," officials said.

The victim coughed up his Samsung phone and the three worms fled, police said.

Big bite

Two crooks swiped a bunch of products from an Ocean Avenue drug store on Sept. 5, police said.

A passerby spotted the pair leaving the store near Avenue Z with baby formula and beauty products at about 2 pm and when he went to stop them, the female nogoodnik bit him on the left shoulder, according to authorities. The duo ran off with the stuff worth \$416, officials said.

Record raider

Some baddie swiped a woman's jewelry and bank records from her Avenue V home on Aug. 25, police said.

The 52-year-old woman told police she left her home at about 9 am and when she returned at 3:30 pm, noticed the punk had broken in and stolen her wedding band, bracelet, and bank books, according to authorities.

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Vet preaches the power of the pencil

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

He's No. 1 in No. 2 — pencils!

A Bay Ridge veteran and part-time Istanbul ex-pat encourages Turkish kids to get a good education by teaching them how to draw with pencils emblazoned with the logos of American universities.

Each year, James Faraguna travels from Bay Ridge to Istanbul where he teaches middle school-aged kids English and leads them in an art workshop based on the ones he's taken for 20 years at Brooklyn's Veteran's Administration Hospital in hopes of encouraging the students to be creative and express themselves.

"Shoot for the moon, that should be your goal," he said. "I'm trying to fan the flames to get a fire going."

Faraguna's "Pencils for Peace" is named for his annual pre-trip pencil collection, when he gathered engraved pens and pencils from American colleges and universities for the students to draw with so they have a constant reminder of the higher-education opportunities available in the United States. More than 1,600 pens and pencils had been donated to him by colleges and universities prior to his Sept. 11 departure. (Not to miss an opportunity to get new fans, the Brooklyn Cyclones also gave him 36 baseball caps).

His students are taught to create art based on a word that Faraguna gives them — such as "love," "guidance," or "healing" — and they together work on abstract shapes they take turns drawing.

Faraguna has spent six months of each year in Turkey with his Turkish wife, Günsel Yildirin, for the past 17 years. But he only started "Pencils for Peace" three years ago, with the encouragement of Melanie Zarabi, the coordinator of the VA's creative arts therapy and clubhouse programs.

Zarabi, who has worked on art therapy programs at the hospital for the past 37 years, said Faraguna's passion for art and its power make him the perfect person to lead the program.

"He's very dedicated to his work and he just seems to be so enthusiastic about art and artwork, which he feels has really helped him in his own process in learning more about himself," she said.

In this year's installment Faraguna will work with two public and private school classes of boys and girls



PUTTING PENCILS TO PAPER: Bay Ridge resident James Faraguna collects pencils for his "Pencils for Peace" program.

Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

between the ages of 10 and 13 for about an hour each week.

Faraguna said that after he kicks off the lesson, he forces the children to take charge of their creative processes in order to help them become more confident with independent problem solving and decision-making.

"I'm quiet," he said. "The kids ask, 'Well, what should we do?' And I say, 'Well, you have to decide that. You can figure out what you're doing and do it. You don't need me. What is your brain telling your hand to do?'"

Faraguna was injured when he fell out of a helicopter while studying at West Point in 1974. He then went to study Renaissance art at Urbino University in Italy. Soon after, he received a degree in early childhood special education from Brooklyn College in 1977, and then graduated from New York Law School in 1980. He went on to work as a legal aid criminal defense attorney and also taught at Brooklyn College Academy. He said he has five years of teaching experience and 12 years of coaching experience due, in part, to his years of coaching American football at Sabanci University in Istanbul.

For Faraguna, art is an accessible and universal language of peaceful expression, he said, which keeps him inspired to continue "Pencils for Peace" each year.

"It's fun. Everyone can do art," he said. "What's mightier, the sword or the pen? At this point in my life, I realize, it's the pen."

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BIG BLAZE: A fire broke out in this house on Bay Ridge Parkway between 10th and 11th Avenues Monday night in Dyker Heights. No injuries were reported.

Community News Group / John Napoli

Inferno in Dyker Heights

BY MOSES JEFFERSON

Firefighters extinguished a blaze that chased residents from a two-family home in Dyker Heights on Monday night. No injuries were reported.

Witnesses said the fire seemed to have started in a portion of the building on Bay Ridge Parkway between 10th and 11th streets that was under construction and had no one living in it. Residents in

the portion of the home attached fled when they smelled smoke, the witness said.

Firefighters were on the scene sometime between 8 and 8:30 pm, and while it took them about a half hour to 45 minutes to douse the flames, members of the department worked there through the night.

“There were fireman going in and out non-stop,” the witness said. “It was amazing.”

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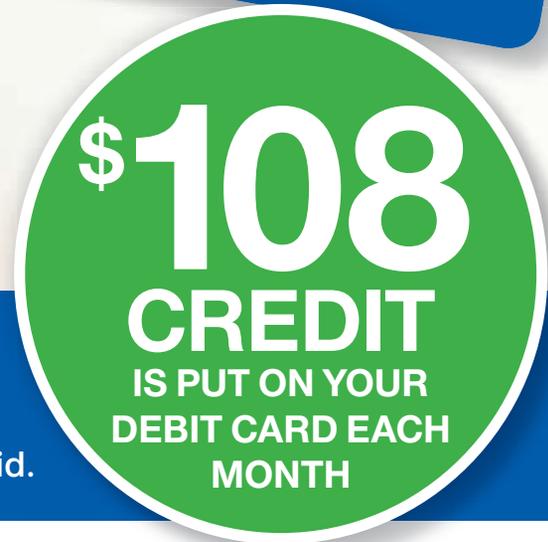
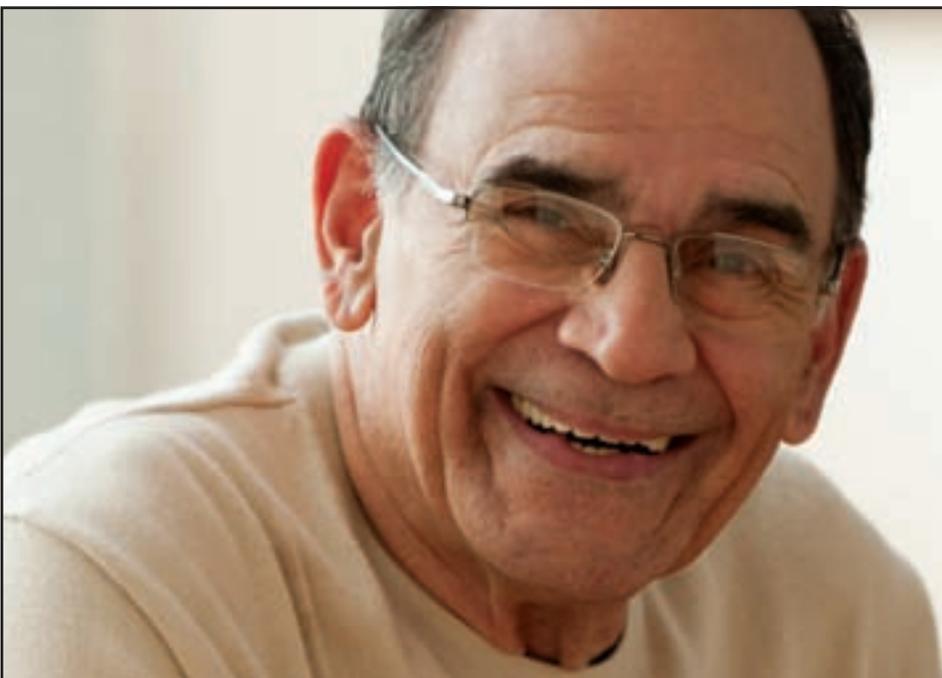
and also spent two years as the deputy director of intergovernmental affairs at the Department of Education. The former punk rocker also owns a children’s art school in Bay Ridge with his wife. In his interview with the Community News Group last month, Brannan pledged to build a school within his first term as a Council member to combat school overcrowding, crack down on landlords creating illegal home conversions, and make drug education and prevention a top priority to curb the opioid epidemic.

Quaglione worked as state Sen. Marty Golden’s deputy chief of staff and press secretary from the time he

joined the office in 1998 until he took a leave of absence on Aug. 1. In his interview with the Community News Group last month, Quaglione promised to build public middle schools in the district in response to overcrowding, push the Department of Buildings to get tough on illegal home conversions, and dedicate funds to building more schools and senior centers rather than safe-injection sites for heroin users, calling on the city to instead work with drug education non-profits.

Brannan is the favorite to win the heavily Democratic district — he received 3,561 primary votes, nearly as many as all the Republican candidates combined — but the district also has a conservative reputation, and is considered one of the few genuinely competitive seats in the city.

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Fall fest at Shorefront Y

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

Families flocked to the first-ever Fall Fest at Brighton Beach's Shorefront Y Jewish community center on Sept. 10 to get in the autumnal spirit. Pleasant end-of-summer weather accompanied the family-friendly event, according to one parent.

"It was beautiful weather and they had nice activities," said Angela Task, who attended with her daughter, Tamarah Haies. "It was very nice. We had a great time."

The event featured healthy snacks, face painting, jewelry making, coloring, karate classes, and breakdance workshops for its littlest attendees. The director of marketing and communications at the Shorefront Y said the fest was also meant to celebrate the upcoming Jewish holidays through activities such as making decorative plates for Rosh Hashanah at the end of this month.

"The purpose of this event was for the community to learn

more about our different programs and upcoming Jewish holidays, while enjoying a gorgeous day in our backyard as a family," said Iona Lyubashevsky.

Another parent said her daughter, who made a bracelet and got her face painted as a butterfly, particularly loved the event's crafty bent.

"She really enjoyed it," said Antonia Vorobeychik of her daughter, Gabriella. "Her favorite thing was arts and crafts."

BIG APPLE: (Above) Tamarah Haies holds up an apple she enjoyed during the Fall Fest at the Shorefront Y on Sept. 10. (Center) Children make fall-inspired crafts during the event. (Left) Mariia Taran and Gabriella Vorobeychik create their fall-themed works of art with paint and beads.

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BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

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COEXISTING: Vehicles returned to Prospect Park's East Drive after a summer-long ban was lifted on Sept. 11, forcing pedestrians and cyclists to share the pavement with cars again. Associated Press / Julie Jacobson

Sharing the pavement

Cars return to Prospect Park's East Drive as summer-long ban ends

BY COLIN MIXSON

It's a park with rides again — for now.

A summer-long ban on cars in Prospect Park ended Sept. 11, allowing rush-hour motorists to return to the green space's East Drive as the city decides whether to permanently exile vehicles from Brooklyn's Backyard, a move that would make the meadow safer for man — and his best friend — according to a dog walker.

"Everyone that I know is for the car ban," said Otto Avila, 50, who frequently walks pups in the park. "I don't have to worry about getting run over by a car, and the dogs don't, too."

The ban, which began on July 17, eliminated a weekday window from 7 to 9 am during which Downtown-bound drivers were permitted to share East Drive with joggers and bicyclists as an alternate, morning-rush route.

It followed Mayor DeBlasio's 2015 edict prohibiting car traffic from Prospect Park's West Drive, a Coney Island-bound, evening-rush detour that was generally less traveled than its sister road on the Prospect Lefferts Gardens side of the lawn.

The city tested the East Drive car ban in the summer because there is less traffic that season — about 300 cars per hour, down from 400 in the fall. But it still hoped to source enough data to determine whether axing vehicle access to the road at all times



Photo by Stefano Giovannini

PARK IT: Dog walker Otto Avila said Prospect Park was safer for him — and his pooches — during a temporary ban on all cars from the meadow's East Drive.

would significantly congest surrounding thoroughfares.

The Department of Transportation will keep surveying the East Drive's effect on area traffic now that it has reopened, and the city is soliciting input from local pols and other stakeholders before making a final decision, according to mayoral spokesman Ben Sarle.

If Hizzoner ultimately decides to permanently ban cars from the park, he'll find a lot of support amongst locals who reside near the beloved green space, according to a Kensington mom.

"The park is an escape," said Gloria St. Cyr, who walks there with her daughter. "I like what the mayor is doing. He's looking out for people and their safety."

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It's bombs away at Kosciuszko Bridge

Span's approaches to be blown up Sept. 24

BY LAUREN GILL

It's about to blow!

The old Kosciuszko Bridge will be blasted into oblivion on Sept. 24, the head of the 94th Precinct announced at a Sept. 6 community forum.

Captain Peter Rose advised locals not to drive that Sunday while the beleaguered Brooklyn-Queens crossing is reduced to rubble.

The 2,400-ton center-section of the 78-year-old span was removed and sailed off

on barges in July, but its approaches in Greenpoint and Queens were left in place and will be detonated by a controlled explosion.

In February, Gov. Cuomo boasted to CBS2 that he wanted to destroy the bridge quickly to make way for the final of two replacement crossings, but the span will go out with more of a whimper than a bang in a series of small, surgical detonations.

The demolition was originally set for this summer,



KABOOM!: The Greenpoint and Queens approaches of the old Kosciuszko Bridge will be reduced to rubble in a controlled explosion on Sept. 24. File photo by Walter Karling

but has been repeatedly delayed, Rose said.

The first of the two new Kosciuszkos opened in April with a light show. And

construction on the second crossing, which is expected to finish in 2020, will begin after the original bridge is blown to dust.

Cops: Utility scam targets small shops

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

Don't believe your caller id!

Small-business owners in Brooklyn are being targeted by telephony grifters posing as Con Edison employees who threaten to shut off electric or gas service if an "overdue bill" is not paid immediately.

Officers were handing out leaflets at the 86th Street subway station in Bay Ridge on Sept. 8, warning residents to hang up the phone if they get a call from someone claiming to be from Con Edison or other utilities and demanding money for a past due bill to ensure continued service.

The scam seems to work because caller identification on victim's phones says the call is coming from the utility company, even though it isn't.

The schemers then ask victims to head to a nearby CVS or other drug store and pay the "bill" using a prepaid gift card.

The NYPD's alert says utilities do not shut off service over the phone, and anyone receiving such a call should end it immediately. If anyone has a question about a bill, he or she should initiate the call to the utility company.

Cops searching for ruffian who shot 25-year-old



UNDER INVESTIGATION: Cops were on the scene on Avenue W.

BY JULIANNE CUBA

Cops are hunting for the bruiser who shot a 25-year-old near a public housing complex on Avenue W on Sept. 9.

The shooter fired one bullet into the

victim's torso near Batchelder Street a little after midnight, according to authorities.

Emergency responders transported the victim to a local hospital with

non-life-threatening injuries, officials said.

Police have not yet made any arrests and the investigation is ongoing, according to authorities.



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Tuesday's Primary Election was largely a victory for incumbents, who won over rivals in the races for mayor, public advocate, and district attorney, as well as every city Council contest in which one competed. But the deep-blue county's Democratic Party machine suffered some losses, in the form of two civil-court seats that went to one insurgent and one independent candidate. Here's our recap of the local primary election results.

38th Council District

Freshman Councilman **Carlos Menchaca** (D-Sunset Park) will likely get to keep his seat for another four years after defeating a quartet of Democratic-primary rivals, including his predecessor and the local Assemblyman.

Menchaca — who faced a stiff challenge from Assemblyman **Felix Ortiz** (D-Sunset Park), former Councilwoman **Sara Gonzalez**, and attorneys **Chris Miao** and **Delvis Valdes** — secured 4,102 votes, just less than half of all ballots cast. Ortiz placed second with 2,777 votes, according to the city's Board of Elections data.

The incumbent took heat from his constituents and challengers for focusing too heavily on national politics rather than his own district, and for the way he handled Superstorm Sandy's aftermath. The influential Patrolmen's Benevolent Association also threw its support and cash behind Ortiz in an attempt to oust Menchaca, claiming he did not support New York's Finest enough.

But Menchaca secured some key endorsements, including that of the *New York Times*, and ultimately claimed victory. He will go on to face Green Party candidate **Carmen Hulburt** in November's general election.

35th Council District

Councilwoman **Laurie Cumbo** (D-Crown Heights) also cinched victory on Tuesday, after a contentious campaign to retain her seat against second-time challenger **Ede Fox**, who lost the same race to Cumbo in 2013. The race drew the second-largest voter turnout in the city, with more than 17,500 votes.

The incumbent, who secured

10,116 votes to Fox's 7,304, faced criticism for her late public opposition to the mayor's controversial plan to turn the city-owned Bedford-Union Armory into luxury condos and apartments. Fox, who fiercely opposed the project, made it her campaign's main platform, which earned her the support of several large unions and political clubs. But Cumbo enjoyed strong support from **Mayor DeBlasio**. She will go on to face Green Party candidate **Jabari Brisport** and Republican **Christine Parker** in November's general election.

In 2013, Cumbo won the seat with 7,561 votes compared to Fox's 5,340, according to city records.

43rd Council District

Bay Ridge native **Justin Brannan**, a former staffer to term-limited Councilman **Vincent Gentile** (D-Bay Ridge) and the DeBlasio administration, claimed victory over his four Democratic primary competitors, winning a little less than 40 percent of the votes, with 3,561. The runner-up, **Rev. Khader El-Yateem**, ran a fierce grass-roots campaign with little institutional support, which earned him 2,879 votes.

And long-time state Sen. **Marty Golden** (R-Bay Ridge) staffer **John Quaglione** won the Republican primary with 1,789 votes. **Liam McCabe**, a former staffer to Rep. **Dan Donovan** (R-Bay Ridge), came in second with 1,153 votes.

Brannan and Quaglione will now duke it out to win November's general election, campaigning for the seat in a district many say is among the borough's most conservative, despite it going for Hillary Clinton in the 2016 general election.

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The run starts at 9:30 am on the Brooklyn side of the **Hugh L. Carey Tunnel**. Due to construction in the tunnel, the run will begin along Richards Street, taking an immediate right onto Hamilton Avenue, then through the tunnel, north onto West Street, left onto Liberty Street, to Battery Park Esplanade, right (east) on Warren Street, right (south) onto West Street, and finish at West and Murray streets, across from the World Trade Center with one block as walk-off area to Vesey Street.

Stephen Siller Foundation (Tunnel2Towers.org).

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Judy, the daughter of a doctor who headed the Pediatrics Department at Maimonides Medical Center, and a mom who instilled the value of giving back to those in need, began to care about folks in her community long before her rise in the business world. Not only a partner in the internationally known **TAO Group**, a restaurant and entertainment company, she also takes the time to mentor young professionals as well as leads various charitable causes including **Autism Speaks**, **Charity Water**, **Covenant House** and the **American Cancer Society**.

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Standing O salutes Judy as a Winning Woman.

SAVE THE DATE

Tower run

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The 5K run and walk commemorates the patriotic sacrifice and selfless courage of 9-11's fallen heroes as well as FDNY firefighter **Stephen Siller** by retracing his final footsteps. The annual event has become an iconic tribute to not only the 343 firefighters, but



GIVING HATS: From left, Dr. Charles Hall, commander of American Legion Post 213; Derrick Smith, manager of National Grid, Keith Rooney director at National Grid; Bruce Copney, founder and past commander of Post 213; Eversley Corbin, program director for the Underserved, and Renee McClure, manager at National Grid.

Hard hat sale funds vet programs

PARK SLOPE

Take your hats off for the **National Grid veteran employees** and the **American Legion Sd1 Dorie Miller USN Memorial Post 213 and Services for the Underserved**.

The resource group sold more than 570 specially designed camouflage hard hats. The sale, coupled with a contribution from National Grid, raised more than \$12,800, which will help the two organizations support programs that help the borough's vets.

For Gulf War veteran **S. Rambarran**, the Dorie Miller Post and Services for the Underserved impacted his life.

"My family is the American Legion and because they helped me in my time of need I want to help agencies like SUS to reach out to other veterans," he said.

"On behalf of the American Legion Post 213 and SUS we are grateful for the support," said **Dr. Charles Hall**, commander of the American Legion Post 213. "This donation will

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"As a Marine veteran I understand the unique challenges when transitioning to civilian life and a career. We're honored to help put veterans to work at National Grid; we currently employ more than 700 veterans across our company with 125 right here in the New York Metro area and are committed to growing that number," said **Keith Rooney**, director of the Community and Customer Management at National Grid.

The camouflage hard hat donation took place at **Genesis II Veterans Residence** in East New York, a housing complex where 50 of the units are set aside for homeless disabled veterans.

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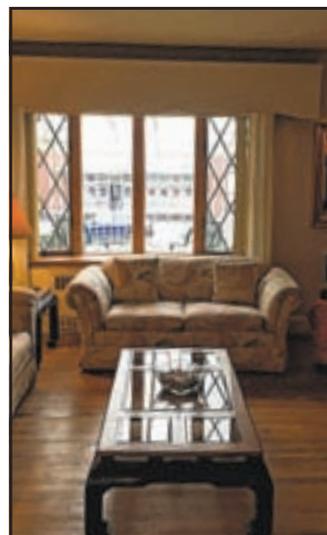
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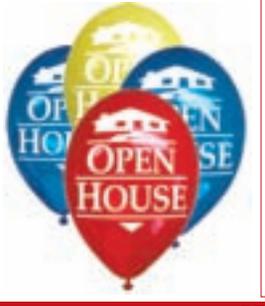


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34th Council District

Incumbent Councilman **Antonio Reynoso** (D-Williamsburg) defeated his sole challenger, Bushwick district leader **Tommy Torres**, and will retain his seat after winning 6,452 votes compared to Torres's 3,527.

40th Council District

Incumbent **Mathieu Eugene** (D-Flatbush) staved off challenges from three rivals to keep his seat. He received 5,414 votes and challenger **Brian Cunningham** placed second with 3,991.

41st Council District

Brownsville native **Alicka Ampry-Samuel** cruised to victory over her eight competitors to succeed term-limited Councilwoman **Darlene Mealy** (D-Bedford-Stuyvesant). The former chief-of-staff to Assemblywoman **Latrice Walker** (D-Brownsville) got 3,320 votes. Second place went to **Henry Butler**, the district manager of Community Board 3, with 2,318 votes.

42nd Council District

Incumbent Councilwoman **Inez Barron** (D-Canarsie) will keep her seat after beating challenger **Mawuli Hormeku** with 7,253 votes, compared to Hormeku's 1,392.

44th Council District

Councilman **David Greenfield** (D-Midwood) announced his resignation from Council earlier this summer, but did so too late to allow for a Democratic primary, which allowed him to hand-pick ally **Kalman Yeger** as his Democratic successor. But Yeger still faces competition from **Yoni Hikind** — the son of Assemblyman **Dov Hikind** (D-Midwood) — who will run on the independent "Our Neighborhood" party line in November's election.

45th Council District

Incumbent Councilman **Jumaane Williams** (D-Midwood) easily fended off rival **Lou Cespedes**, earning 8,588 votes compared to his competitor's 904.

48th Council District

Incumbent Councilman **Chaim Deutsch** (D-Sheepshead Bay) cruised to victory over challenger **Marat Filler**, with 3,563 votes compared to Filler's 829. Deutsch will go on to face Republican **Steve Saperstein** in November's general election.

Civil Court

So-called insurgent candidate **Sandra Roper** and independent attorney **Ellen Edwards** won two seats on the civil-court bench, dealing a small blow to Brooklyn Democratic Party boss **Frank Seddio**, who pushed to fill the five seats up for reelection with incumbents.

Party-backed candidates **Robin Sheares**, **Frederick Arriaga**, **David Pepper**, **Connie Melendez**, and **Patria Frias-Colon** faced challenges from Edwards — who ran on her own — and the rival slate of insurgents headed by **Gary Tilzer**, which included Roper, **Patrick Haynes**, **Isiris Isella Isaac**, **Thomas Kennedy**, and **John O'Hara**.

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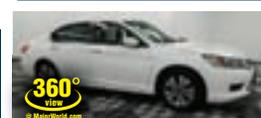
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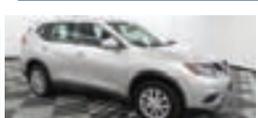
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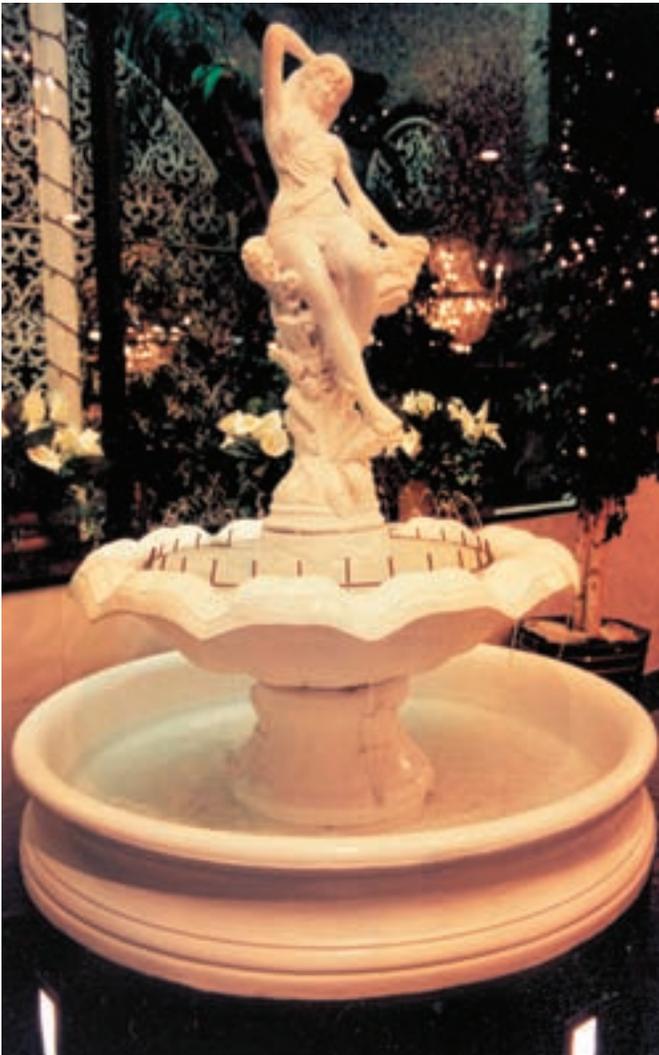
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There should be free lunch, for some

To the editor,

Absolutely ridiculous to give all New York City students free lunch. Those students whose parents can readily afford to pay for their children's lunch should do so. By doing this, we are setting up a real welfare state. To avoid children being stigmatized for being eligible for free lunch, this problem could easily be solved by assigning all students computerized cards indicating privately which child is eligible for free lunch and those who are not.

Each time a child who was not eligible for free lunch gets lunch, the parents would be billed via credit card with all money due by the end of the month. No one would know except the family, the child and the school officials, who should pay and who should not.

Anyway, what sort of lunches continue to be served? Just recently we heard of contaminated chicken being given away to the homeless shelters. When I taught, students received the worst possible food imaginable. I would like to have invited in school officials into school cafeterias for them to get a whiff of what was being sold. On days when frankfurters and beans were served, you had to walk away from the stench. The food served was unfit for human consumption. They had the nerve to call this nutritious?

So let's see. The taxpayers will have to pay for lunches for all children. Only our so called progressive leaders would favor this system. As stated, we're creating a welfare state and the federal government should step in to stop this outrage.

Ed Greenspan
Sheepshead Bay

Bridge fan

To the editor,

The construction on the new Belt Parkway-Mill Basin Bridge (overpass?) is continuing at a rapid rate. Over this weekend I, and many others, got to see the work close up when the venerable old Mill Basin drawbridge opened for boat traffic underneath.

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SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

The new road looks to be a world-class highway with glistening concrete ribbons of roadway sweeping up and over the creek below. Like its cousins, the new Tappan Zee Bridge and the Kosciuszko, it will partially open to traffic, I'm told, in 2018, carrying the six lanes of vehicles while the old bridge is razed and work completed for additional lanes on the new span.

This old drawbridge has been in faithful service since Robert Moses designed and built our parkway system in the 1930s. It has caused many a traveler over the past decades, driving everything from the Model T to the latest luxury vehicle from Germany, fits when it opened for boat traffic, thus stopping all movement on the parkway.

I believe that it is the very last of the drawbridges on our parkway system to be replaced. Wouldn't it be nice if our community paper, serving this area, does a nice article on the history of his bridge with interviews of the operators? (Anyone but the talking heads and politicians). Anyone traveling across the bridge would look back with a tinge of sadness, though bolstered by happiness, that the old bridge is gone, never to open again, giving everyone pause during his or her travels!

Robert W. Lobenstein
Marine Park

More kindness

To the editor,

I felt inspired by reading this article ("Hero Dad Jumps In," Harbor Watch, Sept. 1 edition) about a courageous Marine! What a welcome relief from all the drama and sensationalist news! Please print more stories of the indomitable human spirit. We need to practice more random acts of kindness.

By the way, I was privileged to save someone's life by doing the Heimlich maneuver while at a gathering. It's an indescribable, awesome feeling! Unknowingly, my future husband and mother-in-law were at this gathering, witnessing this event!

So, I encourage all the readers and their loved ones to take a first aid course and learn the Heimlich maneuver and CPR like that Marine did! You never know when it'll come in handy. Anoxia sets in after four minutes of oxygen deprivation, so quick action and know how are of paramount importance!

Shoshana
Flatbush

Help mom and pop

To the editor,

In this economic climate it is difficult enough for mom-and-pop retail stores to survive ("Taking mom and pop to court: Lawyers using federal law to serially sue local small businesses" by Colin Mixson, online Aug. 25). One has only to look at the number of vacancies on Fifth and Seventh avenues to understand this. They don't need a handicapped person with a chip on his shoulder from Queens trying to extort money from them.

As a handicapped old person I relish the mom-and-pop restaurants and shops in my neighborhood and have found their owners helpful and accommodating. I resent a handicapped man with an attitude trying to close these stores.

A vibrant retail street benefits a neighborhood. So what if I can't go into every store? Not every store can be reconfigured easily to meet Mr. Torres's specifications, and I do just fine. Mr. Torres should get over himself.

Bob
Park Slope

Have a burger

To the editor,

Why not participate in National Cheeseburger Day, on Monday, Sept. 18? Ignore all Health Food Police rants about how unhealthy hamburgers are. Treat yourself and go to your favorite fast food, diner, restaurant or steak house and order a cheeseburger. Pile on the toppings including cheese, sauteed onions, tomatoes, pickles and whatever else suites your fancy. Don't forget your side order of French fries. Hamburgers and fries are an authentic American tradition that should continue to be celebrated all year around.

In these difficult economic times, it is especially important to patronize your local fast food, diner, restaurant or steak house.

My wife and I don't mind occasionally paying a little more to help our local businesses survive. Don't forget your cook and server at your favorite local neighborhood restaurant. We try to tip 20 percent against the total bill including taxes. If it is an odd amount, we round up to the next dollar. If we can afford to eat out, we can afford an extra dollar tip. When ordering take-out, we always leave a dollar or two for the waiter or cook. It is appreciated.

Remember these people are our

neighbors. Our local entrepreneurs have continued to create new employment opportunities without the assistance of federally-funded taxpayers' stimulus dollars. They work long hours, pay taxes and provide local employment. If we don't patronize our local restaurants, they don't eat either.

Larry Penner
Long Island

He's in

Acting District Attorney Eric Gonzalez is now Kings County's District Attorney, after blowing his rival Democrats out of the water in Tuesday's primary election that saw no Republicans compete for the seat ("Eric Gonzalez wins DA Democratic primary, vows to continue predecessor's progressive legacy," by Julianne Cuba, online Sept. 13).

Gonzalez was predicted to remain the chief legal eagle — he received the most prominent endorsements, amassed the biggest war chest, and enjoyed the advantages of incumbency. But many questioned whether he is a true reformer who would follow in the footsteps of his late predecessor, Ken Thompson, a staunch advocate of overturning wrongful convictions.

Here are the comments of some post-primary, Wednesday morning quarterback:

Criminals are dancing in the streets tonight. Close jails, eliminate bail, let people pee all over the streets, let muggers jump turnstiles to rob victims in the subway. Get ready to live in East Chicago until enough people get mugged and come to their senses.

Henry Ford from Bay Ridge

Come meet the new boss, same as the old boss. **Jim from Cobble Hill**

"Progressive." Really?
Bob Scott from Brooklyn Heights

Did this guy win for promising to not follow to most laws? As we know, the competition was who would observe the least number of laws. Good for this guy. Laws are repressive. We're all progressive! I'm going to celebrate his victory by knocking over a Christopher Columbus statue.

Garth from Fort Greene

If you don't prosecute, then you can point out that "crime is down" Neat Trick!

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Let's be prepared for the next hurricane

I'm writing this column on 9-11, sitting in my office just a few blocks away from where that tragedy occurred 16 years ago. I've recently spent time at the 7 World Trade Center building that was erected a few years ago, a towering tribute to our city's ability to bounce back and soar higher in the wake of devastation. That building was built better and more resilient so that what occurred on 9-11 can never happen again.

I'm remembering that fateful day that changed our city and our country forever while I'm watching on television the devastation of Florida and the Caribbean this past weekend, when a hurricane left so much damage on a large swath of the southern United States. I can't help thinking of Hurricane Sandy, which occurred just five years ago and which took so long to recover from.

While we must remain extremely vigilant so that terrorists can't repeat the 9-11 attack on our shores, we must also be sure we protect ourselves from the inevitable next hurricane that will hit



POLITICAL SPIN CYCLE

Tom Allon

New York. I recently read a climate expert saying that a mega hurricane like Sandy is likely to hit New York at least every 25 years or less. Because there is no way of knowing when the next one might hit, we have to start protecting ourselves now.

When Sandy hit in 2012, there were many elected leaders clamoring for initia-

tives to bolster our defenses against the next one. Building barriers near low-lying areas, elevating entrances to our subway stations near sea level and other smart public policy ideas were advanced. As far as I can tell, however, the city has done little to follow up on this.

It's human nature to forget about a problem once it's pretty far in the rear-view mirror. It is easier to focus on what's going on now, but it is misguided to think that these issues will resolve themselves or just go away. As almost every climate scientist has told us in recent weeks, the warming of the oceans means that future storms are going to pack even more punch than they have before. The next Sandy-like storm in New York could be even more damaging and since we are a coastal city we are right in harm's way.

So on a very macro level, we have to push our local and federal leaders to address climate change. More green energy, fuel efficient cars and many other changes need to be accelerated — if we don't

slow down the warming of our oceans, things are going to get very dire even faster than we thought. We're in the middle of a mayoral election campaign — a tepid one at best — that allows voters to demand that Mayor DeBlasio outline his plans to protect us from the next storm. Next year, Gov. Cuomo is up for reelection, affording us another opportunity to escalate our concerns that New York become inoculated against the kind of devastation we saw in Texas last week and in Florida this weekend.

Not to be even more of a downer, but lost in all the hurricane coverage is the scary earthquake in Mexico that killed more than 60 people and wrecked many buildings. New York is on a fault line and many scientists have predicted that one day we may also experience the kind of rumblings that our friends in California have routinely suffered. What are we doing to protect ourselves from that earth-shaking possibility?

In the meantime, let's count our blessings and send

our donations to the Red Cross for the rebuilding efforts in Houston and Florida. Let's study what other countries on the water have done to fortify themselves against hurricanes. What have countries that are on fault lines done to protect themselves from earthquakes?

The most important thing we ask of government is to keep us safe. Fortunately, this administration and its predecessors have done amazing work to tame crime in New York. But now, let's shift some of that focus on the potential disasters that loom due to nature. And let's do all we can to make sure we do much less to make these natural disasters worse because of man-made pollution.

Our children's future — and our planet — are at stake.

Tom Allon, president of City & State NY, was a Republican and Liberal Party-backed mayoral candidate in 2013 before he left to return to the private sector. Reach him at tallon@cityandstateny.com.

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

Daydreaming

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

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

Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

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

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

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

Reading

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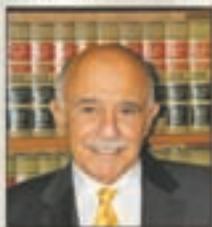
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LUCKY NUMBER FOUR: Cadet Meghan Copenhaver, front, is a fourth-generation paratrooper. Photo by Markeith Horace

Cadet jumped into the history books

HARBOR WATCH

Service members wearing olive-green helmets marked with black numbers and letters lined up on the steps of the Airborne School as they waited their turn to practice their parachute landing falls.

In the crowd, one Army Reserve Officer Training Corps cadet wore a helmet with the letter and numbers C30 printed on it.

Of the 30 women who started this journey in Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Cadet Meghan Copenhaver is one of the 12 who made it to graduation. Nonetheless, it's not the number 30 or the number 12 that sets this particular woman apart from her peers; it's the number four. Copenhaver is the Army's first fourth-generation paratrooper.

Copenhaver's parents and her maternal grandfather and maternal great-grandfather all graduated from the Airborne School. Her great-grandfather, John Anderson Hughes, jumped into Sainte-Mère-Église, France, just east of Normandy Beach, on D-Day. He was a master parachutist who served in World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam and retired

from the Army as a colonel. Her grandfather, William Hughes, also a retired Army colonel, was the featured speaker at the Aug. 18 graduation ceremony.

"It's kind of scary, but it's also amazing," said Copenhaver, who is approaching her junior year as a training corps cadet at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Va. "I came to Airborne School because I wanted to get my wings, distinguish myself as a cadet, and prepare myself for a good career. Now, I'm able to follow in their footsteps in my own way and make my own path, and do what my family did before me."

"Sophomore year of high school is when I threw around the idea, because that's when you start really thinking about what you want to do in life, and where you want to go to school," she said.

"When I got my ROTC scholarship, I knew I wanted to do everything to distinguish myself as a cadet, so when the opportunity arose in freshman year, I put my name in for Airborne and another ROTC program called Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency, where

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Voice is his service

Singing is this major's calling in the Army

HARBOR WATCH

Army Maj. Edgar I. Quinones-Marin, a program analyst at the National Guard Bureau, never expected to be the go-to soldier to sing patriotic songs at events and ceremonies in the national capital region. But a promotion ceremony more than 10 years ago started him on that path.

The event's honoree expressed dissatisfaction that the national anthem at the ceremony would be a recorded version. What he really wanted was a live performer, said Quinones-Marin, who had a simple suggestion: "I've sung before in school and church," he said he told the man. "I can hook you up with that."

With little preparation, he belted out the national anthem, and word got around that his talent extended past his military role.

Now, Quinones-Marin said, he averages three engagements per month at locations such as the Pentagon, Arlington National Cemetery, the National Archives and others.

"The biggest compliment I can get is when people tell me they get goosebumps when I sing, because they know what the song means, and they are feeling what I'm feeling when I sing it," he said.

Maintaining focus

Quinones-Marin credits his ability to focus when singing to military discipline, as well as to a love for the performing arts he discovered as a 10-year-old in his native Puerto Rico.

"I sang in a church group with some friends, but eventually the musical director realized I stood out," he said. A solo hobby was born, and churches would turn into larger settings, such as the time he sang "God Bless America" as part of a half-



OH SAY CAN YOU SING: Army Maj. Edgar Quinones-Marin sings the National Anthem during pregame festivities on July 10, at Potomac Nationals Stadium in Woodbridge, Va. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Erich B. Smith

time show at a Washington Redskins game in September 2015.

Though the venue was larger than anything he had done on a military installation, Quinones-Marin said, he relies on two methods when preparing for a performance: warming up the throat muscles and focusing on a small fraction of the crowd. "You can only see 20 to 25 people when you are wearing an Army service uniform cap," he explained.

Although singing in a football stadium was a memorable occasion for him, Quinones-Marin said, a chapel was the location of his most important performance.

"A chaplain asked me to sing 'Amazing Grace' at Fort

Myer's Memorial Chapel for Army Guard and active [component] soldiers who were killed in Iraq," he said. "It was a moment that I felt I was really bringing something to the table, trying to let them know how appreciative we all were for their service."

Spirited approach

Though he admires a variety of renditions of "The Star-Spangled Banner," Quinones-Marin said, a soldier must approach the time-honored national anthem in a spirited, yet conservative way.

"When I sing it, it's simple and to the point," he said. "It's about the story of a battle, and as soldiers we can pretty much identify ourselves with what's going on."

JUMPER

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you can travel. I got CULP instead, so I went to Africa instead of Airborne last summer," Copenhaver said.

"The opportunity arose this year, and I asked my cadre if I would be eligible, and they said yes based on my high physical fitness scores, grade point average, and persistence in the program of being a good cadet, so I got the slot, which was very exciting for me," she said.

Copenhaver said she began an intense workout regimen before she left for the school, taking advice from her friends who had attended Airborne School, as well as from her father.

"My dad shared a workout program with me that I followed, which was a lot of cardio-based and upper body," she said. "I went to the gym every day and ran four times a week up to six miles a day."

Copenhaver's mother, Carolyn Hughes, helped her daughter prepare as well.

"First and foremost, anybody that she would talk to would tell her to keep her feet and knees together [when landing after a jump], so that came up in about every conversation that we had to kind of engrain it in her brain," Hughes said.

"We focused a lot on the physiological aspects of the course, and the things she might be exposed to, and how she could mitigate some of that away," Hughes said. "As a woman, biologically and physiologically we're built a little differently than men ... so her being of sound mind and body was going to be critical and essential for her to be able to get through the course."

Copenhaver reported for school four days before her start date in order to acclimate herself to the new environment. She said her experiences were challenging, but fun.

"There are some days where we're running — like we've had a couple of five-milers, and I'm fit to run the five miles — but we run it at a pretty fast pace, so I have to focus on breathing and push through," she said.

During swing landing training, where trainees practice their landing techniques, Copenhaver hit her head a couple of times after jumping from the platform, but she didn't let that discourage her.

"I was like, 'You know what? Get yourself together. You need to qualify, so you can jump,'" she said, describing the pep talk she had with herself that day.

Outside of making her fam-

ily proud, Copenhaver said she doesn't believe in quitting or giving up no matter how hard something may seem.

"I don't let myself get to the mentality of, 'I can't do it.' There's never, 'I can't,'" she said. "It's whether or not I'm going to have to push really hard. On certain days when we're running everywhere in boots and full uniform with our kits and everything, it sucks, and sometimes I don't know how far we're going to run, but I just tell myself to get my breathing under control, and just push because no one else is going to fall out. There's never been a time in my life where I have let myself quit."

"Every day single day that we would talk in the morning or in the evening when she was done with training, first and foremost I would tell her that I was proud of her," Hughes said.

"My grandfather has been the happiest man ever since he heard I was going to Airborne School," Copenhaver said. "My uncle texted me, and he was so excited. He said, 'This is for the family. You got this.'"

Outside of the constant motivation and support from her family, Copenhaver said the training she received from her instructors helped her to prepare for her first jump. She said she felt ready after completing mass exit training, which teaches the trainees how to properly exit an aircraft.

"I felt very confident after that, and I called my dad that night and said, 'I'm so ready to jump out of an airplane now,'" she said.

On Aug. 14, she got her chance and completed her first jump. The view on the way down, she said, was beautiful, if only for a second.

"You really don't have much time to take it in," she said. "You have to focus on pulling your slips and get ready to go. It was amazing. It was something I wasn't expecting."

"She was really, really excited, and she said she felt exhilarated," Hughes said, recalling the conversation she had with her daughter. "She had a phenomenal experience."

Although Copenhaver graduating from Airborne School means a lot to her family, Hughes said it's more than just her adding to the family lineage.

"There's not a day that goes by that I don't thank the Lord that I have such a phenomenal child who is willing and capable to carry not only the family torch and legacy for family service, but is just a dynamic and very strong, young woman," Hughes said.

Academy was the road to his future



WHEEL OF NAMES: Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division Chief Engineer Capt. Michael Ladner stands proudly next to the wheel-shaped plaque that bears the names of all warfare center division chief engineers who served before him.

Photo by Brian Melanephy

HARBOR WATCH

In the early 1980s, a young, smart and motivated teen from New England was looking down the road to his future. College was his next step.

Michael Ladner was looking for the best. At first, he had the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in his sights. However, he quickly realized that the cost of an education at the prestigious university was out of his reach.

Ladner found the perfect match: the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

He was selected and entered the academy, becoming part of a group of young patriots who would become the Class of 1989. Their unofficial motto quickly became "Out the door in '94" — give five years of service to Uncle Sam upon graduation, and then move on to other things.

The early years of his career went quickly, and suddenly it was 1993. Ladner was thinking about getting out until he received an offer he couldn't refuse. He remembers the phone call vividly.

"[I] called the detailer and they said, 'We can send you to Monterey, Calif., to go get a master's degree from the Navy,'" Ladner, who's now a Navy captain, recalled. "I said, 'Wow, how do I turn that down?'"

Toward the end of his two-plus years in Monterey,

a Master of Science in Physics degree in hand, Ladner received a lateral transfer to the engineering duty officer community, and found himself at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division. It was his first shore assignment, where he served as the combat systems ship qualifications trials officer.

Ladner moved on to become the first standard missile program manager's representative at the Raytheon Missile Systems plant in Tucson, Ariz. Moving from the sea to the sand, he served what he didn't yet know would not be his last assignment in the desert. From there, he moved on to Program Executive Office Integrated Warfare Systems 3.0, where he served as the Standard Missile 6 project engineer.

After his next assignment as executive assistant to the Navy's director of surface warfare, he volunteered to go to Iraq for nine months as an individual augmentee at Joint Crew Composite Squadron 1. There, he touched all facets of the fielding and testing of countermeasures to disrupt and disable remote-controlled improvised explosive devices. His efforts were highly successful, resulting in safer travels for service members outside the wire.

His deployment did not go unnoticed. At the end of his tour, Ladner was hand-picked by the commander of Naval Sea Systems Command to be

his executive assistant. After this eye-opening experience, he moved on to become the major program manager for Program Executive Office Integrated Warfare Systems 10.0, which evolved into the Ship Self-Defense System, Integrated Combat Systems Program Office.

Ladner then served in consecutive major program manager assignments at Program Executive Office Integrated Warfare Systems 3.0 (Surface Ship Weapons). At the end of these back-to-back tours, he got word he was returning here as the department officer for the chief engineer and land and sea test department.

Happy to be back at the division, Ladner beams with pride when he looks at the wheel-shaped plaque hanging in his office.

"I am looking at the wheel on the wall, which has all of the chief engineers that have been here at Port Hueneme," Ladner said. "It's inspiring for me to think that I am sitting in the same room where I did my engineering duty qualification board."

Ladner cut his teeth here 20 years ago, and now has an opportunity to shape and mold its future from a place at the top.

"It is now my time to give back to the community, the station [and Naval Sea Systems Command] for all of the great things they have done for me," he said.

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Gene therapy



A little help from his friends: Eugene Mirman, right, is excited to perform with Reggie Watts at his 10th and final Eugene Mirman Comedy Festival this weekend.

David Andracko

Catch the final Eugene Mirman Comedy Fest

By Bill Roundy

He loves you, but he's chosen Massachusetts.

This weekend's 10th-annual Eugene Mirman Comedy Festival will be the final blow-out for the silly, sincerely ironic extravaganza that has drawn big-name comedians to the Gowanus area for the last decade. Festival founder and former Brooklynite Eugene Mirman says that, since he moved to Cape Cod two years ago, it is has become increasingly difficult to organize the annual Brooklyn gathering. But he wants borough residents to know that it wasn't us — it was him.

"Brooklyn did not drive me away," said Mirman, who lived in Park Slope for 16 years. "I had a child, and I wanted to be closer to family, closer to Massachusetts."

The annual gathering is going out with a bang, with musician and comedian

Reggie Watts flying in to host one show and perform in several more, along with an all-star lineup of comics including Bobcat Goldthwait, Whoopie Goldberg, Jim Gaffigan, David Cross, and Ophira Eisenberg, among many, many others.

This year's fest will include 14 shows over five days, several of them with amusing and accurately described titles, including the headliner "A Festival That Was Just Supposed to Be a One Year Joke: The 10th Year Anniversary Show," and the young comedian showcase "Yikes! Most of These Comedians Were Born After Police Academy 2 Was in Theaters."

Mirman doesn't remember what prompted him to put on the first show, but he kept it going for a simple reason.

"We put one on, it was really fun, and we kept doing it," he said.

The festival started at the Bell House,

and has since grown to include shows at Union Hall, as well as a giant annual "Star Talk" presentation hosted by Mirman and popular scientist Neil deGrasse Tyson, happening this year at Kings Theatre in Flatbush on Sept. 18.

In addition to stand-up shows and a live recording of Mirman's podcast "Hold On," the festival will have its usual dose of random, amusing activities between and after shows. This year, those include a session of career advice from a unicyclist and an after-party featuring people dressed as Vice President Mike Pence. Mirman says that he tries not to overthink these projects — he just wants them to be fun.

"I think there's something really enjoyable about a party with five to 10 people dressed as Mike Pence, but I can't really put my finger on why, other than it makes me smile," he said.

The final show of the event is titled "This Is Probably The Last Show Of Our Last Festival, But Who Knows, The Eagles Got Back Together and I Only Moved To Massachusetts," which leaves the door open for another gathering in the future. But regardless of what happens with the festival, Mirman said that he will be back in Brooklyn again.

"We'll probably do shows at the Bell House again. It's not like we're a band getting divorced," said Mirman. "It's just a lot of work to produce a festival for no reason."

Eugene Mirman Comedy Festival at the Bell House (149 Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues in Gowanus) and at Union Hall (702 Union St. between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope, www.eugenemirmancomedyfestival.com). Sept. 15–19 at various times. \$15–\$55.

SHAKE IT OFF

Burlesque fest shimmies into B'klyn

By Julianne McShane

Their talent is busting out!

The 15th annual New York Burlesque Festival will kick off its clothes — and four nights of shimmying strip-tease — with a “Teaser Party” at the Bell House on Sept. 21. The host of the sexy starting show is a veteran mover and shaker in the burlesque scene: the World Famous *Bob*. The former Brooklynite, who recently relocated to Austin, Texas after 21 years of living in Williamsburg and Greenpoint, said she is excited to return home and to host the festival’s first night.

“It’s exciting to be at the beginning of the event,” she said. “We get to pop the cork on the champagne bottle and the rest of the weekend is watching the bubbles come out.”

The opening evening will feature more than 20 performers from near and far, including Brooklyn burlesque teacher and international performer Darlinda Just Darlinda, who *Bob* praises for her unique performance style.

“She’s an incredible burlesque star who heavily mixes in elements of performance art, which lend an unexpected layer to her work,” she said.

And for those who prefer some beef with their cheesecake, the Thursday night show will highlight boylesque stars Chris Harder, a well-rounded performer who is also a playwright and actor, and Jacques



Pretty in pink: The World Famous *Bob* will host the kick-off Teaser Party for the 15th Annual New York Burlesque Festival at the Bell House on Sept. 21.

Bob Debris

Patriaque, who launched Europe’s first boylesque festival in Vienna.

The second night of the festival will also take place in Brooklyn, with the “Premiere Party” going down at Williamsburg’s Brooklyn Bowl on Sept. 22. The show will feature alt-burlesque performer Velocity Chyald, who *Bob* said brings an unorthodox style to her strip-tease.

“She’s a very outlandish performer,” she said. “She’s very liberating.”

The festival will conclude with several performances on the distant island of Manhattan. In total, the four-day event will feature five shows and more than 100 saucy

performers.

Bob encourages newcomers to burlesque and longtime fans alike to come out and see some of the best performers on the scene.

“This is really a rare opportunity where people travel from all over the world to be on the same stage at the same time,” she said. “It’s just show-stopper after showstopper. These are people that have a lot of skill under their G-strings, for sure.”

The Teaser Party at the Bell House (149 Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues in Gowanus, www.thenewyorkburlesquefestival.com). Sept. 21 at 8 pm. \$20 (\$15 in advance).

She’s feeling blue

By Lauren Gill

Call it sludgie in the sky.

A Gowanus artist has transformed images of the notorious canal’s oil-slick surface into gorgeous sky-blue flags, now flying high over Brooklyn’s Nautical Purgatory. This Saturday, she will lead a boat tour along the polluted waterway, offering a unique view of the “Cloud Drift” art installation and of the wide-open skies that inspired it.

“It’s a unique part of the neighborhood. You can actually see the sky in that part of Gowanus in a way that you can’t in a lot of other places in the city,” said Katarina Jerinic.

Jerinic took photos of the Lavender Lake’s surface, then developed the images onto four flags using cyanotype, a 19th-century printing process that makes monochromatic blue and white images. The streamers fly above the canal’s pedestrian crossings, at the Union Street, Third Street, and Ninth

Street bridges. A fourth flag flew from the Carroll Street Bridge, until some prankster recently stole it, Jerinic said.

The project is designed to elevate people’s views of the murky canal, which is painted with slicks from the toxic chemicals lurking in its waters, according to Jerinic.

“What I really wanted to do was put the canal up into the sky — to make a mirror of the space we pass over and under everyday,” she said.

For Saturday’s excursion, she will partner with canal boating group the Gowanus Dredgers to provide information about the flags and the waterway’s past. Jerinic led a similar excursion in July, which she says gave boaters a fresh perspective on the polluted passage.

The canal is a federal Superfund site, and its long-awaited cleanup began last year. Jerinic hopes her flags will highlight the waterway’s importance in the neighborhood,



Oh cyan can you see: The flags of “Cloud Drift” were created using cyanotype, a 19th-century printing process that makes blue and white images.

Photo by Erin Lefevre

despite its dirty past.

“It’s part of this thing that’s defined the character of the neighborhood,” she said. “My project points out and calls attention to it.”

Following the tour, attendees can unwind from their journey with beers at the Gowanus Dredgers boathouse.

Cloud Drift canoe tour at Gowanus Dredgers Canoe Club (166 Second St. at Bond Street in Gowanus, www.gowanussouvenir.com). Sept. 16 at 4:30 pm. Free.



When in Rome: Owners Michele Baldacci, Michael Schall, and Rocco Spagnardi enjoy a freshly prepared Capricciosa pinsa at Camillo on Nostrand Avenue, which opens on Sept. 19.

Photo by Erin Lefevre

True Romans

New Italian spot will offer a pinsa the pie

By Julianne Cuba

ay Saluti!

A new Italian eatery will start sling-fresh pies and pastas in the heart of Prospect Lefferts Gardens next week. The three owners of Camillo, opening on Sept. 19, already run a Tuscan restaurant in Clinton Hill, but their new Nostrand Avenue joint will focus on foods native to the city of Rome, said one owner.

“We’re known for being a very traditional Tuscan restaurant, so I see what we’re doing as bringing a little slice of real Italy to Brooklyn,” said Michael Schall, who also co-owns Locanda Vini e Olii. “And so we wanted to do that again but offer a different slice. One of the things we’re really excited about is we’re doing a certain type of pizza that’s not really around in too many place, especially in New York. It’s the ancient precursor to basically all Roman-style pizza that most of us know.”

The Roman speciality pie is called pinsa. Its dough is made using a mix of grains, which has to rise over two to five days, and it is cooked at a lower temperature — all of which makes its crust more durable and crispy, said Schall.

“Pinsa is less glutinous, more durable crust — it’s really good for take-away or the next day,” he said.

Schall recommends trying the Pinsa al Tartufo, made with imported Italian black truffles, smoked

buffalo mozzarella, and asparagus.

Camillo will also serve up some delicious pasta dishes native to the city of Rome, including popular favorite Carbonara, Cacio e Pepe, and Amatriciana. At the bar, visitors can sample from a long list of Italian wines, beers, and several variations on the Negroni cocktail.

The eatery takes over a long-shuttered spot once occupied by a neighborhood watering hole, and locals are already lining up to see its replacement, said Schall.

“This used to be a bar, the neighborhood dive bar called Maximillian Bells. Everyone’s really happy we took over the space and are doing something nice here,” he said.

The trio anticipates the eatery will offer a new option for families looking for an authentic, casual Italian sit-down meal in their neighborhood, said Schall.

“I think it’ll definitely stand out, judging from reactions from our neighbors, who have all been so supportive,” he said. “We sort of established ourselves as one of the first sit-down places to go to. One of the big markets that we were going for here is families, because there’s a lot of families who live in the neighborhood.”

Camillo (1146 Nostrand Ave. between Midwood Street and Rutland Road in Prospect Lefferts Gardens, www.camillobk.com). Opens Sept. 19.



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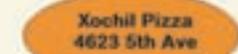
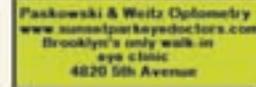
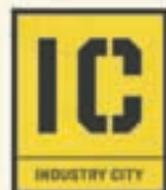
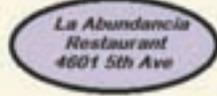
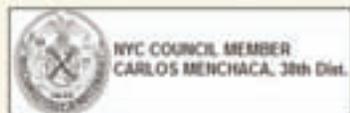
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HORROR SHOW

Author celebrates the art of creepy covers

By Alexandra Simon

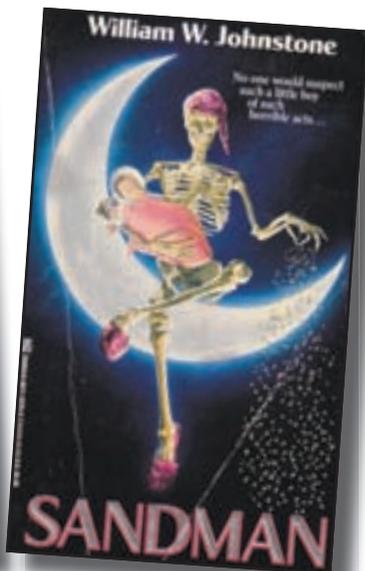
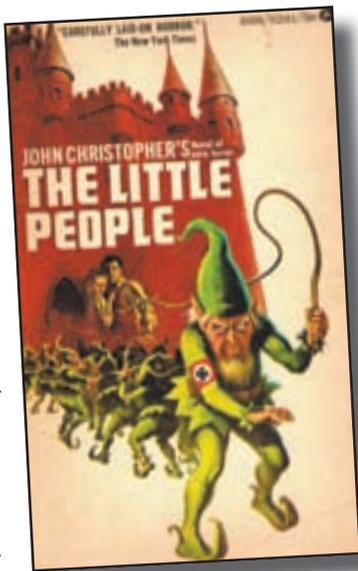
Look out! The pulpy horror novels of the 1970s and '80s will lurch to illustrated life at a former funeral home in Greenpoint next week. Horror writer Grady Hendrix will act out portions of his new non-fiction book "Paperbacks from Hell" at the Film Noir Cinema on Sept. 19, as part of a monthly series of lectures from the Miskatonic Institute of Horror Studies. Hendrix says that he will use songs, images, and film clips to celebrate the two-decade reign of spooky novels over the bookstore shelves.

"I'm going to do a live performance of my book and talk about the history of the paperback boom and the lurid covers that came out of that," said Hendrix. "It's got songs, some slides, images from the covers, and I'm going to make it fun and entertaining."

The horror novel boom kicked off at the end of the 1960s with "Rosemary's Baby," said Hendrix, and its film adaptation just increased interest in the genre.

"Horror didn't exist in fiction until 'Rosemary Baby.' When that book came out it was quite honestly the first horror novel bestseller since the '40s, and then the movie of course was also a big hit," he said. "Then came 'The Exorcist' and that was a hit movie and both of those books were bestsellers for a long time."

Horror authors soon spawned new and fascinating sub-genres focusing



He's got it covered: The lurid paintings on the covers of these horror novels are the subject of Grady Hendrix's new book "Paperbacks from Hell." Hendrix will act out portions of his book at a lecture in Greenpoint on Sept. 19.

Richard Newton

on demonic kids, medical horrors, leprechauns, and killer animals — which is one of Hendrix's favorites.

"I'm always on the animal's side, and I'm always looking for the next killer animal," he said.

The genre's death in the '90s came from both overproduction and an excessive focus on blood and gore, said Hendrix, with the success of "The Silence of the Lambs" leading other writers to cash in with their own serial killer novels.

"A lot of writers attempted to push boundaries and got more into gore, and right around that time more serial

killer books were coming out and the genre was producing too many paperback books — so we ended up with a huge glut of gory serial killer books that stained the genre for a long time," said Hendrix.

After his live act, Hendrix will lead a discussion with three well-known artists who painted horror covers: Jill Bauman, Lisa Falkenstern, and Hector Garrido.

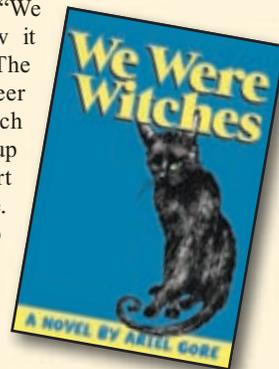
"Paperbacks From Hell" at Film Noir Cinema [122 Meserole Ave. at Leonard Street in Greenpoint, (718) 389-5773, www.miskatonic-nyc.com]. Sept. 19 at 7 pm. \$15 (\$12 in advance).



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

Greenlight Bookstore's pick:
"We Were Witches" by Ariel Gore

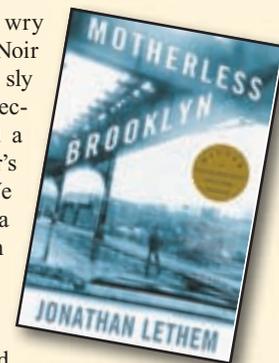
When I encountered "We Were Witches," I knew it was something new. The narrator, a teen queer mama feminist witch named Ariel, will take up residence in your heart beginning on page one. Set against the backdrop of the Bush administration of the '90s, "We Were Witches" is like one of the "stern and wild teachers" who tells you, "if you don't like the fairy tales you've been handed ... you don't have to conform to them. You can re-author them."



— 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:
"Motherless Brooklyn" by Jonathan Lethem

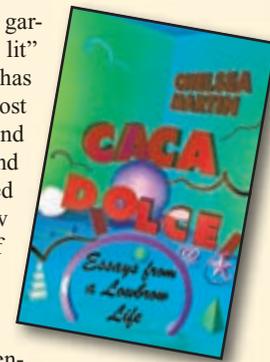
Jonathan Lethem's wry take on the New York Noir gangster story is both a sly tribute to the great detective fiction of yore and a love letter to the author's beloved borough. We follow Lionel Essrog, a small time mobster with Tourette's syndrome, and his band of misfits as they navigate the ins and outs of organized crime, family, and the Gowanus canal.



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

Word's pick: "Caca Dolce" by Chelsea Martin

Ever since she started garnering praise in the "alt lit" scene, Chelsea Martin has stood out as one of the most honest, unpretentious, and hilarious authors alive, and her new book, sub-titled "Essays from a Lowbrow Life" exemplifies each of those qualities. It is a brutally self-deprecating, yet entirely relatable and moving memoir of an eccentric child of the Internet. If you don't believe it, just read the introduction and see if you can walk away without wanting more.



— Dylan Soltis, Word [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096, www.word-bookstores.com].

Bay Ridge is full of kid stuff

By Julianne McShane

There is fun for the whole family this weekend in Bay Ridge!

Start off the weekend by taking your littlest Ridgites to Super Hero Day at **John J. Carty Park** (Fort Hamilton Parkway between 94th Street and 101st Street). On Friday from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, the supertykes can play musical chairs, race friends and foes in a relay, and make arts and crafts. Snacks and drinks will be available and costumes are encouraged — for heroes and villains alike.

Then relive the days of your own youth with a 7 pm viewing of "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" at the "Back to the '80s" movie night at **St. Patrick's Parish** (9511 Fourth Ave. at 96th Street). Barbecue dishes, popcorn, cotton candy, and cold drinks will be on sale, and a face painter can entertain the kids while you reminisce about the good old days. And feel free



to make your own decade-appropriate costume out of leg warmers and a Twisted Sister T-shirt. (Bueller?)

And on Saturday night, there is another free family-friendly movie

hitting town: zoom over to **McKinley Park** (Seventh Avenue and Bay Ridge Parkway) for a 7 pm screening of "The Angry Bird Movie." The animated flick, based on your nephew's favorite phone game, stars former "Saturday Night Live" star Jason Sudeikis as a bird with a bad temper facing off with unwelcome porcine visitors.

For an adult alternative, ditch the kids and dance Saturday night away at CaringKind's "Faith, Hope, Cure, and Music" fund-raising event for Alzheimer's research at **St. Patrick's Auditorium** (401 97th St. at Fourth Avenue). For \$25 you can enjoy wraps, salads, and snacks while the Rhapsody Players play tunes from the '60s through the '80s, with songs from the Eagles, the Supremes, Whitney Houston, and the Bee Gees. Adult beverages will be on sale, and you can kick off your shoes and dance starting at 7:30 pm.

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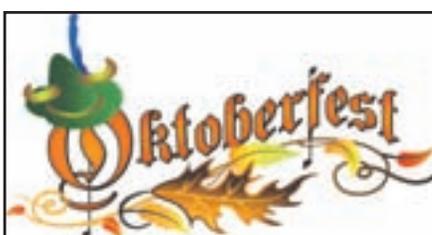
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A hard day's knight: Sir Paul McCartney will play two shows at Barclays Center next week, on Sept. 19 and 21.

Associated Press / Chris Pizzello

COMING SOON TO BARCLAYS CENTER

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: \$8-\$127. 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: \$15-\$140. 7:30 pm.

MON, OCT 9

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS V ST LOUIS BLUES: \$15-\$140. 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.

TUE, OCT 24

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

WED, OCT 25

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS V CLEVELAND CAVALIERS: \$90-\$650. 7:30 pm.

FRI, SEPT. 15

ART, PHOTOVILLE: A free pop-up photography village built of shipping containers, featuring work from more than 500 artists, workshops, outdoor projections, and a beer garden. Free. Noon-10 pm. Brooklyn Bridge Plaza (Water Street between Old Dock Street and Old Fulton Street in Dumbo), www.photoville.com.

FUND-RAISER, THE HBCU HUB LAUNCH PARTY: A night of fun, fellowship, and unity from a new group dedicated to spreading awareness of historically black colleges and universities. \$10. 6 pm. KD's Bar and Lounge (408 Rogers Ave. at Sterling Street in Prospect Lefferts Gardens), www.thehbcuhub.org.

DANCE, "FRANTIC BEAUTY" WORLD PREMIERE: The Leimay Ensemble presents the latest in its "Becoming" series, combining movement, visual landscapes, music, and scattered soliloquies. \$25-\$100. 8 pm. BAM Fisher (321 Ashland Pl. between Hansen Place and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene), www.bam.org.

MUSIC, LAMISMA, BLANKSPELL, RUBBER MASSMEDIA: A night of punk music to benefit the Sylvia Rivera Law Project. \$10. 8 pm. Secret Project Robot Gallery (1186 Broadway between Lafayette Avenue and Van Buren Street in Bushwick).

MUSIC, JAMES REAMS AND THE BARNSTORMERS: The band kicks off the Park Slope Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Jamboree. \$15 (\$5 kids). 8 pm. The Old Stone House (336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768-3195), theoldstonehouse.org.

MUSIC, THE FIX UPS: The Melbourne folk-rock duo plays. Free. 8:30 pm. Freddy's Bar (627 Fifth Ave. between 17th and 18th streets in Greenwald Heights, (718) 768-0131), www.freddysbar.com.

MUSIC, GHOSTFACE KILLAH: \$25. 11:30 pm. Brooklyn Bowl (61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369), www.brooklynbowl.com.

SAT, SEPT. 16

MUSIC, PARK SLOPE BLUEGRASS AND OLD-TIME MUSIC JAMBOREE: An afternoon of workshops and an evening of bluegrass music from seven bands and performers. With a beer and cheese garden 3-6 pm. \$10 (kids free). Noon-10 pm. The Old Stone House (336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768-3195), theoldstonehouse.org.

THEATER, "ANNIE": The Gallery Players present the upbeat musical based on "Little Orphan Annie," featuring the hit songs "Tomorrow," and "Hard Knock Life," among others. \$30 (\$20 seniors and kids). 2 pm and 8 pm. Gal-

WHERE TO GO ■ WHAT TO DO SEVEN 24 EVENTS



Take a shot: For his show "The Cuba Series," opening in Carroll Gardens on Sept. 16, artist Joseph Milazzo created giant paintings based on photos of people he met during a 2013 trip to the island.

Joseph Milazzo

lery Players (199 14th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (212) 352-3101), www.galleryplayers.com.

MUSIC, ROSEDALE: Toronto pop-rocker Mike Liorti plays tunes from his solo project. Followed by Katherine Eisenberg and Blue Steel. Free. 7 pm. Pete's Candy Store (709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770), www.petescandystore.com.

THEATER, "LES BOÎTES NOIRES": A family-friendly Haitian-American comedy about the immigration experience, written by Papa Jean. \$25 (\$13 kids). 7:30 pm. Erasmus Hall High School (911 Flatbush Ave. between Church and Snyder avenues in Flatbush, (718) 300-8028), PapaJeanRepublik.com.

OUTDOOR, WORLD DAY OF PLAY: Kids can participate in exciting Nickelodeon activities including basketball, blow-up slides, a slime booth, picnic and more. \$20 to join the 9 am Race For the Kids. 7:30 am-4 pm. Nethermead, Prospect Park (enter at 15th Street and Prospect Park West in Windsor Terrace), events.bigsny.org.

READING, BROOKLYN BOOK FESTIVAL CHILDREN'S DAY: A day of readings, art projects, and workshops for kids 3-11. With authors and illustrators George O'Connor, Javaka Steptoe, Jacqueline Woodson, and Gene Yang, among many others. Free. 10 am-4 pm. MetroTech Commons (6 MetroTech Center between Jay Street and Flatbush Avenue in

Downtown), brooklynbookfestival.org.

FAMILY, HALLOWEEN HARVEST: Luna Park starts the spooky holiday early with a pirate-themed Halloween Harvest, featuring a pumpkin patch, pony rides, magicians, and more. \$20, or free with all-day wrist band. 11 am-midnight. Luna Park (West 12th St. and Surf Avenue in Coney Island, (718) 373-LUNA (5862)), lunaparknyc.com.

ART, PHOTOVILLE: Noon-10 pm. See Friday, Sept. 15.

DINING, EAT GREENE! A celebration of the Fort Greene neighborhood and its local food producers, with free tastings, bands, double dutch dancers, vintage wares, craft vendors, and a new beer from Interboro NYC brewery. Free. Noon-7 pm. [S. Portland Avenue between Fulton Street and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 233-2700], www.greengrape.com.

FAMILY, PET BLESSING: Pastor E.J. Emerson invites you to bring pets of all shapes and sizes to receive a blessing, as long as they can be trusted to be polite in public. Hot dogs, beverages, and dessert will be for sale. Free. Noon. New Utrecht Church (18th Avenue and 85th Street in Bensonhurst, (973) 632-1305).

FAMILY, "PINOCCHIO": Puppetworks presents the tale of a marionette come to life, with hand-carved marionettes and an original song score. For ages 3 and up. \$11 (\$10 kids). 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm. Puppetworks (338 Sixth Ave. at Fourth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-3391),

www.puppetworks.org.

HAND WRITING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE: Indivisible Heights of Resistance invites you to write out the country's founding documents. Free. 1-5 pm. Brooklyn Heights Public Library (109 Remsen St. between Henry and Clinton Streets in Brooklyn Heights).

ART, "WE WANTED A REVOLUTION" CLOSING CELEBRATION: The exhibit about black women activists concludes with tours, lectures, and a music performance. \$16-\$25. 1-6 pm. Brooklyn Museum (200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000), www.brooklynmuseum.org.

ART, "THE CUBA SERIES" OPENING RECEPTION: Artist Joseph Milazzo presents his latest painting exhibition, featuring 20 large-scale portraits based on the people he met during his travels through Cuba. \$10. 7 pm. Saint Paul's Parish Hall (199 Carroll St. at Clinton Street in Carroll Gardens, (718) 913-9148), www.josephmilazzo.com.

SUN, SEPT. 17

TOUR, FORGOTTEN NEW YORK TOUR OF SUNSET PARK: Tour the neighborhood and park, discovering beautiful vistas of New York harbor, architecture from the Civil War, and remnants of Finnish and Scandinavian culture. \$20. Noon. Outside United Care Pharmacy (Fourth Avenue at 45th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 278-0700), www.astorialic.org.

MUSIC, REGINA OPERA COMPANY: A free one-hour concert of opera, Broadway selections, and Italian songs, presented as part of the Sunset Park Fifth Avenue Festival. Free. Noon. (5323 Fifth Ave. at 54th Street in Sunset Park), www.reginaopera.com.

THEATER, "ANNIE": 3 pm. See Saturday, Sept. 16.

MUSIC, CONCERTS ON THE SLOPE: Pieces of Eight performs works for flute and cello by Esmail, Andersen, George and Ding. \$20 suggested donation. 3 pm. St. John's Episcopal Church (139 St. John's Pl. between Sixth and Seventh avenues in Park Slope, (718) 783-3928), saintjohnsbrooklyn.com.

FILM, "COMMAND AND CONTROL": Peace Action Bay Ridge sponsors a free screening of the documentary about a 1980 accident at a Titan II missile complex in Damascus, Arkansas. Free. Bay Ridge United Methodist Church (7420 Fourth Ave. at Bay Ridge Parkway; through garden gate) in Bay Ridge, (646) 824-5506, www.panys.org/BR.

READING, BROOKLYN BOOK FESTIVAL: Nearly 300 local and international authors will participate in panel discussions and readings on 14 stages, plus a vibrant outdoor literary marketplace with more than 250 publishers,

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presses and bookstores selling their books. Free. 10 am–6 pm. Brooklyn Borough Hall (209 Joralemon St. at Court Street in Brooklyn Heights), brooklynbookfestival.org.

FILM, "WOMEN WHO KILL":

Morgan and her ex-girlfriend suspect her new love interest is a murderer. A discussion with the director follows the screening. \$12. 11:45 am. Nitehawk Cinema [136 Metropolitan Ave. between Wythe Avenue and Berry Street in Williamsburg, (718) 384-3980], www.nitehawkcinema.com.

ART, PHOTOVILLE: Noon–8 pm. See Friday, Sept. 15.

MARKET, THE SHOPUP CHILDREN'S SHOPPING FEST:

A shopping festival by Babycino, featuring more than 30 independent children's boutiques. Free. Noon–6 pm. 501 Union [501 Union St. between Bond and Nevins streets in Gowanus, (347) 529-6486], www.501union.com.

MON, SEPT. 18

MARKET, THE SHOPUP CHILDREN'S SHOPPING FEST:

10 am to 5 pm. See Sunday, Sept. 17.

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.

TALK, STARTALK LIVE! WITH NEIL DEGRASSE TYSON AND EUGENE MIRMAN:

Science meets comedy on-stage at StarTalk Live! Explore current events from the frontiers of science with acclaimed scientist Neil deGrasse Tyson and comedian Eugene Mirman. \$35. 8 pm. Kings Theatre (1027 Flatbush Ave. between Beverly Road and Tilden Avenue in Flatbush), www.kingstheatre.com.

MUSIC, UNRULY NOTES:

A night of spontaneous composition in a duo format. \$15–\$25. 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (917) 267-0363], www.roulette.org.

TUES, SEPT. 19

COMEDY, MOUTH TIME LIVE:

Two editors of the Reductress dish with actress Jill Kargman. \$10. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallnyc.com.

THEATER, "THE PERFECT, PERFECT":

A night of stories, performance, and ritual on grief, gender, body shame, and feminism. With roller skates, candy, and cartoons. \$15. 8 pm. The Brick [575 Metropolitan Ave. between Union Avenue and Lorimer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 907-6189], www.bricktheater.com.

WED, SEPT. 20

TALK, "UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA FOR CAREGIVERS": A special educational meeting for those caring for people with Alzheimer's or dementia. Pre-registration is required. Free. 6 pm. Heights and Hills [57 Willoughby St., Fourth Floor, at Lawrence Steet in Downtown, (646) 744-2900], www.caringkindnyc.org.

TALK, BROOKLYN SMUTTY BOOK CLUB: The naughty book club discusses an erotic novel. With \$5 cocktail specials. Free. 7 pm. Paddy's of Park Slope [273 13th St. between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 369-0831], www.meetup.com/Smutty-Book-Club.

MUSIC, "PAGLIACCI": 8 pm. See Friday, Sept. 15.

MUSIC, RVIVR, ADULT MAGIC, FREEZING COLD: \$15 (\$12 in advance). 8 pm. Sunnyvale [1031 Grand St. between Morgan and Vandervoort avenues in Williamsburg, (347) 987-3971], www.sunnyvalebk.com.

COMEDY, BACKPACK COMEDY SHOW: A show from future second rate sitcom stars Mackenzie Graves (ethnically ambiguous sidekick) and Steven Wolff (lost millennial white guy). Great Comics, cheap drinks, and a backpack full of laughs! Free. 8 pm. The Twenty (177 Grand St. between Bedford and Driggs avenues in Williamsburg).

COMEDY, COMEDIANS YOU SHOULD KNOW: A Chicago-style stand up showcase with Joe List, Pat Brown, Andy Sandford, and more. \$5. 9 pm. The Gutter [200 N. 14th St. between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 387-3585], www.thegutterbrooklyn.com.

THURS, SEPT. 21

BOWL HASHANAH: A morning service led by Rabbi Dan, with musical performances, a traditional torah reading, prayer, lunch, and shofar blowing. \$90 (\$30 kids). 10 am. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklyn-bowl.com.

MUSIC, NICKODEMUS AND FRIENDS: The deejay plays the Live at the Archway series. With a pop-up gallery from painter Tara Dixon. Free. 6 pm. The Archway Under the Manhattan Bridge [Water Street between Adams Street and Anchorage Place in Dumbo, (718) 237-8700], www.dumbo.is.

READING, AN EVENING WITH EUROPA EDITIONS: A evening celebrating Europa's new books "The Living Infinite" and "Return to the Dark Valley." Free. 7:30 pm. Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200], greenlightbookstore.com.

THEATER, "ANNIE": 8 pm.

See Saturday, Sept. 16.
COMEDY, "LITERATI": A comedy show of fake readings of the greatest novels never written. With guests. Jacqueline Novak and Jacobie Young-White. \$10 (\$8 in advance). 9:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallnyc.com.

FRI, SEPT. 22

ART, BUSHWICK OPEN STUDIOS OPENING RECEPTION: The city's largest open studio event kicks off with the "Seeking Space" group show and opening party. Free. 7–10 pm. Beyond Studios (272 Seigel St. between Bogart and White streets in Bushwick), www.artsinbushwick.org.

COMEDY, JEN KIRKMAN: Comedian, writer, and actress Jen Kirkman ("I'm Gonna Die Alone (And I Feel Fine)") performs a night of comedy. \$25. 8 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouse.com.

THEATER, "ANNIE": 8 pm. See Saturday, Sept. 16.

SAT, SEPT. 23

THEATER, "ANNIE": 2 pm and 8 pm. See Saturday, Sept. 16.

MUSIC, ROMAN BORGMAN OPERA THEATRE: Roman Borgman Opera Theatre will perform the most thrilling scenes and arias from Giuseppe Verdi's masterpiece "Il Trovatore." \$20. 7 pm. Trinity Lutheran Church (9020 Third Ave. at 91st Street in Bay Ridge), www.rboopera.com.

BAY RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL REUNION LUNCHEON: The Bay Ridge High School Alumnae Association will be holding its 22nd annual Reunion Luncheon. All alumnae welcome! Contact for location.

MARKET, THE SEX EXPO: A no-holds-barred weekend of everything sex, intimacy, and relationships, with lectures, workshops, and an exhibition of "innovative sexual health and wellness brands." Free. 11 am–6 pm. Brooklyn Expo Center (72 Noble St. at Franklin Street in Greenpoint), www.sexexpo.com.

ART, FAB FIVE FALL SHOWS OPENING RECEPTION: The Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition launches five new exhibits: "Material Matters: Innovations in Clay, Glass, Wood and Metal," "Photography Pop-up," "Interactive," "Grand Installations," and the annual "Really Affordable Art Show." Free. 1–6 pm. Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition [499 Van Brunt St., near Reed Street in Red Hook, (718) 596-2506], www.bwac.org.

BREUKELEN COUNTRY FAIR: A day-long extravaganza with games, crafts, pony rides, a puppet show, local food, music, and dancing. Free. 1–5 pm. The Wyckoff House Museum [5816 Clarendon Rd. at Ralph Avenue in Canarsie, (718) 629-5400], wyckoff-museum.org.

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About Me

I live in Brooklyn and although my background is in design and construction, I now provide in-depth psychic and medium readings for clients all over the world. I gained my gifts 20 years ago. I am compassionate to what you are going through. I have struggled with many health issues and heartache, but I always keep a positive attitude. Along with my inspirational readings, I also host Sicilian Cooking classes!

About My Readings

My abilities are God given and are used to help others achieve inner peace, joy and solutions for their highest good. I hear voices, feel energy and see pictures that answer concerns. My Spirit Guides and those crossed over speak to me. The information is always given honestly, directly, accurately and with love to whomever seeks my help. Whether it is in person or over the phone, with just your first name I can help you find happiness.



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AGAINST
Leeroy Whitter, et al, Defendant
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 2/5/2015 and entered on 2/17/2015, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on October 12, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 8922 Bedell Lane Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 7968, LOT: 60. Approximate amount of judgment is \$731,403.29 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 027963/2008.

Tania J. Redman, Referee
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LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION
File No. 2011-3266

SURROGATE'S COURT
KINGS COUNTY
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
By the Grace of God Free and Independent
TO: Lillian Charifson Reece
Linda Jacoby as Executor of The Estate of Martin Jacoby
Ruth Kunels Flamm
Sidney Jacoby
New York State Attorney General
New York State Department of Taxation and Finance
New York City Human Resources Administration
The spouse, if any, and any and all unknown distributees and creditors of MARVIN JACOBY, deceased, whose whereabouts are unknown and if any of the aforesaid persons be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and

distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if the persons died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their **EXECUTORS**, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of, MARVIN JACOBY the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after due diligence be ascertained, An amended petition and an amended Account having been duly filed by Public Administrator, whose office is at 360 Adams Street Room 144, Brooklyn, New York 11201, United States. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court Kings County, at 2 Johnson Street Room 319, Brooklyn, New York, on September 28, 2017, at 09:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why the account of Public Administrator, a summary of which has been served herewith, as Administrator of the estate of Marvin Jacoby, should not be judicially settled. [X] Further relief sought (if any):
(a) Why. The Public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his commissions in the amount of \$47,578.96 as set forth in Schedule I of the Account, or such other amount as the Court may fix and determine;
(b) Why The Public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his administrative expenses in the amount of \$15,436.01, as set forth in Schedule J of the Account, or such other amount as the Court may fix and determine;
(c) Why The Court should not fix, determine and approve the legal fees of Lewis & Fiore Esqs counsel to Petitioner, in the amount of \$84,801.10 as shown in Schedule J of the Account, or such other amount as the Court may fix and determine;
(d) Why The claim of the New York State Department of Taxation, if any, should not be fixed and determined or if not so fixed and determined,

deemed rejected;
(e) Why The claim of the New York City Human Resources Administration, if any, should not be fixed and determined or if not so fixed and determined, deemed rejected;
(f) Why The Petitioner should not be permitted to distribute the net estate to the decedent's distributee(s), as now known or hereafter determined, as their interests may appear, and to deposit any amount not so distributed with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York to be held for the benefit of decedent's unknown distributees or for the benefit of any distributees of the decedent who are under disability for whom no guardian of the property has been appointed;
(g) Why The Petitioner, upon fully complying with the Decree should not be made in this proceeding should not be released and discharged of and from any and all liability, responsibility and accountability with respect to the Petitioner's acts and proceedings as Administrator as set forth and embraced in said account and the Court grant such other and further relief as it deems just and proper.
(h) Why The Petitioner should not be permitted to reserve subject to court approval such amount as counsel recommends for the preparation of Federal and/or state fiduciary tax returns and for the payment of any tax that may be due
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Address
NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney

appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney.
SUMMARY ACCOUNT CHARGES:
Schedule A. Principal Received 1,464,091.35
Schedule A-1. Realized Increases in Principal 45,481.31
Schedule A-2. Income Collected 34,028.41
Total Charges 1,543,601.07
1,543,601.07
CREDITS:
Schedule B. Realized Decreases in Principal 885.00
Schedule C. Funeral and Administration Expenses 139,387.72
Schedule D. Creditor's Claims Actually Paid 0.00
Schedule E. Distributions of Principal 0.00
Total Credits \$140,272.72
140,272.72
Charges Minus Credits \$1,403,328.35
Balance on hand shown by Schedule G \$1,403,328.35

LEGAL NOTICE

File No.2015-2688/A

CITATION
SURROGATE'S COURT,
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TO: Evelyn McLaurin
New York City Human Resources Administration, Office of Legal Affairs - LRU
Attorney General of the State of New York
New York State Tax Department - TDAB
Waiver of Citation Unit
The Spouse, if any, and any and all unknown distributees and creditors of MABLE FOSTER a/k/a MABLE A. BRIGGS-FOSTER, Deceased, whose whereabouts are unknown and if any of the aforesaid persons be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if the persons died subsequent to the Decedent herein, to their **EXECUTORS**, Administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees, and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin

and distributees of MABLE FOSTER a/k/a MABLE A. BRIGGS-FOSTER, the Decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after due diligence be ascertained, An amended petition and an amended account having been duly filed by Public Administrator Kings County, whose address is 360 Adams Street, Room 144, Brooklyn, New York 11201, United States. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, at 2 Johnson Street, Room 319, Brooklyn, New York, on October 5, 2017, at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why the account of Public Administrator Kings County, a summary of which has been served herewith, as Administrator of the estate of Mable Foster a/k/a Mable A. Briggs-Foster, should not be judicially settled.
(a) Why the Public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his commissions in the amount of \$1,524.96 as set forth in Schedule I of the Account, or other amount as the Court may fix and determine;
(b) Why the Public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his administrative expenses in the amount of \$304.99, as set forth in Schedule J of the Account, or such other amount as the Court may fix and determine;
(c) Why the Court should not fix, determine, and approve the legal fees of Armena D. Gayle, Esq., Counsel to the Petitioner, in the amount of \$1,738.46 as shown in Schedule J of the Account, or such other amount as the Court may fix and determine;
(d) Why the claim of the New York City Human Resources Administration in the amount of \$509,974.00, should not be fixed and determined or if not so fixed and determined, deemed rejected;
(e) Why the claim of the New York State Department of Taxation, if any, should not be fixed and determined or if not so fixed and determined, deemed rejected;
(f) Why the Petitioner should not be permitted

to distribute the net Estate to the Decedent's Distributees as now known or hereafter determined, as their interest may appear, and to deposit any amount not so distributed with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York to be held for the benefit of Decedent's unknown Distributees or for the benefit of any Distributee of the Decedent who are under disability for whom no Guardian of the Property has been appointed;
(g) Why the Petitioner, upon fully complying with the Decree to be made in this proceeding, should not be released and discharged of and from any and all liability, responsibility, and accountability with respect to the Petitioner's acts and proceeding as Administrator as set forth and embraced in said account and the Court grant such other and further relief as it deems just and proper; and
(h) Why the Petitioner should not be permitted to reserve subject to Court approval such amount as Counsel recommends for the preparation of Federal and/or State fiduciary tax returns and for the payment of any tax that may be due.
Dated, Attested, and Sealed,
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SUMMARY PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CHARGES:
Schedule A. Principal Received 28,818.06
Schedule A-1. Realized Increases in Principal 0.00
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Total Charges 30,499.33
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12,103.00
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The foregoing balance of \$18,396.33 consists of \$18,396.33 in cash and \$0.00 in other property on hand as of May 25, 2017. It is subject to deduction of estimated principal commissions amounting to \$1,524.96 shown in Schedule I, and to the proper charge to principal of expenses of this accounting.
The attached Schedules are part of this Account.
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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 04th, 2017 at 2:00 PM at 42 Broadway, 5th Floor, on a petition for Sami and Susu Food Inc. to establish, maintain, and operate and unenclosed sidewalk cafe at 79 5th Ave in the borough of Brooklyn for a term of two years. Request for copies of the proposed revocable consent agreement may be addressed to : Dept of Consumer Affairs ATTN: FOIL Officer 42 Broadway New York, NY 10004



CYCLONES CONFIDENTIAL

Here they are! Your 2017 Clonie Awards

BY MATT JOHN

This season was unequivocally the worst in Brooklyn Cyclones history. The 24–52 record speaks for itself, and the 14-game losing streak was the lowlight in a season that was filled with them. So much went wrong for the Clones that the team had its lowest attendance numbers since the New York-Penn League started keeping track in 2005.

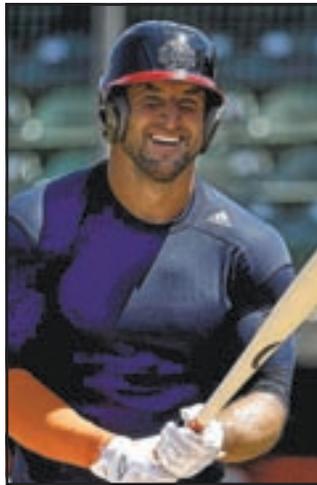
The Cyclones may have had the lowest total attendance with 186,853, but that still was the highest total in the league, proving that no matter how bad things can be, the Cyclones are still Brooklyn's Boys of the Summer.

So, without any further ado, here's your 17th Annual Clonie Awards!

The **"Man Amongst Boys"** award goes to Walter Rasquin. The Rabbi was one of the very few positives this season.

Besides having one pretty kick-a- nickname, Rasquin put up one of the finest all-around performances at the plate in Cyclones history, placing in the top five in several categories in the New York-Penn League, including hits, runs, and total bases. He also led the league in doubles and stolen bases.

The **"At Least They Did Something Right!"** award



GETTING THEIR JUST AWARDS: Winners of the 2017 Clonie Awards, given by the Brooklyn Cyclones, included, from left, Tim Tebow, who received the "Wish You Were Here" award; Manager Edgardo Alfonzo, who gets "Cool and the Gang" honors; and "Oh, No You Didn't" honoree Jose Miguel "Funky Cold" Medina.

goes to the Cyclones base runners: Despite Rasquin's impressive play at the plate, the Cyclones were among the cellar dwellers across the board in pretty much every big category — hits, runs, home runs, batting average, slugging percentage, you name it. But the Cyclones were flat-out dominant in one area: stealing bases. Rasquin broke a team record with 32 stolen bases, and the team led the New York-Penn League with 100 stolen bases, the first time it has reached that plateau since the boys stole 107 in 2005. The **"Oh, No You Didn't"**

award goes Jose Miquel "Funky Cold" Medina and Ricardo Cespedes for leaving the base too soon when tagging up from third — two nights in a row. On July 17, the Cyclones were down 4–0 when Medina thought he scored from third on a Rasquin fly out to left, but the umpire called him out for leaving the base before the left fielder caught the ball. The next night, it was deja vu all over again when Cespedes did the same thing!

The **"Cool and the Gang"** award goes to manager Edgardo Alfonzo. During the worst sea-

son ever, no one stayed cooler than Fonzie, who always kept his game face during a season in which his team finished with a .316 winning percentage. But he'll be happy to know that the manager of the team with the worst winning percentage in the New York-Penn League's history — Brooklyn-born Matt Galante, who led the 1973 Newark Co-Pilots to an atrocious 15–55 record (.214!) — went on to have a great career as a Major League Baseball coach, working for the Houston Astros from 1985 to 2001, and with the Mets from 2002 to 2004.

The **"Ending a Slow Start With a Bang"** award goes to Carl Stajduhar, who couldn't get one hit through his first 16 at-bats as a Cyclone, but ended the drought on July 3, when he connected for a home run. He never really got out of the slump, though, finishing the season with an average below the Mendoza Line, but did knock two more homers, drive in 15, and leg-out six two-baggers.

The **"Wish You Were Here"** award goes to Tim Tebow, who we wished the Mets let play in Brooklyn, where he belonged.

Instead, he ended up first in Columbia, where he batted .220, drove in 23 runs, and knocked three homers (including one in his first professional at bat), and St. Lucie, where he batted and even better .231, knocked five homers, and drove in 29. Not bad for a quarterback.

The **"Steve Cohen Executive of the Year"** award goes, once again, to Cyclones Vice President Steve Cohen, who has won the award nearly every year since it was named for him back in 2001.

He even won it in 2000, when he was general manager of the Queens Kings. Next year, we hope the Mets make him president of the Cyclones.

At last, the worst Cyclones season ever is over!

Staten Island 2 Cyclones 1

Sept. 6 on Staten Island (Six innings)

Yankees pitchers Juan De Paula and Kaleb Ort allowed just two hits and one run between them, and the Evil Empire did just enough to hand the Cyclones a third-straight loss in a rain-shortened game.

The Yankees got all its runs in early. With runners on second and third, Timmy Robinson grounded out to score Manny Argomaniz. After a wild pitch advanced Welfrin Mateo to third, Kendall Coleman grounded out to score Mateo to make it 2–0 in the second.

Our boys got their lone run two innings later. Dylan Snydes was walked to lead off the inning before Jose Maria doubled to score Snydes to make it 2–1.

The game was called midway

through the sixth inning because of the rainy conditions, which sealed the loss for the Clones.

The loss made our boys 24–51. Pretty much everything has gone wrong for the 2017 Brooklyn Cyclones, but the one saving grace would be to end the season on a high note by beating the playoff-bound Staten Island one last time.

The Yankees, of course, have the best record in the New York-Penn League at 45–29, and will begin the playoffs on Saturday at beautiful Richmond County Bank Ballpark on the Rock.

Staten Island 8 Cyclones 4

Sept. 7 at MCU Park

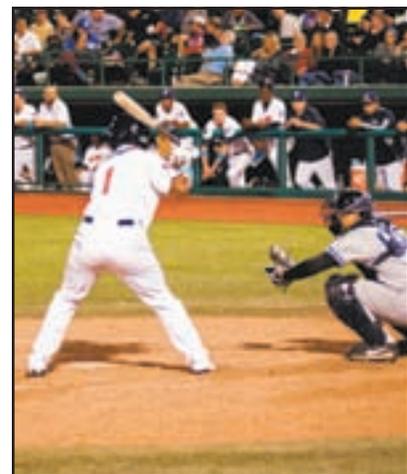
Where is the mighty hammer when you need one?

Noah Syndegaard allowed three hits and three runs in two innings, and Cyclones relievers coughed up five more runs as the boys lost to the Yankees and hence, failed in their "Drive for 25" wins.

The Yankees scored before "Thor" recorded an out. After Andy Diaz was walked to open the game, Wilkerman Garcia tripled him home to make it 1–0. Syndegaard responded by striking out the next two batters and inducing a ground-out, but in the second, Diaz knocked in two with a double to make it 3–0. The Clones fought mightily, but never led, and the final score was 8–4.

That wraps up the season as the 2017 Brooklyn Cyclones finished with a 24–52 record, good for worst in franchise history — by far. The team misses the playoffs for the fifth season in a row.

— Matt John



ONE LAST TIME: Franklin Correa singled to score Jeremy Vazquez during the Clones' final loss of the season to the hated Staten Island Yankees on Sept. 7. Photo by Jon Farina



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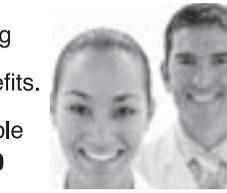
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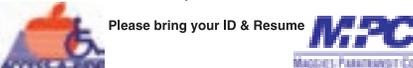
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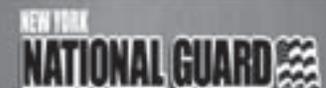


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